

**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.

**JESUS IS FULLY MAN**

On a blank sheet of paper, write Jesus Became Man in glue. Next, help your child glue macaroni or beans to the letters. As you work, talk with your child about how Jesus became like us to save us. He is fully man and fully God.

**DISCOVER IT:** *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Read Luke 2 and John 1:9-14.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Jesus is unique in that He is the only person to have two natures—a divine one and a human one. Jesus is fully God, having all the characteristics of God expressed in nature and the Bible. When Jesus came to the earth, He chose to be born a human. Luke chronicles Jesus' birth and his life in his account of the gospel. In Luke 2, we see that Jesus is born just like every other person is born. Luke 2 also shows us that Jesus grew physically and mentally. We even see Jesus choosing to obey His parents. Jesus experienced what we all experience. He knew what it was to be hungry, to be tired, to have friends, and a family. He understood what it felt like to have friends die and even to have friends betray Him. He lived on this earth as a man, yet He never sinned. He lived the perfect life even when He suffered greatly on our behalf. Ultimately, He died on the cross for our sin, paying our sin debt in full so that we might have salvation. Jesus' birth, life, and death showed God's great faithfulness to us. God kept His promise to send a Savior who would save the world.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why is it important that Jesus became a man? (He lived among us and experienced life as we do, but He did it perfectly.)
- How could Jesus live a perfect life? (He lived a perfect life because He is God and God does not sin.)
- How does Jesus' birth show that God is faithful? (God promised to send a Savior and Jesus' birth was the fulfillment of that promise.)



Help your child memorize John 1:14 by writing the verse on pieces of paper and hiding them throughout your house. Ask your child to hunt for the papers. When one is found, say the verse out loud together.



As a family, create a collage that shows what it means to be a human. Talk with your child about how Jesus became a human that He might save the world from its sin.



Set aside some time to read Luke 2:1-7 to your child. Share with your child why it is important that Jesus was born a human. Remind your child that Jesus took our place on the cross.



Each morning this week pray with your child. As you pray, ask God to help your child understand that Jesus is the Promised Savior of the world.