In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 33
Jesus: Son of God

Themes:

- Jesus is fully God and became fully Man.
- Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament promises concerning His deity.
- Because Jesus is God, He is able to do what God's people could not do—save sinners.
- Jesus is the only way sinners may be saved.

Scripture:

Matthew 8:23-27; John 1:1-3, 14, 51; 6:32-33, 35; 8:53, 56-58; 14:6

Memory Verse:

John 1:14a (and review verses 1-13)

Jesus Fulfilled These Old Testament Clues:

BREAD FROM HEAVEN, I AM, ONE WAY

Home and Heart:

Read Colossians 1:15-19. Who do these verse describe? What does it mean that Jesus is the "image" of the invisible God? (See Hebrews 1:3a.) What does it mean that "all the fullness of God" dwells in Jesus? What does the word "preeminent" mean? Think of attributes of God; He is holy, almighty, eternal, righteous, faithful, wise, good, merciful, etc. Do these attributes also belong to Jesus? [Yes.] Have your child recall ways Jesus demonstrated His *deity* (God-ness) while He lived on earth as a man. Because Jesus is fully God, what is He able to do that no other person could do? (Read verses 20-22.)

Read Philippians 2:5-8. Even though Jesus is fully God, what did He do? (You may need to explain that Jesus never stopped "being fully God" while He was on earth. Rather, He gave up some of the privilege and status of His God-ness. For example: Jesus is almighty, yet in obedience to His Father, Jesus did not use this power at times.) According to these verses, did Jesus do this willingly? How should this serve as an example for us? Why does verse 5 say we should have this mindset, too? How would that be lived out? (Read verses 3-4.) Is this hard to do? Why?

Point out that there are many religions in the world that believe Jesus was just "a good man," just "a good teacher," or just "one of God's prophets." According to the verses read in this lesson, was Jesus *just* a good man, teacher, and prophet? Who does the Bible say Jesus really is? Does this matter? Why? Read and discuss John 14:6 and Acts 4:12. What do these verses say? Can salvation come through anyone else? Who do you believe Jesus is?



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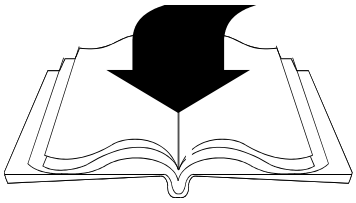

JOHN

The gospel of John starts with the familiar words, *"In the beginning,"* to show us that Jesus is eternal and fully God. Although Jesus is not named in Genesis 1:1, He was with God at the very beginning. In fact, John 1:3 goes on to explain that the world was created through Jesus. The gospel of John gives many examples of Jesus' *deity.* The word deity is very important; it means "God-ness" or "being God." Because Jesus is fully God, He was able to do things no ordinary man could ever do. Jesus was also able to make claims about Himself no one else could. This week, read the following passages in John. In these passages are some "I am" statements of Jesus—special claims Jesus made about Himself. Fill in the missing words for each statement on the lines below.

John 6:25-40 **I am** the _____ of life.

John 9:1-7 **I am** the _____ of the world.

John 10:1-15 **I am** the _____ of the sheep.

I am the good _____.

John 11:17-27 **I am** the _____
and the life.

John 14:5-7 **I am** the _____ and the _____
and the life.

John 15:1-8 **I am** the true _____, and My Father is the gardener.