

Jesus the Christ

Purpose: To help your students better understand that Jesus is part of the Trinity, who had a specific role and job in dealing with humanity. This lesson is geared towards the aspect of Jesus as “The Messiah” or prophesied about, that God sent him, and that He was God. His life, works, actions, preaching, etc will be covered in XA 101.

Important Note- You want to really know the level of Biblical knowledge of your student so you can gauge from there how in-depth you need to go or if you need to just clear things up so they have a clear grasp of His divinity and purpose. The more knowledge they have, then the more you want to have them explain it to you or ask in a way that is them trying to convince you that Jesus was who He said He was and that He is the part of the Trinity. Fill in the gaps where you need to and make sure they know the passages to be able to tell someone else where to find them. IF they don't have a lot of Biblical knowledge then work through the passages to help equip them.

Helpful Scriptures: Gen 3: 14-15 ~ First Prophecy of Jesus, Daniel 9:25-26 ~ The Messiah will die, John 2:19 ~ Jesus' predicts resurrection, Luke 2-3 ~ Jesus' birth, Matthew 11:1-4 ~ quotes from Isaiah 35 & 61 that are prophecies of what the Messiah will do.

Discussion Question:

- Do you think that Jesus being the Son of God matters? – Just let them answer and then ask “Why?” (you just want to gauge their level and get them thinking of why this is a huge deal).
- How do we know that Jesus was the Son of God? – Because He claimed to be!
- Read John 8:48-59
- So what is going on here?
- What is Jesus claiming? – To be greater than Abraham and He is the “I am”
- Why is that significant? – If they know the answer than you don't have to go to the passage of Ex 3:12-14, but if they don't know then open the Bible up to that passage and explain how when God was speaking to Moses and Moses asked His name, God called Himself, “I am the I am.” Jesus is clearly claiming to be God.
- Read Luke 1:30-33, and discuss what does it mean that Jesus is the Son of Man and how that is important because Jesus came to serve man and was the intended type of man from Creation.
- Read Matthew 3:16-17, this is the clearest moment of the Trinity that we have in scripture. So, discuss with them by ask them what is the significance of this moment and why is it important.
- Read Phil 2:6-11, To Paul in this passage what was Jesus main goal in coming to Earth? – To serve and ultimate sacrifice himself so that we can be reconciled with God the Father.

Conclusion: You want your student to understand that Jesus is part of the Trinity and that the God we serve is willing to suffer and die to be in a relationship with us.