

Second Grade Lesson Plans

Lesson 11, Chapter 5: God the Son

Focus: Jesus taught us how to act by the things he did. Stories from the Bible teach us who Jesus is and the reason he came.

Materials needed:

- Name book (in large tub)
- “My First Story of Christmas” book (in large tub)
- Bibles and paper cups if you choose to play “Christmas Tree Relay” (catechist provides)

Prayer:

Our Father/Act of Contrition

What to Say and Do:

- Long ago, God sent his only Son to earth. God sent him to show all people how they should live. God chose Mary to be his Son’s mother. His son had a very special name. Do you know what it is?
- In Jesus’ time, names were chosen because of what they meant. The name Jesus has a very special meaning. Do you know what your name means? (Give the children some time to look up the meaning of their names in the Name Book.)
- Now you know what your own name means, let’s find out what Jesus’ name means. Who told Mary to name her baby “Jesus”?
- Let’s read the story and find out.

Read “My First Story of Christmas” to the class. Have kids sit on the floor close to you so they can see the pictures in the story.

- **Who was it that told Mary to name her baby “Jesus”?**
- **Who told the angel the baby’s name? (God).**
- **Why do you suppose God chose the name Jesus?**
- **Jesus’ name tells us a lot about him because his name means “God with us”.
Where else do you find angels in the Christmas story? (The angels who appear to the shepherds.)**
- **What is your favorite part of the Christmas story?**
- **We don’t know a lot about Jesus’ life when he was a child like you. But we do have a story from the Bible that happened when he was about 12 years old-it’s pretty amazing!**
- **Jesus went to the Temple in Jerusalem and talked with the priests and scholars about God. They were all amazed at what how much Jesus knew – He was only 12 after all!**
- **What does this story tell you about Jesus? (He wasn’t an ordinary boy. Though he did all the things ordinary boys do, he was special and different even as a child.)**
- **Jesus began his work when he was about thirty years old. What was Jesus’ work?** (He spent three years telling people to love and obey God. After that, Jesus gave His life for us so we could be saved from our sins and live forever in heaven with Him.)
- **Christmas is a time we should be especially thankful that God sent His only Son to us. What will you do this year to be sure Jesus is not forgotten in all the Christmas preparation?**

You may use the rest of the class time for a Christmas party (food in the gym only, please). Christmas Tree Relay game is included in your notebook. **Closing Prayer**