

# *Make Disciples– Youth Lessons*

## **Lesson #3 – Getting To Know Jesus**

### **Life Need – Purpose statement**

In this lesson, we will look closer at Jesus to see that He can be trusted with our lives.

### **Biblical references – Scriptural background**

John 1:18

### **Teacher Preparation – Information to know**

For the best effectiveness of this lesson, it should be taught in an intimate setting of one to eight students. In this kind of setting, the students are then looked at as human beings – not just a “class” to move on after getting the correct answers. They each have a value all their own. This even brings them together to become an enabling community – to help each other develop spiritually with his or her own special gifts and resources.

Familiarize yourself with Lessons 3 and 4 in **Following Jesus - Standard B: What Does It Mean To Be “In Christ”?** This will give you background resource to use in teaching this lesson.

Don't forget that the learner perceives truth in various ways through these lessons. As a teacher/instructor/mentor, I must be prepared to accept the fact that my students and discipleship partners may not always understand the truth as I do. If my student is a Christian who is resisting the Holy Spirit in his or her life, there will be problems in accepting the truth I am trying to get across. Also, students who have just accepted Jesus Christ into their lives will still be feeding on the milk, not the meat, of the Word of Truth. We must consider, too, the possibility that my explanation may be less than clear to my students and discipleship partners. Knowing where the individual learners are spiritually is invaluable information for me as a teacher who desires to see spiritual growth. I can then take the Truth to their perspective more accurately.

To draw a learner to examine God's point of view is an exciting part of teaching, instructing and discipling. It is then that we have a chance to see God at work in their lives. When we see God's truth and values becoming a part of the learner's inner character, we can rejoice with God Himself over a student conforming to the image of His Son Jesus Christ.

As you prepare to use the **BibleStoryCards\*** of Jesus life and the **EvangeCube\***, make yourself very familiar with these tools to share God's salvation plan. Never just read word for word, unless you are narrating the story. Make sure that all the students can see the Cards or EvangeCube and can hear clearly.

While you teach these lessons, make eye contact with your students to show them your excitement about the story of Jesus. This will also help you notice if they are grasping the truth's you are sharing. Feel free to interact with students during the lesson at any time.

*\* **BibleStoryCards™** are trading-size cards that help you learn Bible stories easily and apply them to your lives! Each card is colorfully illustrated on the front with the Bible story and review questions written on the back. There are 50 Old Testament BibleStoryCards and 50 New Testament cards. Go to <http://www.wesleyan.org/wph/childrensresources/biblestorycards/biblestorycards.htm> to purchase them.*

*\*The **EvangeCube®** is a seven-panel cube that tells the story of the Gospel of Christ in pictures. Go to [www.jfhp.org](http://www.jfhp.org) for more information and to purchase them.*

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## **Teaching Life – Basic Lifestyle Understanding**

After prayer, use the following BibleStoryCards to talk about Jesus and His God-man image.

- #65 Jairus' Daughter – Mark 5:21-24 and 25-43
- #66 Feeding The 5,000 – John 6:1-13
- #67 Jesus Walking On Water – Matthew 14:22-33
- #68 The Transfiguration – Matthew 17:1-9
- #73 Lazarus – John 11:1-44

Jesus has been described as a God-man. Many people would ask, “How can Jesus be God and at the same time be man?” Jesus basically limited Himself in a human body because He loved us so much. This meant that He had to take time to eat, rest, and attention to clothes and other everyday living experiences. It meant that He had to limit His own use of infinite power. He limited His power to be everywhere at the same time. His life as a man meant He was dependent on the passage of time – something He did not have to do as God. He subjected Himself to living in a sinful environment. He had to use human reasoning to get His message into the minds and hearts of His followers. These restrictions were self-imposed and were His until His resurrection.

With this understanding of Jesus, it becomes very clear that He can be trusted with our personal lives. The more we know and understand Him, the more we can see Him at work in our lives through life's experiences. And the way to know Him more is to study His Word that tells us about Himself.

## **Teaching Truth – Basic Biblical Truth**

Read the following Scripture passages out loud. After each passage, have individual students describe how Jesus can be God and man at the same time.

- John 1:1 – God in the beginning, man in the person of Jesus Christ
- II Corinthians 8:9 – Jesus gave up His fullness as deity for the sake of man
- John 17:5 – Jesus gave up His glory as God to be like man
- Philippians 2:5-8 – Jesus took on the limitations of man even to death
- John 14:7-9 – Jesus told His disciples that when they had seen Him, they see God
- Matthew 1:23 – Jesus is the supreme revelation of God to man
- John 1:14 – Jesus has the glory of being the only begotten son of the Father – we are adopted into His family
- John 1:18 – Jesus is God in flesh and blood (incarnate)

## **Teaching Application – Basic Life Application**

From looking at these Scripture passages, we know Jesus can be trusted because He knows what it feels like to be human. But, because of Jesus being God and man, we need to know Him better through the study of His Word, such as these lessons. Using the EvangeCube, point out the “Daily Steps For Growth” in the last section. Explain these are steps for us to take to grow closer to our friend Jesus.

The steps are:

- Love
- Study
- Pray
- Meet
- Tell

You will find these steps need to be taken in order to understand Jesus as God and man more than ever before. Without these steps, we cannot clearly understand all about Jesus. Your explanation of these steps lead into the next lesson.

Close in Prayer.