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Series: Real Life Stories of God Sightings
Winter Year 3, Lesson 33

Jesus Is Lord

Primary Scripture: Philippians 2:6-11

Key Verse: Philippians 2:10, 11, "...so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will kneel and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..."

How does this address a need in our kids' lives?

Kids need the security of God's authority over their lives. Kids need to know that Jesus is indeed Lord. Kids, like adults, cannot be under the Lordship of Jesus without first knowing Jesus as their Savior or rescuer. It is only by the grace of Jesus' forgiveness that we can be in a relationship with him and under his Lordship. Knowing Jesus both as Savior and Lord allows us to live under him in joyful obedience. We look forward to the day when we will see Jesus face to face in heaven.

How does Jesus fill this need?

Jesus for us: Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, he gives us a relationship with himself. Because Jesus is our Savior, we can serve him as our Lord.

Jesus in us: Serving Jesus as our Lord is not done in our own power, but by Jesus living within us.

Jesus through us: When we live for Jesus as our Lord, our lives can reach out to other people so that they, too, might be able to confess the truth that Jesus is Lord.

Stamp of Excellence:

Remind the kids what excellent worship looks like. We are in God's presence to honor him. Put on your best manners. This might include wearing your name tag, participating eagerly at all times, listening when the leader is talking, raising your hand to speak, not distracting others, playing the learning game with cooperation, singing enthusiastically, and praying reverently. Offer rewards or positive reinforcement to those who worship with excellence.



Worship

Invocation:

Let kids bring forward the worship symbols such as the cross, candles, Bible, and offering plate. Invite God's presence and call by name Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Attention Grabber:

Capture the children's attention and help them focus on the worship theme for the day.

Supplies needed: a crown

Invite the kids to imagine what it would be like to have the President of the United States come visit church this morning. Would people be excited? Would they feel honored that the President had come? Interview some children to ask what they would do special for the President.

After such conversation, show the crown. Ask the children to think about Jesus.

The Bible calls Jesus the King of kings. He is more important than any ruler on earth. There is one phrase that describes who he is – Jesus is Lord. Let's say that together. (*Jesus is Lord.*)

We are proclaiming that Jesus is who he says he is. Jesus is God, and as God, he is above all other rulers.

Read from Revelation 5:11-12 to get a picture of how Jesus is worshiped in heaven.

“Then I heard the voices of many angels, the four living creatures, and the leaders surrounding the throne. They numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands times thousands. In a loud voice they were singing, ‘The lamb who was slain deserves to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise.’”

Let’s now worship Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords!

Songs of Worship:

Choose two or three songs. Briefly introduce songs so kids can better understand what they are singing and be drawn into a more focused worship. Keep the attention on God!

Your choice of music.

The Power of the Cross:

Jesus has given his life for us that we might have forgiveness and power to live for him.

Supplies needed: sign that reads “Jesus Is Lord”

Hold up the sign and say:

Do you realize that everyone in the world that has ever lived and will ever live, will one day say these words? Let’s say them together. Jesus is Lord!

When do you think everyone will say these words? They will say this on the Last Day when Jesus returns from heaven. If people die before Jesus returns, then they will be there when Jesus returns again. Every person will stand before him at that time. Philippians 2:10, 11 tells us, “...at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will kneel and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

Though everyone will say, “Jesus is Lord,” they will say it in different ways. One group of people will say it with excitement and joy. This group of people knows Jesus as their Savior. When they say, “Jesus is Lord,” they recognize that Jesus truly is God and he gave his life as a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus will rule forever and these people are happy about it. They know Jesus’ love and they will be with him

forever in heaven. Let's all say, "Jesus is Lord" with excited and happy voices.

There is another verse I want you to know. 1 John 3:2-3 tells us that since we are God's children and have faith in Christ, *"We do know that when Christ appears we will be like him because we will see him as he is. So all people who have this confidence in Christ keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure."*

The neat thing about the Last Day is when we say, "Jesus is Lord," and we already know him as our Savior. At that time, we will be changed and given new heavenly bodies that are perfect in every way. We will have Jesus' likeness, which means we will be holy and able to talk to Jesus face to face. Jesus will rule over all of us and all of heaven as Lord.

There are some other people on the Last Day that will say, "Jesus is Lord," and they will not say it with excited voices. They will say this with very scared voices. Here is what the Bible says about them. In Revelations 1:7 it reads, *"Look! He is coming in the clouds. Every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. Every tribe on earth will mourn because of him. This is true. Amen."*

Also, Revelation 6:13-17 describes the last day and what it will be like for those who do not know Jesus as Savior.

Read Revelation 6:13-17 to the children.

How will these people sound when they say, "Jesus is Lord?" They are admitting that it is true that Jesus is the ruler over all, but they are also admitting that they do not know him as their Savior. They rejected him, and they are very frightened. Who wants to try to say, "Jesus is Lord" as unbelievers might say it?

One of the most important things we can do today is to know Jesus as our Savior. When we say he is our Lord, we are not only saying the truth because he is Lord over all, we are also saying that Jesus is Lord over us.

Lead the kids in a prayer of faith using the simple ABC's below.

A – Admit you need Jesus for a Savior, admit your sin.

B – Believe Jesus gave his life for you and has done all that is necessary.

C – Confess Jesus as your Savior and follow him as Lord over your life.

Conclude with everyone saying together, "Jesus is Lord!"

NOTE OF INTEREST: *It is worth noting that the early Christian church used "Jesus is Lord" as one of their early creeds or statements of faith. From there you might continue with the Apostles' Creed as a fuller explanation of who God is and what it means to recognize Jesus as Lord.*

Song of Response:

Choose a song to help the children turn to Jesus. Or, you may want to help them celebrate what God has done by singing a song of praise.

Offering:

Teach the importance of giving and talk about the mission activities they are supporting.

Collect the offering. For those children who do not have an offering, have them come forward and place their imaginary hearts into the offering basket. They can offer their hearts to Jesus as they say, "Jesus is Lord!"



The Word

Learning Game:

Some churches dismiss children from the adult service at this time to join Kids Church. The learning game provides a fun kinesthetic activity to help kids connect with each other. The learning point will help reinforce the theme of the day.

Supplies needed: candy

“Clap Catch”

Invite a child to the front and ask him to hold his hands approximately one foot apart. The child needs to be ready to clap his hands together to catch the candy that you will drop.

Take a piece of candy and hold it about six inches above the child's hands. Tell him that as soon as he sees the candy drop, he is to clap his hands and see if he can catch the candy. The trick will be to drop the candy while you are still talking so that the child is unprepared and misses the candy.

God says the same thing to us. We need to be ready for Jesus' return. The truth is that every person will see his return. Jesus may return after we die or he may return during our lifetime. Either way, Jesus wants us to be ready so that we can say, “Jesus is Lord.” Those will be the most wonderful words we ever say. We will know Jesus as the Savior of our lives, coming to take us to be with him forever.

You might let kids get into pairs and practice catching candy as a partner drops it.

Bible Presentation:

Help children pay attention by giving them a word or concept to listen for as you read. Consider letting a child read who could do so with excellence.

Supplies needed: The Animated Stories from the New Testament: The Kingdom of Heaven, from Nest Family Entertainment.

Show the twenty-three minute video that covers Jesus' teachings on being prepared for the Last Day.

Summary of video:

The video refers to Jesus separating the sheep from the goats, the parable of the wheat and the tares, the parable of the pearl of great price, the parable of the foolish virgins, and the parable of the seed and the sower. All of these relate to how we need to receive the kingdom of heaven right now by trusting in Jesus as our Savior and following him as our Lord. We do this so that we may receive the kingdom of heaven forever.

Application:

Ask some review questions about the video. Ask questions about how these Bible passages apply to our lives today.



Witness and Tell:

Give children opportunities to share how God is working in their lives. It is best to use a microphone to ask children interview questions around the theme for the day.

Ask kids to share what they are looking forward to when Jesus returns on the Last Day.

Prayer:

Let the kids pray out loud. If you are using a microphone, invite children to form a prayer line and speak their thanksgivings or requests. If you have portable microphones, you can roam the audience. Kids can also go to prayer stations set up for specific types of prayer.

Blessing:

Speak a blessing prayer over the children. Personalize this to your setting. Use a special scripture verse or blessing around the theme of the day.

Song of Sending:

Choose one song. Briefly introduce song so kids can better understand what they are singing and be drawn into a more focused worship. Keep the attention on God.

Supplies:

Attention Grabber:

- crown

The Power of the Cross:

- sign that reads “Jesus Is Lord”

Learning Game:

- candy

Bible Presentation:

- video: *The Animated Stories from the New Testament: The Kingdom of Heaven* from Nest Family Entertainment –order from:
http://www.nestfamily.com/childrens-bible-stories/store/product_detail.asp?ProductID=KHD&ProductIDF=&deptid=1&start=1&page_rec=20

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