

## Jesus Is the Son of God—Part 2 The Gospel of Mark



pointing kids to Jesus

## **OVERVIEW OF PART 2**



#### PARENT/CARETAKER INTRODUCTION

Welcome back as we continue 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 booklet is Part Two of a study 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 **ELEMEN-TARY** 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. Week 4 is unique and contains seven days of Scripture passages where parents and children together observe, apply, and pray what they find in the Bible. 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 THE SON OF GOD AND HIS KINGDOM

#### FOR PARENTS

This week's study is about the kingdom of God. We will look at the fact that Jesus is truly the Son of God and that the kingdom is His message. Jesus has a mission. We saw in Part One of our study that the time to reveal who He really was had not yet come. In Part Two, Jesus is going to reveal to His disciples even more about what the kingdom of God is like. Look for opportunities to talk more about the kingdom. There is a video on the kingdom of God in Lesson 2 for the elementary students. You may want to look at that before working on this week's lesson. Here are the goals for this week:

- know that Jesus is the Son of God and we should listen to Him
- know that Jesus came to preach about the kingdom
- know what the Gospel is
- know that we are called to share the Gospel with others



#### **Bible Story**

One day Jesus, Peter, James, and John went on a high mountain. All of sudden, Jesus transformed and was more white and shiny than anything in the whole world. Then Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and they were talking. The disciples were really terrified and just started saying things about temples. Then from heaven came a voice that said, "Jesus is my Son and I love Him. Listen to Him." Shortly after, everything went back to normal. Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone what they had seen until the right time — until He would resurrect from the dead.

Who was with Jesus? Moses and Elijah

What would you have done if you saw this? Let your child talk about what he or she would have done.

What did God say about Jesus from heaven? Jesus is the Son of God and everyone should listen to Him.

#### **Video Suggestion**

Jesus' Transfiguration https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC081rBhFsE

#### **Object Lesson**

Get a flashlight and about 20 sheets of paper. Put the flashlight behind the paper and turn it on. Slowly remove sheets of paper and say, "Jesus was brighter than this." And repeat this until all of the paper is gone and all that is left is a flashlight. Say, "Did you know that Jesus shined brighter than this flashlight? The Son of God is really amazing!"

#### Application

The transfiguration is kind of a crazy story in the Bible. We can be sure that Jesus is really the Son of God. God the Father said that this was His Son. God cares enough about us to send His Son so we can be saved. How cool is that? Say together, "Jesus is the Son of God."

#### **Memory Verse**

"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14b

#### 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 and is different from everyone else.



#### Mark 9:2-13, ESV

<sup>2</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. <sup>11</sup> And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" <sup>12</sup> And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? <sup>13</sup> But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

#### Who was with Jesus on the mountain other than the disciples? Elijah and Moses

What did God say about Jesus? Use verse 7 and read it together.

**Did Jesus want the disciples to tell what happened?** No, He wanted to wait until after His resurrection.

#### **Video Suggestion**

The Transfiguration https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC081rBhFsE

**Big Question – What is God's glory?** You will read a lot about God's glory. It seems like a really big concept above our understanding. In many ways it is. However, we can understand something about glory from this passage. The glory of God is the way God shows His creation what makes Him so amazing. The reason the glory of God is indescribable is because God is indescribable. When you see something you can't explain, you can only be in awe and worship.

#### Application

God is really amazing. Sometimes we forget that. Everything you see, God made. Every time you take a breath, God is letting you take that breath. Just think about the coolest thing you can think of and God is like one billion times more amazing. This should give you comfort in your life. When things are hard, you can remember that you serve an awesome God.

#### **Memory Verse**

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#### Prayer

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#### **Bible Story**

Some people were trying to get their little children to Jesus so Jesus could lay hands on them. The disciples tried to stop this from happening. Jesus was upset by the actions of His disciples. He said, "Let the little children come to me. The kingdom of heaven belongs to people like this. Whoever does not welcome the kingdom like a little child will never enter into it." After He said that, He laid hands on the children and blessed them.

Why were people trying to get their children near Jesus? They wanted Jesus to lay hands on them and bless them.

What do you think Jesus was like? Let them talk about what He was like. Take time to think about this question yourself. Remember Jesus was the kind of person children wanted to be around.

How did Jesus say people needed to approach the kingdom of God? like a little child

#### **Video Suggestion**

Jesus Loves the Little Children (Song) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cg6W76q6a2E

#### **Object Lesson**

Take time to think about what it would be like to meet Jesus for the first time. Get some craft materials and make a card for Jesus. Encourage your child to show their love for Jesus. Maybe write some questions down that they would like to ask Jesus.

#### Live It Out

Did you know that Jesus loves you? He also wants us to love others, too. Think of people that are very special to you and let them know that you love them and Jesus loves them, too.

#### Application

In this lesson we saw how Jesus thought of the little children. We also saw that the way a child approached Jesus is how we approach Jesus for salvation — with love and trust. Jesus wants to be your Savior and loves you very much.

#### **Memory Verse**

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#### Prayer

God, thank You for loving me. I am so glad that Jesus showed Your perfect love. I know that Jesus really does love me.



#### Mark 10:13-16, ESV

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Why were people trying to get their children near Jesus? They wanted Jesus to lay hands on them and bless them.

What do you think Jesus was like? Let them talk about what He was like. Take time to think about this question yourself. Remember Jesus was the kind of person children wanted to be around.

How did Jesus say people needed to approach the kingdom of God? like a little child

What does the word Gospel mean? It means good news.

Who does God use to share the Gospel with others? He uses His people — Christians.

Think of three people you know who need to hear the Gospel. 1.

- 2.
- 3.

#### How will you tell them about the good news of Jesus this week?

#### **Memory Verse**

"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14b

#### Prayer

(Pray for the people on your list. Pray that they will accept Jesus as their Savior.)



## WEEK 2

## THE SON OF GOD AND HIS LOVE

#### FOR PARENTS

This week's study will talk about the love of Jesus. At first glance this topic may seem strange with this week's stories — in particular, the cleansing of the temple. The thing to realize is that Jesus came to save everyone. The kingdom is not about one group. The kingdom of God is made up of all sorts of people. This week will also cover what is called the Great Commandment. This is a crucial concept for your child to understand. Here are the learning goals for this week:

- know that Jesus came to save people from all over the world
- know that Jesus loves us
- know that we are called to love God and love others
- know that Jesus lived out the law perfectly through His love



#### PRESCHOOL JESUS CLEANSES THE TEMPLE WEEK 2, LESSON 1—Mark 11:15-19

#### **Bible Story**

One day Jesus came to the temple and saw people using God's house in a wrong way. They were treating it like a store and making money but in sneaky and unfair ways. This area also filled up the only area in the temple where people who were not Jews could worship God. Jesus was very upset at what happened. He turned over the tables of all of the people selling things. He told them, "This is a place for everyone to worship, but you made it a place of thieves." The religious leaders got really mad at what Jesus did and they tried to plan how to kill Him.

Why did Jesus get mad at the sellers in the temple? They were doing things in God's temple that shouldn't be done. They also were taking up the area that the people who were not Jews could worship.

What would you have thought if you saw the Son of God get that mad? Let the kids express how they would have felt. Possibly follow up with asking them if they knew that Jesus got mad in the Bible.

Who was the temple supposed to be for? people from all of the nations

#### **Video Suggestion**

Jesus Loves the Little Children (Song) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urTNEsEmmAI

#### **Object Lesson**

Find a picture of a world map. Look at the map with your kids. Try naming some countries that you see. Let your child point to some countries that he or she is interested in. Take some time to Google things about that country. Look for things like the buildings, the food, and major cities. Take time to pray that Jesus would save people in that country.

#### Application

Did you know that God loves you just the way you are? We all look different. Look at each person in your family and see what differences you can spot among everyone. Maybe some have long hair or glasses or a big smile. No matter what color you are — if you're a boy or a girl, if you're tall or short — Jesus loves you just the way you are. And He made you special and unique.

#### **Memory Verse**

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Mark 12:30

#### Prayer

God, thank You for loving me just the way I am. I am glad that You made me unique. Thank You for Your love.



#### Mark 11:15-19, ESV

<sup>15</sup> And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>16</sup> And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. <sup>17</sup> And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." <sup>18</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. <sup>19</sup> And when evening came they went out of the city.

Why did Jesus get mad at the sellers in the temple? They were doing things in God's temple that shouldn't be done. They also were taking up the area that the people who were not Jews could worship.

What would you have thought if you saw the Son of God get that mad? Let the kids express how they would have felt. Possibly follow up with asking them if they knew that Jesus got mad in the Bible.

Who was the temple supposed to be for? people from all of the nations

Video Suggestion The Temple <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTnq6I3vUbU</u> **Big Question - Is it a sin to be angry?** This question is difficult to answer. Anger for anger's sake is sinful. We should be slow to anger (Proverbs 14:29). We should be angry at the things God is angry at. Things that are unjust should make us mad. There are many things that people do that should make us angry. We can still love someone and stay calm even when we are upset. Sometimes we get mad for the wrong reasons. When this happens we should pray and ask God to help us understand what we should actually be angry about.

#### Application

Sometimes it is hard to like people who are different from us. We tend to like to be around people who are a lot like us. God, however, wants to save all types of people. Sometimes we have to share the Gospel with people who are different from us. It can be hard at times, but God will help us as long as we are willing.

#### **Memory Verse**

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Mark 12:30

#### Prayer

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#### PRESCHOOL THE GREAT COMMANDMENT WEEK 2, LESSON 2-MARK 12:28-34

#### **Bible Story**

One day a scribe asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the most important?" Jesus told him that first of all we should love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We also should love other people as ourselves. The scribe agreed with Jesus and said that nothing else in the law is as important as this. Jesus was pleased with the man's answer and told him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

What question did the scribe ask Jesus? Which commandment is the most important?

How did Jesus respond? Jesus said to love God and others.

Was Jesus pleased with the scribe's response? Yes. He was very pleased.

#### Video Suggestion

Love the Lord (Song) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pElUWTNsYXU

#### **Object Lesson**

Watch this video. This is a really cool illustration to help kids to learn to love the way God wants us to.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gN1nh50Sa74

#### Application

What do you think of when you think about love? Maybe you think about a heart, your parents, or a pet. Did you know that we need God's help for us to love Him and others? We often fail

at this. Jesus' love was perfect. He showed us the perfect example of love when He died on the cross for our sins.

#### Memory Verse

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Mark 12:30

#### Prayer

Lord, thank You for loving me. Help me to learn to love You and love others. Thank You for teaching me to love.



#### Mark 12:28-34, ESV

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

What did the scribe ask Jesus? Look at verse 28.

What was Jesus' response? Look at verses 30-31.

Did Jesus like the scribe's response? Look at verse 34.

Video Suggestion The Law https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BGO9Mmd\_cU

#### Live It Out

Take time to answer these questions and figure out a way to live it out. This should be a really great time for you and your child to think intentionally about how to share the Gospel with others — by showing God's love.

- 1. Who is someone that needs to know that God loves them?
- 2. What is one thing I can do to show that I love him or her, too?
- 3. How can I use my act of love to help point him or her to God's love?
- 4. How will I tell this person about God's ultimate act of love the Gospel?

#### Memory Verse

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#### Prayer

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### WEEK 3

## THE SON OF GOD AND HIS MISSION

#### FOR PARENTS

This lesson brings us closer to the crucifixion and resurrection. The Son of God is about to show the world who He truly is. This week will look at the mission of Christ. We have seen that Jesus brought the message of the kingdom. This week is a discussion on the coming of the kingdom. This week will deal with some interesting theology that you and your family may have never thought of before. There will only be one lesson this week. The final week will cover a lot of text. Here are the learning goals for this week:

- know that the Son of God came to establish his kingdom
- know that the Son of God is returning to reign forever



#### **Bible Story**

<sup>32</sup> "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

This passage may be a bit difficult for little children to understand. Instead of questions there is a SAY AND REPEAT activity for kids.

Say, "Jesus came to earth." Child repeats.Say, "Jesus died on the cross." Child repeats.Say, "Jesus rose from the dead." Child repeats.Say, "Jesus is coming back again." Child repeats.

Video Suggestion Jesus Is Coming Back https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVannvah5ul

#### Object Lesson

Make a Bible timeline with your kids. Take a piece of paper out and make a basic timeline with your kids. Draw the following pictures on the timeline.

- 1. Jesus is born.
- 2. Jesus ministered to many people.
- 3. Jesus died on a cross.
- 4. Jesus rose from the grave.
- 5. Jesus ascended to heaven.
- 6. Jesus is coming back.

#### Application

How cool is it to know that Jesus is coming back one day? We don't know when it will be, but we know He is coming. The main thing you need to know is that you are ready. When Jesus comes back He is coming for those that belong to Him. You can know that you belong to Him if you will make Jesus your Lord and Savior.

#### **Memory Verse**

Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, Mark 13:35a

#### Prayer

God, thank You for sending Jesus to earth to save me. I am so glad that one day Jesus will return and everything will be made perfect.



#### Mark 13:32-37, ESV

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#### Who knows the time of Jesus' return? the Father

What should we do while we wait? Read verse 33.

**Can we know when Jesus will return?** No, that is why we need to always be ready and watching.

Video Suggestion The Story of Jesus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u-ICIHAmKk

#### Big Question- Why has Jesus not come back already?

It seems like Jesus should have already come back. But the Bible teaches us that the reason Jesus has not come back yet is because God wishes for more people to be saved. (2 Peter 3:9) God loves us so much that He has prolonged the restoration of all of creation. God wants to save us.

#### Application

Ask yourself the following questions and be honest with your answers.

- 1. Have I accepted Jesus as my Savior?
- 2. Am I ready for when Jesus returns?
- 3. Are there some people I know that are not saved that need to hear the Gospel?
- 4. What do I need to do differently to prepare myself for Jesus' second coming?

#### **Memory Verse**

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Mark 13:35a

#### Prayer

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### WEEK 4

# THE SON OF GOD AND HIS VICTORY

#### FOR PARENTS

Welcome to the final week of the study of the Gospel of Mark. This week is going to be different than all of the other weeks so far. This week will take seven days and will be far more intensive than the other lessons. I hope that you have been able to see how to approach the Bible with your children. You have completed seven weeks of study together. This week you are going to read each text with the family and apply the **SOAP** method. This is how the **SOAP** method works:

Scripture— What is the text you are reading?

- Observe Ask questions of the text. This is what you have done on every lesson. Think of questions you can ask your child about the text.
- Apply Talk about how the text changes the way you live your life. How will you live differently after studying this text?
- Pray Pray whatever the Lord leads you to pray from reading this text.

With the younger kids, you may have to read smaller sections. Even if this reading plan takes you multiple weeks, its okay. Just work through these three chapters together as a family.

You can teach your child the Bible. The past seven weeks have been designed to give you a variety of approaches and ideas. Be creative. You can disciple your kids. Have fun studying God's Word this week!



Day 1 Scripture—Mark 14:17-31

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Day 2 Scripture—Mark 14:32-52

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Day 3 Scripture—Mark 14:53-72

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Day 4 Scripture—Mark 15:1-32

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Day 5 Scripture—Mark 15:33-41

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Day 6 Scripture—Mark 15:42-47

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Day 7 Scripture—Mark 16:1-8

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