

THIS IS JESUS

UNIT ONE: THE MESSIAH NAMED JESUS PART 1: JESUS THE MESSIAH

Lesson 1: The Messiah & The Main Character

Dear Parents,

This week, we will begin a Bible Study about Jesus titled *This is Jesus*. When we study Scripture with this in mind, we begin to understand that Jesus' work is present in the entire Bible (and not just the Gospels). John taught that Jesus existed from the beginning of time. He made all things. He was the life that became the light of the world. Students hear the name of Jesus used in many ways in church, and most of them probably have a positive regard for Him. Many students, however, fail to understand that Jesus is the central figure of history and Scripture. Today's lesson will help introduce students to Jesus as the Main Character and the Messiah.

LESSON OVERVIEW: In this lesson, students will come to know Jesus as the Messiah (or Savior) and as the main character of all Scripture. Students will be introduced to this truth in John 1:1–5. John taught that Jesus existed from the beginning of time. He made all things. He was the One who became the light of the world. The Word (Jesus) brought light to humanity. He is the revelation of who God is and how God wants people to relate to Him. The whole biblical witness points to the fact that Jesus came to earth as the Son of God to provide light about God's plan for salvation. Through Jesus, God offers eternal life to those who will believe in Him.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO LEARN: That Jesus is the Messiah and was with God from the beginning.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Understand that Jesus is more than just a religious figure and seek to understand more about Him.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: John 1:1-5,14; 5:31-47, 8:12

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- Who is Jesus to you?
- What does it mean to call Jesus the Messiah?
- Does it change your reading of the Old Testament when you consider that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets? Why or why not?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your student, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.