



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

JESUS IS GOD'S SON

PROPS: A sugar cookie for each child, I M & M cookie for each group

LESSON:

- I have a plate of cookies.
- What is different about THIS plate of cookies?
- If you are thinking, "they are all the same except for one," then you are right.
- These are all cookies, but they are not all the same.

POINT TO MAKE:

- This is like Jesus. Jesus was a man, but He was different.
- His mother was Mary, but His Father was God.
- He did miracles like feeding the 5,000.
- He healed people like the lady with the issue of blood and blind Bartimaeus.
- He even raised people from the dead like Lazarus.
- So Jesus was born a baby and became a man, but He was also God's Son.
- (Everyone gets a cookie)

DISCUSS:

- Jesus was a man, however, He was different than any other man.
- Talk about how He was different. (His birth, His Father, and how He lived His life)

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Who was Jesus' mother? (Mary)
2. Why was Jesus different? (His father was God)
3. What things did Jesus do that showed us that He was the Son of God? (miracles, healings, and raising the dead)



Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Dismiss

THE CORE JESUS IS GOD'S SON

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 16:16, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus Is God's Son



Scan for additional lesson.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

QUESTION #745:

- What is your favorite thing to do - first thing in the morning?

QUESTION #215:

- What is your favorite thing to do - right before bedtime?

ICE BREAKER Game:

"I SPY"

- Play a game of "I Spy" with the group.
- Starting by having one of them find something in the room to spy, have him/her say, "I spy something (describe the color)."
- The child sitting next to them has to try to guess what it is. If they guess wrong, the next person guesses.
- As soon as someone gets the right answer, it's their turn to be the one that gets to spy.
- Play until everyone gets a turn to spy.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE: Matthew 1:18-25

- *1st-2nd Grade:* Use picture Bible.
- *3rd Grade and up:* Have each child read one verse out loud. Go around the room.

This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible. We recommend the NIV Bible for 3rd to 5th Grade and a picture Bible for 1st to 2nd Grade.

BIBLE STORY:

An Angel Appears To Joseph

BIBLE CONNECTION:

An angel appeared to Joseph to let him know that Mary's baby was different because His father was God.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Who appeared to Joseph? (an angel)
2. Why? (the Angel told Joseph to marry his fiancée, Mary, and that she would have a baby whose father was God. The baby's name would be Jesus.)
3. What else did the angel tell Joseph about Jesus? (Jesus would save people from sin.)
4. Why did the Angel tell this to Joseph? (so Joseph would know Jesus was the Messiah.)

Point To Make: *Jesus is different, He was man and He is God. His dad was not Joseph. His dad was God.*