

JESUS IS FULLY MAN

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BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS FULLY MAN

Isaiah 53:1-3; Matthew 13:54-55; Luke 2:11-12; Acts 2:36; Philippeans 2:5-8

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus was born.
- Jesus became like us, lived among us, and was rejected by us.
- Jesus suffered and died in our place.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 2

Luke’s account of Jesus’ birth and boyhood reveals Jesus’ humanity and divinity. When Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem, angels sang. When Jesus was presented in the temple, prophets instantly knew he was the Promised One. Later when Jesus was found in the temple, He obeyed His parents and returned home with them. Jesus is fully God and He took on flesh and became fully man for our sake.

FOUNDATION: ADVENT

Advent is a special celebration and contemplation of the coming of Jesus Christ that Christians participate in during the Christmas season. Advent literally means “arrival” or “coming”. During Advent season God’s people remember and rejoice in Jesus’ first coming to save his people from their sins, while at the same time long with anticipation and expectation for His return. Advent centers on Jesus, the saving Son. He alone is the Word, fully God, fully man, and our only hope.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- Jesus is the living fulfillment of God’s Word.
- Jesus is fully God and fully man.
- Jesus is our only hope.



Every child should feel:

- Thankful that Jesus came to save us from our sins.
- Wonder and awe at the reality of the incarnation.
- Burdened for those who do not know the good news



Every child should be able to:

- Memorize John 1:1-4, 9-14 (pick verses based on stage of development that they are in)
- Give to or serve someone sacrificially who doesn’t know Jesus as a means to share the good news about Jesus with them.



Every child should want:

- Know more about Jesus.
- To give to others because God gave his Son for us.

FAMILY DEVOTION: JESUS IS MAN

Jesus’ birth, life, and ministry reveal that He is fully God and fully man. He lived as a man among us to save us from our sin.

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- In obedience to God the Father, Jesus chose to leave heaven and to be born as a human. Through the divine work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus grew as a baby in the womb of His earthly mother, Mary. He was born and grew as a man. Jesus' birth was Him taking on human flesh to become a man. It was not the beginning of life for Him because He has always existed, but it was the beginning of His time on earth as fully God and fully man.
- Jesus grew and lived on earth among people. His ministry on earth was God's plan of revealing Himself and His salvation plan to the world. John begins His gospel speaking about the Word of God and in verse 14, he says that Word is Jesus and Jesus is the way men see God and know His plan of rescuing the world. Jesus is the way that we have access to God.

God's glory is seen in Jesus.

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- Because Jesus is God in the flesh, the glory of God is revealed through Jesus. In Old Testament times, God revealed His glory through His mighty works and in the temple, but when Jesus came to earth, He was the manifestation of God's glory in the flesh. Knowing Jesus is knowing God and experiencing His glory.

God's faithfulness is seen through Jesus.

“full of grace and truth.”

- Jesus came to the earth as the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior. He came teaching and preaching God's truth to all those He encountered. His very life is a sign of God's faithfulness to man because Jesus lived without sin and then took our place on the cross. God accepted Jesus' death as the payment for our sin debt, and through Jesus salvation and eternal life are offered for anyone who believes. Though it cost God much, He did not hesitate to fulfill His promise to the world by sending Jesus.

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JESUS IS FULLY MAN**BIBLE STORY: LUKE 2***Jesus Is Fully Man*

Supporting Scripture: John 1:9; Luke 2:7; Genesis 3; John 1:14

Teacher Introduction:

The birth of Jesus was long awaited, yet he was born, not in a palace befitting a king, but in a stable among animals. Jesus came to the world, born as a baby, taking on human flesh that He might live among us. In the Apostle Luke's account of Jesus' life, the details of Jesus' birth reveal His deity and His humanity. When Jesus was born, angels, glorifying God, appeared to shepherds. Jesus' birth was ordinary and extraordinary at the same time. His birth did not differ from any other child's birth in the way he entered the world, yet he was not an ordinary man. He was God Himself taking on human flesh to live among men as seen in John 1:14. Later, when Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple, Simeon and Anna acknowledge His deity, yet He is just a baby, reliant upon His parents to care for Him like any other baby. Jesus grew as other children grow and when He was twelve, He stayed behind His parents in the temple causing them to reprimand Him. Jesus, who is fully God, could have refused to return with them, but instead, He exhibited His perfect humanity by following them home in obedience. He continued to grow physically and He continued to grow in wisdom and stature. Jesus was fully and completely human. He lived as humans live, yet He did so perfectly and without sin. He did not enter the world demanding His rights as King of all things. He entered the world humbly and quietly, setting aside His deity that He might save the world from its sin.

Teaching Guide:

The guide below is provided to help you teach the truth: Jesus Is Fully Man. The three points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from Luke 2 to teach the truth that Jesus is fully God. Footnotes are provided for further study of the text and God's interaction with His people. Throughout the lesson questions are placed to help you guide the preschoolers to think about and process the truth that Jesus is fully man.

Opening Illustration:

Give each child two popsicle sticks, a brown paper triangle, and a small paper circle. Ask the children to draw a face on their paper circle. Next, help the children glue the popsicle sticks in a "v" and attach the paper triangle to the popsicle sticks with glue. Attach the paper circle head at the chin to the brown paper triangle. This should resemble baby Jesus in a manger. Tell the children that Jesus' birth was God's fulfilled promise to the world. Jesus became fully man to save us from our sins.

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JESUS IS FULLY MAN**BIG IDEA: JESUS WAS BORN.¹****Jesus was born the Promised Messiah.**

- In the beginning, God promised to send a Savior to rescue the world from its sin.
- Jesus' birth was the fulfillment of God's promise. When Jesus entered the world through Mary, God was accomplishing what He had promised many, many years ago.
- In the Garden of Eden when God cursed Adam and Eve, He told them there would be a person born who would right their wrong.²
- Jesus' birth was an occasion for celebration because it showed the world that God had not forgotten His promise.



Gather the children in a circle and share with them a promise that you have made and kept. Ask the children to think about a promise that someone has made to them. Help them think of promises that their parents might have made. Remind them that God made a promise and He kept it because He always keeps His promises.

Jesus' birth showed the world that God is faithful.

- God raised up many prophets in Israel to reveal His plan of salvation to His people.
- The prophets foretold the birth of the Promised Messiah and even details of what His life on earth would be like.
- When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, those prophecies were fulfilled and God's faithfulness was revealed.
- God is trustworthy. He always does what He promises He is going to do.
- Jesus' birth is proof of this and gives all who believe in Him hope in God's other promises.

Jesus' birth was an example of humility.

- Jesus is God and He is perfect in every way.
- He willingly set aside His divinity and came to the earth to become like us.
- He suffered many things on our behalf and died in our place for a sin debt He did not owe.
- Jesus' willingness to take our place is humility at its greatest.

Why does it matter that Jesus was born? (It shows God's faithfulness in keeping His promises.)

1. John 1:9; Luke 2:7: Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a stable.

2. Genesis 3: God promised from the beginning that He would right the wrong that man's sin had caused.

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JESUS IS FULLY MAN**BIG IDEA: JESUS BECAME LIKE US, LIVED AMONG US, AND WAS REJECTED BY US.³****Jesus took on the form of a human.**

- Jesus taking on the form of a human is also known as His incarnation.
- The incarnation of Jesus is complex and not easily understood, but what we do know is that He was born as a human baby in the town of Bethlehem and He grew just like any other person grows from birth to adulthood.
- Luke 2 details some of Jesus' early life as He grew from a baby to a boy.
- These details help us understand the human nature that Jesus possessed.
- He ate like humans do; His body and mind grew and matured like ours do.
- He became fully human for our sake.



On the board create a comic strip. Ask the children to help you fill in the comic strip by telling you different things that people do every day, such as eat meals, get dressed, play with friends, etc. Once you finish the comic strip, remind the children that Jesus lived on earth and experienced the things that we experience.

Jesus lived fully as a man on earth.

- Even though Jesus was God and He did not stop being God when He was born a human, He still experienced life fully as a human.
- He faced the same things that every person faces on earth.
- He felt hot and cold; he knew what it was to be hungry and tired.
- He experienced relationships with His family and friends. He knew the joy that close friendships bring and He felt the sorrow that accompanies death.
- He set His deity aside, though He did not lose His divinity. He lived fully as a human and did so perfectly.

Jesus was rejected by us.

- Jesus lived the perfect life in our place, yet He was rejected by men.
- Though Jesus was God and the Promised Messiah, He was rejected as the Savior.
- He experienced isolation and betrayal because of the hatred in men's hearts.

What was Jesus' life on earth like? (He experienced the things that all humans do and He felt the rejection of the world.)

3. John 1:14: Jesus took on flesh and became a man to save the world from its sin.

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JESUS IS FULLY MAN**BIG IDEA: JESUS SUFFERED AND DIED IN OUR PLACE.⁴****Jesus lived the perfect life in our place.**

- In Romans 3:23, Paul writes that every person has sinned and falls short of the glory of God. He means that there is no person on earth who is without sin. This means that no one can satisfy the sin debt that is owed by every person.
- Jesus became a man to be our substitute. He is fully man, meaning He has a human nature like we do.
- Jesus lived fully as a human, yet He never once disobeyed God the Father.
- He submitted to God the Father perfectly and lived a perfect life on earth.



Give each child a paper heart. Ask the children to sit in a circle. Ask the children to think about times when they have had their feelings hurt. Give them several scenarios where their feelings might have been hurt. If a child can say yes to that scenario hurting their feelings, give them a sticker to put on their hearts. Do this several times and then remind them that Jesus took our pain and suffering for us.

Jesus suffered on earth for us.

- Though Jesus lived perfectly on earth, He suffered many things.
- He was ridiculed, rejected, and even betrayed.
- Multiple times during His ministry on earth, His life was threatened, yet He never sinned.
- He never sinfully retaliated or gave in to misery or selfishness.
- Instead, He endured His suffering in a Godly way all for us.
- He took the punishment and abuse that we should have received because we are the sinners.

Jesus' death satisfied our sin debt.

- In Luke 2:25-32, we get a glimpse of the salvation that Jesus will bring to the world when Simeon says, "for my eyes have seen your salvation" as he prays to God.
- Jesus came to bring salvation to the world.
- He lived on the earth and endured many things that He might die on the cross in our place.
- His purpose in coming to the earth was to live the life we couldn't and then die the death we deserved.
- His death paid our sin debt and made a way for us to be saved.

Why did Jesus die in our place? (He died in our place because we are all sinful and can't pay our own sin debt.)

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CHURCH HOOKS

**Fully Man**

Bring in a doll and dress-up clothing. Have the children help you dress the doll in clothing. As you dress the doll tell the children that Jesus, who is God, became a man to save the world. Lead them in a discussion about how Jesus became like us to save us from our sins.



- Jesus came to earth and was born a human that He might save us from our sin.
- He lived as a man on the earth perfectly and He died in our place.

**In Our Place**

Have the children sit in a circle while music is playing. As soon as the music stops, ask the children to find a new place to sit before you count to ten. Play several times. Lead the children in a discussion about how they switched places with one another. Talk with them about how Jesus took our place when He died on the cross.



- We all deserve to pay for our sin, but God made a way for us to be saved.
- Jesus came to the earth and died in our place. Now, when we have saving faith in Him, we no longer owe our sin debt.