



Jesus Is the Son of God—Part 1

The Gospel of Mark

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OVERVIEW OF PART 1



PARENT/CARETAKER INTRODUCTION

Welcome to an exciting study designed to help you disciple kids at home. This guide will help you and your child grow in God's Word together. This study is on the Gospel of Mark and its goal is to help your child understand that Jesus is the Son of God. This is a great reality to teach your child. Historically, this has been a doctrine that has caused more false teaching than any other concept.

Each lesson will have a **PRESCHOOL** version and an **ELEMENTARY** version. You can do as much or as little of each lesson as you want. There are questions, videos, activities, object lessons, prayers and live-it-out options. I have written these to take between 10-15 minutes per lesson twice a week. The main thing I want you to get is this — you can do this. You can teach your children about the Bible. Use this as a tool to help develop a lifelong process of discipleship in your home.

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WEEK 1

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

FOR PARENTS

This week's study is about showing the kids that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the foundational teaching of the entire study. There are two really neat accounts that we will study. First, we will look at the baptism of Jesus. The goal of the first lesson is to help the kids understand that Jesus is the Son of God. The second lesson is from an account where some people lower a paralytic man through a roof to get to Jesus. Jesus forgives his sins and heals him. The crucial part is that only God can forgive sins. These are the following learning outcomes for this week:

- know that Jesus is the perfect Son of God
- know that Jesus is fully God and fully man
- know that Jesus came to forgive sins
- know that Jesus lived a perfect life



PRESCHOOL

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

WEEK 1, LESSON 1—MARK 1:9-11

Bible Story

Jesus came from His home in Nazareth and was baptized by His cousin John in the Jordan River. Baptism is where someone is dunked under the water to show the world that they have chosen to follow Jesus. Jesus did not need to be baptized because He was sinless, but He did it to be obedient to God His Father. When Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit came down from above like a dove. How cool would that have been to see? What is even more amazing is that God spoke down from heaven and said, “Jesus is my son, and I love Him. I am so happy with Him.” Jesus is truly the Son of God.

Who is God’s Son? The answer is Jesus. Get them to repeat “Jesus is the Son of God.”

What do you think God’s voice sounds like? Let them tell you and give an example. You could do your own version for them as well. When you do yours, say, “Jesus is the son of God.”

Was God happy with His son Jesus? Yes, He was. God loved His son.

Video Suggestion

The Baptism of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= VMNO2MAmWA>

Object Lesson

Fill up a bowl with water and get a toy that can get wet. Take the toy and dip it under the water and when you bring the toy up out of the water you and your preschooler say, "Jesus is the Son of God." Do this multiple times. You can even make it fun by changing the time you take to bring the toy out of the water.

Application

Did you know that because He was God's Son, He never sinned? Sin is when we do things the way we want to instead of how God wants us to. For example, we sin if we don't listen to what our parents/caretakers tell us or we sin when we say something that is not true. You can say, "No" to sin because Jesus said, "No" to sin. Jesus will help you.

Memory Verse

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11b

Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to come and save the world. I am glad that Jesus is the Son of God.



ELEMENTARY

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

WEEK 1, LESSON 1—MARK 1:9-11

Mark 1:9-11, ESV

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Why was Jesus baptized? Jesus was being obedient to the will of His Father.

In this passage, we see the entire Godhead. Where do we see them? God the Son is being baptized; God the Holy Spirit descends like a dove; and God the Father speaks from heaven.

Why was God pleased with His son? Jesus lived a perfect life. Because He is perfect, we can be made perfect in salvation.

Video Suggestion

Is Jesus Really God?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puCUzRG1x6g>

Big Question - How can Jesus be God if He was born? Jesus is perfectly God in every way. He is what we call “eternally begotten.” The Son has always existed as the Son. Though Jesus is born of the Father, there was never a point where Jesus did not

exist. Jesus was fully God before He came to earth, and He took on human flesh when He came to earth. Jesus is fully God and fully man. I know it is kind of strange, but that is why God is so awesome.

Application

We have seen that Jesus is the Son of God. We have also seen that Jesus is perfect. As a Christian you can be assured that a perfect God saved you. I know that it is hard to not sin, but the Bible teaches us that we have the strength, through Jesus, to say, “No” to sin. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV), “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” This is great news. We all have struggles with sin in some way. However, we can begin to live a more holy life because the perfect son of God is working in our lives to help us say, “No” to sin more and more every day.

Memory Verse

And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Mark 1:11

Prayer Prompt

Take this time to thank God for sending His perfect Son so you can be saved.



PRESCHOOL

ONLY THE SON OF GOD CAN FORGIVE SIN

WEEK 1, LESSON 2—MARK 2:1-11

Bible Story

One day Jesus was preaching to a room full of people. There was a man who could not walk that wanted to get near Jesus so he could be healed. His friends tried to get him to Jesus, but there were too many people in the house. So, they carried him on top of the house and cut a hole in the roof. The friends lowered the man that could not walk through the roof with ropes. When Jesus saw the man he said, “Your sins are forgiven.” This made the religious leaders mad. Jesus also healed the paralyzed man to prove He was truly the Son of God.

What would you have thought if you saw someone cutting a hole in the roof while you were inside? That would have been really crazy. Let’s pretend that we are cutting open a roof to get our friend to Jesus.

Did Jesus heal the man first or forgive his sins first? Jesus forgave the man’s sin. Only the Son of God can forgive sins. Say, “Only the Son of God can forgive sin.”

What happened when the paralyzed man was healed? He got up and walked. Let’s lie down on the ground and then jump up and shout, “Jesus can forgive sin!”

Video Suggestion

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4>

Object Lesson

Make a fort with pillows and chairs and put a light sheet or towel on top. Then you and your preschooler act out the story and take the top off the fort and lower a stuffed animal or doll with some string inside. When you do it say, “Only Jesus can forgive sin.”

Live it Out

Did you know that Jesus wants to forgive everybody’s sins? Draw a picture of a big heart and give it to someone and tell them that Jesus loves them.

Application

In the lesson we learned that we all sin. We do things our way instead of God’s way. Did you know that Jesus is able to forgive you of your sins? How great is that — that Jesus can forgive sins? Let’s say, “Jesus can forgive sin.”

Memory Verse

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Mark 1:11b

Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to forgive sins. Help me to learn more about my own sin and Your salvation.



ELEMENTARY

ONLY THE SON OF GOD CAN FORGIVE SIN

WEEK 1, LESSON 2—MARK 2:1-11

Mark 2:1-11, ESV

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”

Why did the friends lower the paralytic man through the roof?

There was no room in the house where Jesus was preaching.

What is the first thing Jesus said to the paralytic man? He said, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

How did the scribes react to this? They were angry because only God can forgive sins. This clearly indicates that Jesus is the Son of God, because He can forgive sins.

Live it Out

The friends wanted to do whatever it took to get their friend to Jesus. Are you doing the same thing? Do you know someone who does not know Jesus as Savior? If so, reach out to that person this week. Do something kind for him or her. Maybe you could write a letter, bake cookies, or help out with jobs around the house. Use every opportunity that God gives you to help get people to Jesus. Talk about the saving power of Jesus whenever you have the chance.

Application

Jesus is able to forgive sins. This is important because the Bible says in Romans 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” “All” means all. Everybody has sinned. But we learned that Jesus is the Son of God who can forgive sin. This is so important. If Jesus was not perfect He could not forgive sin, but He is perfect and can forgive because He is fully God and fully man.

Memory Verse

And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Mark 1:11

Prayer Prompt

Take some time to reflect on your own sins. Tell God that you are sorry. Talk about the specific sins in your life. Also, thank God for making a way for your sins to be forgiven.



WEEK 2

THE SON OF GOD IS POWERFUL

FOR PARENTS

This week's study is about showing the kids that the Son of God is powerful. What do you think of when you think of power? Maybe a strong person or animal. Maybe you think about a fast car. This idea of Jesus being powerful is so important. The main thing that I want to see the kids get this week is that God is in control. We will look at two accounts of Jesus' power. The first is power over demons and the second is power over nature. I did want to make you aware that if you have younger children the video about demons may be a little heavy for them. Not that it is scary, but it is a lot of information. I would recommend that you watch this video before showing it to your children. It would be great information to help build your own theology when talking to your kids. Here are the following learning goals for this week:

- know that Jesus is powerful over everything in creation
- know that Jesus has power over the forces of evil
- know that Jesus revealed that He was the Son of God
- know that Jesus cares about our situations and we can trust in Him



PRESCHOOL

THE SON OF GOD HAS POWER OVER EVIL

WEEK 2, LESSON 1—MARK 3:7-12

Bible Story

People were coming from all over the place to be near Jesus. He told His disciples to get a boat so all the people would not crush Him. Jesus had done a lot of amazing things like making demons quit bothering people and controlling them. When He made the demons go away, they would declare that Jesus is the Son of God. He told the demons to quit saying that before it was the right time for everyone to know.

Was Jesus stronger than the demons? Yes. The Son of God is stronger than any created thing because Jesus is fully God and man.

Did Jesus want the demons to tell everyone about who He was? No. Jesus did not want to reveal who He was until it was the right time.

Let's say the following: Jesus is the Son of God and He is powerful!

Video Suggestion

(This video may be a little heavy for younger kids, but it would be good for you as a parent to learn more about this topic.)

The Satan and Demons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CamYtVpoTNk>

Object Lesson

This is an old science experiment, but kids still love it. Take a bowl and fill it with water. Then pour pepper all in the bowl. Tell your kid that because of sin evil roamed all over the world. Then tell your children that when Jesus came into the world, He pushed evil back. Pour some dish detergent in the bowl when you do this. All of the pepper will be pushed to the edge of the bowl. This is how Jesus pushes evil out. The Son of God has power over evil.

Application

Do you ever get scared? Maybe you are scared of the dark, snakes, spiders, or heights. Jesus is greater than all our fears. Remember that the Son of God has power over evil. Snakes and spiders are not evil. They are part of God's wonderful creation. However, the fear is not from God. The Bible says that God does not give us a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). Whenever you get scared remember that Jesus is greater than all your fears.

Memory Verse

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
Mark 4:41b

Prayer

God help me to remember that You are more powerful than anything. I can trust in an all-powerful God.



ELEMENTARY

THE SON OF GOD HAS POWER OVER EVIL

WEEK 2, LESSON 1—MARK 3:7-12

Mark 3:7-12, ESV

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

Why did the crowds follow Jesus? They heard what He was doing and wanted to be near the action.

Why did Jesus tell the unclean spirits (demons) to be quiet? They were telling the true identity of the Son of God before it was time to reveal it.

Does Jesus have power over the forces of evil? Yes. There is no force of evil stronger than Jesus. Satan and the demons are under subjection to Jesus.

Video Suggestion (This video may be a little heavy for younger kids, but it would be great to watch with 2nd grade and up. Also it would help to watch this as an adult.)

The Satan and Demons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CamYtVpoTNk>

Big Question- Why did God make Satan if He knew that he would turn evil? This question is part of a larger theological discussion called the problem of evil. We are not sure exactly what happened to make Satan and the angels fall from God's favor, but they did. It is important to note that God creates all things good. He does not create evil. Evil is a turning away from good. There can be good without evil, but there can be no evil without good. God allowed Satan and the demons to choose to worship Him, but instead they chose to worship their own god, themselves. Sin is at the heart of evil, not God.

Application

Do you ever get afraid? Did you know that fear does not come from God? The Bible says, "God has not given us a spirit of fear," (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV). Try to remember this the next time you are scared. God does not want us to be afraid of things. The only fear we should have is a fear of God. This means we understand that God is all-powerful and we have a worshipful fear. We should not fear other things because nothing is as powerful as God. The Son of God came to destroy the forces of evil, so we never have to live in fear of evil again.

Memory Verse

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
Mark 4:41b

Prayer Prompt

God, help me to trust in You when I am afraid. I am glad that the Son of God came to destroy the forces of evil. The Son of God is truly more powerful than evil.



PRESCHOOL

THE SON OF GOD HAS POWER OVER NATURE

WEEK 2, LESSON 2—MARK 4:35-41

Bible Story

One day Jesus was with his disciples and they left another big crowd. All of a sudden, a huge storm came up and the waves were too much for the boat. Jesus was not afraid at all; He is the Son of God. The disciples on the boat wanted to know why Jesus seemed so calm. He got up and told the storm to go away, and it did. Everything got really calm. He asked the others on the boat, “Why are you so afraid, do you still have a lack of faith?” They were scared at what they just saw and said, “Who is this? He can make storms stop and go away.”

What happened to scare the disciples? There was a huge storm. They were very afraid.

Was Jesus afraid of the storm? No. Jesus told the storm to stop and go away and it did. The Son of God has power over nature.

Let’s say the following: Jesus is the Son of God and He is powerful!

Video Suggestion

Jesus Calms the Storm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYLHqdSO9OY>

Object Lesson

Have your child run around and pretend to be a storm. Tell them to continue to be a storm until you say, “Storm stop!” They have to stop. Then do this again. Remind your child that Jesus only had to speak and the storm stopped. The Son of God is more powerful than all of creation.

Application

Have you ever seen a tornado? They are really powerful storms. They can lift up entire trucks and houses. Did you know that Jesus is more powerful than a tornado, a hurricane, or even a volcano? The Son of God is more powerful than anything in the entire world. And what is more amazing is that Jesus loves you.

Memory Verse

“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”
Mark 4:41b

Prayer

Lord, help me to remember that You are more powerful than anything. Also, help me to know that You are so powerful and still love me.



ELEMENTARY

THE SON OF GOD HAS POWER OVER NATURE

WEEK 2, LESSON 2—MARK 4:35-41

Mark 4:35-41, ESV

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Did Jesus go with the disciples on the boat? No. The disciples went ahead of Jesus. Jesus stayed behind because he had something else in mind.

Why did Jesus question the disciples’ faith? The disciples still struggled to trust that they were being led by the true Son of God. Sometimes it is very hard to fully trust God, but we should always strive to have faith in Him.

Video Suggestion

How Does God Work in the World?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDeXE3kTKXU>

Live It Out

It is really hard for people to trust in God. I think one thing that helps people come to grips with God's continual work in their lives is prayer. That does not mean that simply because we pray God will do whatever we ask. The goal of prayer is not to get stuff from God but to draw closer to God. Take time this week to reach out to people you know that are facing a hard situation in life. They may be really sick, lost a job, or had a family member die. Call them or go see them and pray with them. On the phone or in person, pray for them and their situation. This will help remind them that God is in control. You can even tell some things that you have learned this week to reassure that God is in control.

Application

Sometimes it can feel like your life is going crazy. With school, friends, family, and so many other things — your life could feel like a storm. What do you do when you feel overwhelmed? Do you get angry, sad, or just want to be alone? Remember that no matter how bad the situation may seem, God is in control and wants you to have faith. Don't be like the disciples and be so afraid that you miss Jesus working in the midst of your situation. Instead, learn to trust God no matter what is happening.

Memory Verse

“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Mark 4:41b

Prayer Prompt

God, help me to trust You no matter what is going on in my life. I know that You have everything under control. Thank you for sending Your all-powerful Son to die for my sins.



WEEK 3

THE SON OF GOD CAN DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

FOR PARENTS

This week's study is about showing the kids that the Son of God can do the impossible. Do you ever feel like there is some hurdle that God can't overcome? We all have felt that at some point. It seems like the situation is so big that God may not even be able to help you resolve it. Of course, we know that is not true. The Son of God can do the impossible. This is an important thing to understand. This week's study covers two stories that show how Jesus can overcome the impossible. The real focus is to help your kids connect that truth to their lives. This week has a lot of interesting videos and even gets into some really tough questions for the elementary lesson. Here are the following learning goals for this week:

- know that the Son of God has power over death
- know that the Son of God can do the impossible
- know that eternal life is in Jesus
- know and remember that Jesus is fully God and fully man



PRESCHOOL

THE SON OF GOD HAS POWER OVER DEATH

WEEK 3, LESSON 1—MARK 5:21-24, 35-43

Bible Story

One day a man named Jairus, who was a leader in the synagogue, fell down at Jesus' feet. He begged Him to help his little daughter who was dying. He told Jesus, "If You can come to my house, my daughter will get better and live." So, Jesus went with him, but He stopped to help other people. While Jesus was doing that, news came to Jairus that his daughter had died. He felt that there was no hope. Jesus had different plans. Jesus and some of his disciples went to Jairus's house and saw a lot of people upset. He told them "Don't worry. The girl is only sleeping." Everyone laughed at Jesus because they did not believe Him. Jesus did not let that stop him. He told the little girl to get up, and she came back to life. Everyone was amazed. Once again Jesus did not want everyone to know what He was doing.

Why did Jairus come to Jesus for help? He came to Jesus because his daughter was sick and dying.

What miracle did Jesus do with this little girl who had died? He brought her back to life.

Let's say the following: Jesus is the Son of God and can do the impossible.

Video Suggestion

Daughter of Jairus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aEH18yS6a0>

Object Lesson

The following video shows you a great way to show that Jesus can do the impossible. Your kids will love it — and will love making these paper crafts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYIOLQpg1JU>

Application

What is the heaviest thing you can think of? Maybe you said a train or a mountain. Did you know Jesus could pick that up with no problem? You see there is nothing that is impossible for Jesus. Do you ever struggle trying to do things on your own? Maybe you tried really hard to do something and realized you could not do it on your own. Remember that you are never alone when it comes to God. And there is nothing that the Son of God cannot do.

Memory Verse

But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” Mark 6:50b

Prayer

God, help me to remember to always rely on You. I know that I cannot do everything, but nothing is impossible for the Son of God.



ELEMENTARY

THE SON OF GOD HAS POWER OVER DEATH

WEEK 3, LESSON 1—MARK 5:21-24, 35-43

Mark 5:21-24,35-43, ESV

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴ And he went with him. ³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Why did Jairus seek Jesus? He sought Him because his daughter was dying.

What did Jesus have to do to bring the girl back to life? He simply spoke and she came back from the dead.

Video Suggestion

How Powerful is God?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J93g_8Vqz7U

Big Question- Why do we not see more miracles today? This question raises a very important issue. In the Bible it seems that miracles happen all the time. Here is a question we need to ask first, “What is a miracle?” A biblical miracle is any time the laws of nature are changed in a supernatural way to point people to Jesus. The goal of a miracle is ultimately to point people to Jesus. There are many accounts of modern-day miracles. However, the greatest miracle of all is God’s holy Word, the Bible. The Word is a modern miracle in and of itself. This does not mean that God does not still work in supernatural ways, but He mainly works through His Word.

Application

Have you ever had an animal or family member die? Death can be really difficult. Jesus did an amazing thing in the life of this little girl. Maybe you heard this story and wondered why can’t Jesus do that for me? Here is something that you may not know. One day every single person on the planet will be raised from the dead. When Jesus comes back He will raise all from the dead and then there will be the judgement. Those who are followers of Jesus will enter into eternal life, but those who rejected Jesus will have eternal death and suffering. How great is it that Jesus makes a way for us to live with Him forever?

Memory Verse

But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” Mark 6:50b

Prayer Prompt

God, thank you for making a way to eternal life. Only the Son of God could defeat the curse of sin and death. The Son of God truly has power over death.



PRESCHOOL

THE SON OF GOD CAN DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

WEEK 3, LESSON 2—MARK 6:45-52

Bible Story

One day Jesus' disciples set sail on a boat while Jesus stayed behind. Jesus went by Himself for a little while to pray. When it started getting late the boat was in the water and having a hard time getting through the waves. In the middle of the night Jesus did something amazing. He walked on the water. He did this to show them that He really was the Son of God. The disciples had no idea what was going on when they saw Him. They even thought that Jesus was a ghost. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, it's me, Jesus." Jesus got in the boat, but the disciples still did not fully understand that Jesus was the Son of God.

What impossible thing did Jesus do? Jesus walked on the water. How cool is that?

Who did the disciples think Jesus was? The disciples thought Jesus was a ghost.

Let's say the following: Jesus is the Son of God and can do the impossible.

Video Suggestion (This story can make it seem that Jesus was not really human. It is important that your child understand that Jesus is fully God; but also, He was fully man.)

Was Jesus Really Human?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjhxX_pP6Ec

Object Lesson

Have some fun in the water with this lesson. Fill up the bathtub or a small kiddie pool. Try to have the kids walk on water. Of course, they will not be able to. Remind them that the Son of God could do the impossible. If the weather is nice you could also do this as a family outing. Go to the lake or river. It is important to try to find ways to bring the truths of the gospel into everyday life. Plus, kids love playing in the water. Have fun with this one.

Application

Have you ever wondered how those giant boats are able to float? It is amazing how God created the world in such a way that boats can float, fish can live underwater, and giant blue whales even exist. It is amazing that Jesus was able to do the impossible. It is even more amazing that Jesus did what seemed impossible at first — be a perfect human! That is really amazing when you think about it. Jesus never sinned. He was fully man and fully God. Only the Son of God could do the impossible.

Memory Verse

But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” Mark 6:50b

Prayer

Lord, thank You for loving me and living the life I could not. Thank You for doing what was impossible for me to do so I can be saved. Jesus, You are truly the Son of God.



ELEMENTARY

THE SON OF GOD CAN DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

WEEK 3, LESSON 2—MARK 6:45-52

Mark 6:45-52, ESV

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Did the disciples know that it was Jesus walking on the water? No. In fact, they thought it was a ghost.

Why did Jesus want to pass by the boat? (Read Exodus 33:22 and Job 9:8). This is a clear way of saying that Jesus was divine. This language clearly points to the Old Testament. Mark wants the reader to know Jesus is divine.

Did the disciples understand that Jesus was the Son of God at this point? No. Their hearts were still hardened to this truth at this point.

Video Suggestion (This story can make it seem that Jesus was not really human. It is important that your child understand that Jesus is fully

God; but also, He was fully man.)

Was Jesus Really Human?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjhxX_pP6Ec

Live It Out

I don't think that any of us will walk on water any time soon. However, Jesus does want us to take a step of faith. He wants us to walk across the street or our classroom and tell others about Jesus. Sharing the gospel can be very scary at first, but once you do it a few times it is not that bad. Try sharing the gospel this week with someone. If you are not sure how, there are many great videos to teach you how. Just search online for videos on how to use these evangelistic methods: 3 circles, four spiritual laws, the bridge.

Application

If you could choose to have one superpower, what would it be? Maybe you would want to fly, shoot out webs, or be super strong. I think the reason we tend to like superheroes is because they can do things we cannot do. They can do what seems impossible. Have you ever thought about the fact that you serve a God who can do the impossible? As cool as your favorite superhero may be, Jesus is way cooler and more powerful. Next time you see an advertisement for a new superhero movie or show, remember that the Son of God can do the impossible.

Memory Verse

But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." Mark 6:50b

Prayer

God, thank You for being a miracle-working God. Jesus can do the impossible. No matter what I may be going through, I can trust that You have it all under control.



WEEK 4

THE SON OF GOD HAS AUTHORITY

FOR PARENTS

This is the final week of Part 1 of the Gospel of Mark. There are a few unique things in this lesson. First, this lesson will require you to share the Gospel with your child. Use the videos in the lesson two section to help you if you are unfamiliar on how to do this, or simply watch them together. There is also a section that deals with legalism with some videos on the purpose of the law. You may need to prepare more time this week for a little longer discussion than in the previous weeks. Here are this week's learning goals:

- know that the Word of God is our final authority
- know that Jesus is the Christ/Messiah
- know that salvation is in Christ alone
- know that God's law and grace are good



PRESCHOOL

THE SON OF GOD REJECTS THE RULES OF MAN

WEEK 4, LESSON 1—MARK 7:1-13

Bible Story

One day Jesus and His disciples went into the temple. People noticed that they did not wash their hands according to the customs of the religious leaders. The leaders in the temple did not like this. They had made a whole bunch of rules that they wanted everyone to follow. Jesus revealed the kind of people they really were. The leaders were more worried about acting like they were really dedicated to God than truly loving God. The problem was that they were pretending. Jesus told them, “God is not impressed when we pretend that we serve God. We need to truly serve and love God.”

Why did people get upset with Jesus and His disciples? They did not do the ceremonial washing.

What was the problem with the religious leaders? They were pretending to be really holy.

Let’s say the following: The Son of God has authority.

Video Suggestion

God’s Law of Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRdiXSRD7d0>

Object Lesson

Play a game of Simon Says like normal, but then slowly start adding the following rules. All rules apply no matter if they contradict one another, and that is the point.

Do everything Simon says twice in a row.

Now do what Simon didn't say.

If you do anything you lose.

This game is impossible to play because the rules contradict themselves. Jesus told the religious leaders the same thing. They kept adding more rules to God's law and ignored the important things that God told them to do.

Application

Do you ever mess up? Have you ever told a lie or disobeyed your parents? Did you know that everybody messes up? When we do things our way instead of God's way that is called sin. That is why Jesus had to come. Because we could not live a perfect life, Jesus did it for us. Unlike the religious leaders who pretended to be perfect and Holy, Jesus really was. Jesus has authority to save us because He never sinned.

Memory Verse

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." Mark 8:29

Prayer

God, help me to remember to follow Your law and not let others keep me from following You. Your law is the authority over me.



ELEMENTARY

THE SON OF GOD REJECTS THE RULES OF MAN

WEEK 4, LESSON 1—MARK 7:1-13

Mark 7:1-13, ESV

⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“ ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

Were the religious leaders living what they taught? No. They pretended to be perfect, but their life told a different story.

Video Suggestion (Watch both videos and discuss how that ties into the text today.)

God's Law of Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRdiXSRD7d0>

Law

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BGO9Mmd_cU

Big Question- Why are there so many different churches? Have you ever noticed how there are Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, Pentecostal, etc. churches? These are called denominations. Some churches are not even a part of a denomination. Here is the question: if we all serve the same God and read the same Bible, why do we need so many churches? Here is a tough fact. We are not perfect, and sometimes we do not understand God's Word properly. Every denomination is probably wrong about something. Since we are not with God in eternity yet, we don't know what that is. There are two churches: the local church and the universal church. The local church is a group of like-minded believers who see that church should be a certain way and choose to worship together. The universal church is made up of every person who is a Christian and has been saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. Just like these religious leaders struggled to understand people not like them, we do the same thing in the church unfortunately. We need to show grace to our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not think like we do. If they hold to the Bible as God's Word and trust in Christ alone for salvation, that is all that really matters in the end.

Memory Verse

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." Mark 8:29

Prayer Prompt

God, help me to not make my beliefs greater than what the Bible says. Let your truth be my truth. God, help me live according to your Word.



PRESCHOOL

THE SON OF GOD IS THE MESSIAH

WEEK 4, LESSON 2—MARK 8:27-30

Bible Story

Jesus was going towards a village near Philippi with his disciples. While they were walking Jesus asked them, “Who do people think I am?” They said, “Some people think you are your cousin John and others think you are the famous prophet Elijah or maybe one of the other prophets.” Jesus said, “Well, who do you think I am?” Peter said, “You are the Messiah, the one sent to save the world.” Jesus once again told them to not tell anyone. His time to reveal that He was the Son of God was almost here.

Name some of the people that everyone mistook Jesus for.
John the Baptist, Elijah, or a prophet

Who did Peter say Jesus was? the Messiah

Let’s say the following: Jesus is the Messiah.

Video Suggestion

The Promise of a Savior

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEpSXxL4Nn4>

Gospel Presentation

This is a great point at the end of this study to share the Gospel

with your kids. Most children that are very young are not quite ready to follow Jesus through salvation and baptism but use this as an opportunity to help your children understand what Jesus did for them. In this study we have seen that Jesus is the Son of God. In Part 2 of this study we will present the Gospel again with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Below is a simple way to share the Gospel with your kids. If you are uncomfortable with sharing the Gospel you can watch any of these videos with your child. You could also watch a few to help you learn to share the Gospel in creative ways with your child.

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/shop/ministries/kids/gospel-presentation>

Memory Verse

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Prayer

Lord, thank You for coming to earth as the Son of God and dying for my sins. Help me to grow in this truth.



ELEMENTARY

THE SON OF GOD IS THE MESSIAH

WEEK 4, LESSON 2—MARK 8:27-30

Mark 8:27-30, ESV

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

Who did people say Jesus was? John the Baptist, Elijah, or a prophet

Who did Peter say Jesus was? the Christ

What did Jesus tell them not to do? Don’t tell anyone else until the right time.

Video Suggestion

The Promise of a Savior

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEpSXxL4Nn4>

Gospel Presentation

In this study we have seen that Jesus is the Son of God. Ultimately, the goal is to help your child know that they need Jesus as their Savior. Do not assume that your child is a follower of Jesus. Going to church and being a good kid will not save children. They also cannot get into heaven based off your salvation. It is a decision that they must make on their own. This a great point in our study to share the Gospel with your child. In Part 2 of this study we will present the Gospel again with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. The link below offers a simple way to share the Gospel with your kids. If you are uncomfortable with sharing the Gospel you can watch any of these videos with your child. You could also watch a few to help you learn to share the Gospel in creative ways with your child. If they are ready to be saved, help lead them through salvation. If you are still uncomfortable, please let a pastor know that your child wants to be a Christian.

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