

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: JANUARY 10-11

Bible Story: Jesus' Baptism and Temptation *Matthew 3:13–17, 4:1–17; John 1:29–34*

Big Idea: Jesus is God's Son

Focus: Jesus is God's Son and He understands what we are going through

Memory Verse: "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God." *John 20:31a (NIV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on *Matthew 3:13–17, 4:1–17; John 1:29–34, Galatians 2:20; 1 John 5:11–12; Hebrews 2:17–18*

John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for the Messiah. When Jesus asked to be baptized by him, John hesitated, but Jesus explained it was part of God's plan. After Jesus' baptism, the Spirit of God descended on Him, and a voice from heaven declared Him as God's beloved Son. John later identified Jesus as the Lamb of God, the One who would take away the sin of the world. Jesus then resisted temptation in the wilderness before starting His ministry.

He Question: How is Jesus different than other people?

Jesus is the Son of God. He is holy, perfectly good and never sinned.

We Question: How is Jesus like us?

Because Jesus came to Earth as a man, He experienced the same things we do. We can trust that He understands us and what we go through.

Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



Tell your child you are going to make a face and see if they can guess what emotion it is. (surprise, happy, sad, frustrated, etc) Have your child take a turn making a face and you guess what the emotion is. Talk about how Jesus felt those same emotions. Jesus is God's Son and He understands what we are going through. Pray, and thank Jesus that He understands and can help us with our emotions.



DAY 1

READ "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God." *John 20:31a (NIV)*

Jesus is God's Son and He did so many miracles to show who He was. Our verse this month tells us that many of His miracles are written in the Bible so we KNOW that Jesus is God's Son.

Blow up a balloon. Try to keep the balloon from hitting the floor as you say 1 word of the verse every time you tap the balloon with your hand. If the balloon hits the ground, start over until you can say the verse and keep the balloon off the ground. Count how many times it took to say the verse AND keep the balloon off the floor.

How many times did it take you?

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that Jesus is God's son.

DAY 2

READ *1 John 5:11–12 (NIV)*

These verses tell us who Jesus is and when we believe in Him, what we receive. Unscramble the word to find out what we receive when we believe in Jesus. Try to do this on your own. If you can't do it, ask for help.

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Was that frustrating to figure out? Do you think Jesus ever felt frustrated? Yes! Jesus has experienced all our emotions because He was fully man.

We can talk to Jesus and ask Him to help us when we feel sad, frustrated, or lonely. Jesus has gone through those same feelings, and He wants to help us.

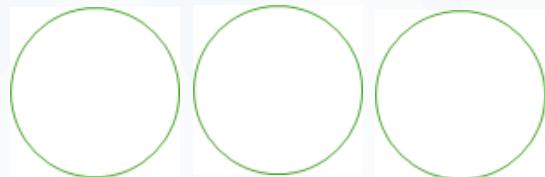
KNOW that Jesus understands how you feel.

DAY 3

READ Hebrews 2:17(NIV)

We have learned that Jesus is fully God, and He was also fully man. This verse tells us that Jesus had to be made like people...human in every way.

Think of three different emotions you have felt this past week. Draw an emoji for each emotion.



As Jesus lived in the world, He grew up, like you did. He played outside, had chores, and experienced the same feelings you have.

BE THANKFUL that Jesus is God's son and He understands what you are going through.

DAY 4

READ Matthew 3:16 & 17

In the verses you read, Jesus was baptized. When Jesus came out of the water, God, the Father spoke out loud. He said, "This is my Son. I love Him."

Jesus is God's Son. He is fully God. This week we learned that Jesus was also fully man and He was tempted, just like we are. He overcame the temptations from the devil by saying Bible verses. Since Jesus understands being tempted, He is the best one to ask for help when we are tempted to do something wrong. And since He is fully God, He can always help us.

Take a moment and pray, asking Jesus to help you when you are tempted.

"Dear Jesus, sometimes I am tempted to _____ (write a sin). Please help me when I am tempted. I want to grow up Your way. Thanks for always helping me when I ask. In Your Name I pray, Amen."

PRAY and thank God that Jesus is God's Son and He understands what we are going through.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

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Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

January 17-18	4th Grade 3rd
January 24-25	Grade 2nd
Jan 31-Feb 1	Grade 1st
February 7-8	Grade
February 14-15	Kindergarten

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Come to church 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse ... 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks



Child's Name: _____