

Jesus is the Promised Messiah!

Memory Verse: I John 4:14 “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Main Teaching: Jesus is the Promised Messiah **Word Up:** Jesus is the promised one!

Supplies:

- Word Up Visual – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “Jesus is the Good News” and “One Way” - Worship (Sing About the King 3 CD)
- Optional Song Visuals for “Jesus is the Good News” and “One Way” (cefpress.com)
- Who is Jesus piece of paper – Small Group
- Glass dish, Dark food coloring, lighter, water, votive candle, glass – Object Lesson
- Memory Verse Visual – Memory Verse (Resource Pack)
- Gummy Worm, Paper Clips, Gummy Life Savor, Plastic Cup – Activity (one per small group)
- The Burnhams Flashcard 1– Missionary Story (Resource Pack)
- Four pictures – Small Group / Wonder Time (Resource Pack)
- Memory Verse Token I John 4:14 for each child – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Worship / Rules / Word Up
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Memory Verse
- 10 min – Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group Wonder Time



SMALL GROUP

How Would You Describe Jesus

(For each small group write “Who Jesus Is” on the top of a piece of paper. Save this paper for future weeks. Ask the following questions.)

What is Jesus like? What words would you use to describe Jesus? Do you know any other names of Jesus? *(Allow responses. Be ready to correct any misconceptions the children might have and record answers.)* Today we are going to talk about a name of Jesus that was special to the people of His time. Listen and see if you can figure out what it is.

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to YouTube and type in CEF and the name of the song in the search bar.

“Jesus is the Good News”

“One Way”

CLUB RULES

Review the Up Rules reminding the kids that following the rules helps everyone be able to feel safe and learn. If there is a particular rule the children are having trouble with, do a skit to highlight that rule and why it is important.



WORD UP!

“Jesus is the Promised One”

What are some promises people have made to you? Maybe your mom promised you a certain gift for Christmas, or promised she would take you to a special place. When people make a promise, they usually follow through and the promise comes true. But sometimes, promises get broken. Can you think of a reason a promise might get broken? God made a promise way back in the Old Testament. He promised that He would send a Savior to rescue His people from their problem of sin. When God makes a promise, we know it is going to come true. God always keeps His promise. He sent Jesus. **WORD UP! – Jesus is the Promised One!**

OBJECT LESSON

Jesus Takes Our Sin Away

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM4nk4T6SS4>

Supplies: Glass flat bottom dish, Glass cup, votive candle, Matches or lighter, dark Food coloring , Water

Today we are going to learn about something that God gives us, and something that God takes away from us. God is the creator – He made everything. He made the oceans and all the animals and everything that grows on the earth. His most special creation is people. God created you and He loves you. God is also holy. That means He is perfect – He has never sinned. And God lives in a beautiful place called Heaven. God wants us to live in Heaven with Him someday when our live on earth is done. But there is one thing that separates us from God, and that is sin.

Sin is anything we think, see, say or do that makes God sad or breaks His laws. This dark water is going to represent sin. (Show pitcher of water) Sin could be hitting someone or looking at things on the iPad we know we shouldn't look at, or even thinking mean thoughts about someone else. No one had to teach us to sin – we were

born with a want to sin. We naturally do wrong things. (Pour the dark water into the clear dish about ½”) And our sin separates us from God.

That is where the gift comes in. This light is going to represent the special gift God sent us. (Show the candle.) We celebrate His birth at Christmas. Do you know whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas? Jesus’! Jesus is the light of the world. (Light the candle.) Jesus came to earth as a baby and grew up here on earth, but Jesus was different than all of the other kids. Jesus never sinned. When He was a man, there were some mean men that didn’t like Jesus. They took Him and they nailed Him on a cross like a criminal. When they put nails in his hands and feet, what do you think came out? That is right, blood came out. Jesus gave His perfect blood to take the punishment for our sin. Only Jesus has the power to take away our sin.

The Bible says when Jesus was on the cross, He took all of our sins upon Him. Because He was perfect, He could take the punishment for our sin that we deserve. That is what God takes away – through Jesus, God takes away our sin. (Put the glass over the candle and the dark water will suck up into the glass.)

 **MEMORY VERSE**

“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.” (1 John 4:14)

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever seen a shooting star? (*Allow response.*) Maybe you saw one when no one else did and tried to describe it. Sometimes it is hard to convince others that what you saw really happened if they didn’t see it too.

In our memory verse today, someone wrote to tell others about something wonderful he saw—something absolutely true!

PRESENTATION

(*Read 1 John 4:14 from Bible.*) This verse was written by a man named John who was one of Jesus’ disciples—Jesus’ 12 closest friends. God the Holy Spirit led John to know what words to write. This is God’s true Word written by John. John wrote five books in the New Testament part of the Bible—the part that talks about Jesus’ life and how we live today. There are 27 books in the New Testament. 1 John is found near the end of the Bible. It is a small book with only five chapters. Our verse today is found in chapter 4, verse 14. Let’s read it together. (*Read verse with children from visual.*)

EXPLANATION

And we have seen and testify—When John wrote this, he was talking about himself and many others who knew Jesus and followed Him. John was with Jesus for almost three years, learning from Jesus and watching the miracles He performed. John could testify (tell others) that Jesus is true and real because he knew Jesus personally.

that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world—John saw Jesus, God’s Son, die on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of the world. He saw the empty tomb where Jesus’ body had been placed and spent time with Him after Jesus came back to life from the dead. John knew for sure Jesus is the only one who could save us from our sin, and you can know it too. John and others knew Jesus and saw all that happened to Him. They boldly told others that just as God the Father had promised, Jesus came to save people from their sin.

APPLICATION

Saved: If you have believed on Jesus to save you from your sin, you can be confident in who Jesus is! WORD UP!, “**Jesus is the Promised One!**” (*Say with children.*) Many people saw Jesus and knew He is God the Son. Some of them, like John, wrote about what they saw, and we can read it in the Bible. You can know what you believe is true when it comes from God’s Word. You have also seen God do things in your life that show He is real and true. Think about how God has helped you, changed you, and answered your prayers. Will you boldly tell others what Jesus has done for you? Will you tell them Jesus is true and real, and He came to save them from their sin? Jesus will help you to testify to others that He is the Savior of the world.

Unsaved: If you have never believed in Jesus, you can do that today. Do you believe Jesus is the one who came to save you from *your* sin? Do you know Him as your Savior? The Bible is filled with proof that Jesus is God’s promised Savior. He came to take the punishment for your sin so you don’t have to be separated from God.

INVITATION



The Bible says in Acts 16:31 “*Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.*” When you believe in Jesus, trusting that He died on the cross for your sins, you will be saved – rescued from sin’s punishment. God will change you on the inside, helping you love Him and obey Him each day. Will you turn from your sin and believe in the Lord Jesus today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you called on Jesus for the very first time today, or you want to talk to someone more about doing that, please show me by raising your hand. If you raised your hand, please meet me (*designate location*) and I’ll show you more from God’s Word how you can be saved.

REPETITION

What Have You Seen?

Name something children in your club would likely have seen; e.g., the ocean, a mountain, an elephant, a horse, a snake, lightning, a forest, etc. Have children who have seen it stand up and say the verse while shading their eyes with their hands as if looking at something far away.)

Sing Memory Verse Song “The Savior of the World”

ACTIVITY

Save Fred

Fred is a gummy worm whose boat has capsized, and his life preserver is underneath it. He’s taking shelter on the top of the upside-down boat, and it is the team’s job to get Fred’s life preserver on without him falling into the water. The trick is that students cannot touch anything with their bare hands. They can use the paper clips and bend them anyway they want to.

You’ll need a gummy worm, a gummy lifesaver (not the hard kind), a small plastic container or cup, and one paper clip per person. You might use a piece of blue paper on the desk to represent the water.

To set up the task, place one gummy lifesaver under the upside-down cup (boat) with the gummy worm on top.

Students may ONLY touch the paper clips. They may bend the paper clips but cannot spear the life preserver, worm, or cup. They should restart the task if they drop the worm into the water. The team must get the lifesaver out from under the boat and put the worm through it.



MISSIONS STORY

**The Burnhams
Part 1 – Introduction**



Have you ever had really exciting news to tell someone? Maybe you got a good grade on a test or your family got a new puppy! What exciting news have you told someone? *(Allow response.)* If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, you have the most exciting news! What do you think that exciting news is? *(Allow response.)* When we could not save ourselves from sin, Jesus came and saved us by dying on the cross and coming back to life. That is the most exciting news! God wants us to tell people this exciting news.

Those He sends to do that as their job are called *missionaries*. Say that with me. *(Say with children.)* We are going to hear a true story

about a missionary family whom God sent to the Philippines to tell people about Jesus. *(Show the Philippines and where you live on map.)*

The Philippines is a country made up of more than 7,000 islands! Some missionaries live on islands where there are no roads. If there are no roads, how do you think missionaries get their food and supplies? How do they get sick people to a hospital? *(Allow responses.)* Some missionaries use small planes to carry supplies and people where they need to go.

One of the missionaries in our true story was a pilot for one of these planes. His name was Martin Burnham. He and his wife, Gracia, knew that God wanted them to go to the Philippines because there are many people there who do not know that Jesus loves them. The Burnhams knew being a missionary wouldn't be easy. But they loved God so much they wanted to serve Him, even if it would be hard.

The people who live in the Philippines are called *Filipinos*. Can you say that with me? *(Say with children.)* Many Filipino people do not know the exciting news that their sins can be forgiven. They

may know who God is, but they do not have a relationship (friendship) with Him.

teach the Filipino people how they could have a relationship with God. Next week we are going to see how God used them!

Martin and Gracia Burnham wanted to help



SMALL GROUP / WONDER TIME

You Can Be Confident

There is much to learn from God’s Word. In the Old Testament you can read many verses that tell what the Messiah would be like. In the New Testament you can read about Jesus and see that every prophecy made about the Messiah comes true in Him. God wants you to know about Jesus the Messiah!

We’re going to look at four verses from the Bible that talk about Jesus. As you listen to each verse, tell me which picture matches it and why. *(Have four helpers hold a picture of a number one, a question mark, a cross, and a Bible so all the children can see. Have helpers read the four verses from the Bible one at a time. Allow children to guess which picture matches the verse just read.)*

John 20:31—(Bible) God’s Word, the Bible, was written so you can know the truth about Jesus, believe on Him, and have eternal life through His name. This includes the prophecies written about Jesus in the Old Testament, which were fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. **You can be confident that Jesus is the Promised One** because of what the Bible says.

Isaiah 53:5—(Cross) This Old Testament prophecy is talking about Jesus and how He would die for our sins. It was written hundreds of years before Jesus was born and told what kind of death He would suffer for you and me. It happened just as God said!

John 10:30—(#1) Jesus told the people that He and His Father (God) are one—equal. Jesus is God who came down from Heaven. Jesus clearly told the people who He was and proved it with His miracles and by coming back to life from the dead.

1 Peter 3:15b—(?) If you have believed on Jesus, then you know He is God’s promised Savior. You can tell what you believe to others who have not heard about Jesus. Show them what God has promised in His Word. Be ready to give an answer about what you believe. God can help you to do that with respect and kindness.

This week when you read God’s Word, notice verses that help you know more about Jesus. Ask God to help you be confident in what you believe and to be able to share with others why you believe in Jesus. Let’s talk to God about that right now. *(Close in prayer.)*

DISMISSAL

Hand out memory verse token to each child and encourage them to memorize the verse and bring the token back completed next week. Remind the kids to be quick to forgive others this week and to thank God for showing us mercy.