

Start-Up/Third Grade Lesson Plan

Lesson 6 – Jesus, Part 1

Materials needed:

- Use marker to write on two sheets of paper. One should say HUMAN and one should say DIVINE.
- Blue tape
- Dry erase marker
- “A Special Mystery” handout – 1 per student
- “Jesus, God’s Son” handout – 1 per student (Bibles from the Mouse House will be needed if you are planning to use one of the activities on this worksheet.)

Before class:

- ✓ Tape the sheets of paper high up on the white board (NOT THE PROMETHEAN SCREEN!) leaving room to write underneath them.

Prayer

Our Father/Hail Mary/Glory Be

Say:

Give me some names of people who are very important – people who have done great things and had great impact on the world. I don't mean movie stars or sports figures, I know we all like them but I'm talking about people who have made a big difference in people's lives. People like Mother Theresa or Abraham Lincoln.

- **That's a great list! I'm glad that you (or I'm surprised that nobody) mentioned Jesus.**
- **Jesus Christ came from a poor family, was born in a stable, lived in a small town and never traveled very far from home but He is the most famous and influential person that ever lived.**
- **We may think we know Jesus very well or we may think that he is almost a stranger to us.**
- **Even if you think you know Him very well, Jesus will always surprise you no matter how long you live. There is so much to know about Him that even if you lived to be a hundred you still would have a lot to learn!**
- **We are going to take the next two weeks to discover who Jesus is and what He did for us. The video we watched last week gave us a good start but there is so much more to know about Jesus.**
- **As a matter of fact, I'd really be curious to know what you DID learn about Jesus last week. Let's take a little of our class time to talk about that.**

(Split the kids into groups of 2 or 3. Ask them to write down three things they learned about Jesus from the video. Then ask each group to share what they wrote with the class.)

- **So after all that, what would you say Jesus' message is?** (Love God and love and forgive one another as I love and forgive you.)
- **Everything that Jesus said and did revolved around this message.**

You saw Jesus do some amazing things and some very simple things. Can you name a few of them?

- † Fill Peter's boat with fish
 - † Heal the daughter of Jairus
 - † Forgive the sinful woman who washed His feet
 - † Calm the sea during a storm
 - † Multiply the loaves and fish
 - † Heal the blind beggar
 - † Eat with the tax collector Zacchaeus
 - † Tell the crowd how much He loves children
 - † Drive the moneychangers from the Temple
- **How do we know that Jesus really did these things? How do we know He lived and was a real person? How do we know He was sent by God?**
 - **Of course, the Bible tells us most of what we know about Jesus.**

- **The New Testament tells the story of Jesus' life on earth and what happened after He died.**
- **The Old Testament is full of writings by men known as prophets. They wrote about Jesus thousands of years before He was even born.**
- **The prophets even told when and where Jesus would be born and many other amazing things about Him that came true.**
- **Since God told the prophets what to write, we know that Jesus was the one sent by God.**
- **Real people also wrote about Jesus. A historian named Josephus (Joe-see-fus) was a priest in the Temple during the time of Jesus.**
- **Josephus wrote all about what life was like in the time of Jesus and Jesus was mentioned in his writings which we still have today.**
- **He told about some of the things that Jesus said and did and even mentioned that Jesus was crucified by the Romans.**

Catholics believe that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. That means that He was a man but He was also God. I think we learned that just from the first half of our video.

(Go to the board and explain your two signs. Ask the kids to remember some of Jesus words and deeds from the video. Write them down under the “Human” or “Divine” sign.)

Ex.

Human Jesus:

laughs

eats

sleeps

gets mad

Divine Jesus:

raises a little girl from the dead

calms the sea in a storm

multiplies the loaves and fish

makes a blind man see

It’s very plain in the scriptures that Jesus came to earth as a man. But it’s also very plain that He wasn’t just any man.

Jesus was also God. We will learn more about that when we talk about the Trinity next week.

If you have time, have kids complete the handout “Jesus is God’s Son”