

Dayton Women in the Word
Summer Study Children's Lessons
MARK WEEK 2
5-12 YEAR OLDS

MAIN QUESTION: Who is Jesus?

MAIN TRUTH: Jesus is our Teacher, we can listen and believe in Him.

LESSON CONTENT

Last week we learned that Jesus is the Son of God. This week we will be learning about Jesus as our teacher. Because Jesus is God's *Son*, He knows everything about God the *Father*! He came and taught people on Earth all about Himself and about God's Kingdom.

When Jesus was teaching here, His friends and followers called Him Rabbi, which means *teacher*. He taught in many different ways, but **He really liked to teach in stories**. He told a special kind of story called a parable, which is a story that is meant to teach a lesson. Sometimes Jesus taught people by asking them direct questions or starting debates. Today, we are going to look at how Jesus taught and specifically look at how we can see these attributes and use them to trust him more!

For each attribute the teacher will lead the kids in a simple pose and to help them remember.

- Jesus taught with **AUTHORITY**

Pose: Superman pose - hands on hips and wide set legs, tall and proud

When Jesus was traveling with His disciples he encountered many evil spirits - He commanded the spirits to leave and they obeyed. This was very unusual! People could tell there was something different about Jesus, that He had authority. **Authority means to be in charge.**

What that means for us: Jesus is God's Son and God, who is in charge of *everything*, gave Him authority. So we can trust Him, trust what He taught and happily obey Him.

Verse reference: Mark 1:21-22, 27b

- Jesus taught with **WISDOM**

Pose: Tap your head

Jesus often used examples from what we call the Old Testament when He was teaching. He knew the Scriptures, and He knew them very well - He is the Word of God, after all! **Read Mark 8:31-33**. Knowing the Word of God meant that He was able to teach with His mind set on the things of God.

What that means for us: It's important for us to know what the Bible says; wisdom comes from the Word and knowing the Word helps us keep our mind set on things of God. Jesus taught from the Bible because the Bible is the best way that we can get to know God.

Verse reference: 2:25-28, 7:5-8, 11:17, 12:24, 8:31-33, 9:30-32

- Jesus taught with **LOVE**

Pose: Make a heart shape with both hands and hold it over your heart

Read Mark 10:17-22. When the Rich young ruler came to Jesus to ask him what He had to do to live forever, Jesus knew he was going to reject him after He told him he had to give all his things to the poor. Jesus loved him by speaking the truth with kindness and gentleness.

What that means for us: We get to love others, even if they reject Jesus' teachings. If Jesus himself loved people who didn't listen to the truth, we can, too. Example: If you know someone in your family or at school that doesn't believe in Jesus, you can love them by showing them kindness and praying for them.

Verse Reference: 10:17-22

- Jesus taught with **PATIENCE**

Pose: the ASL sign for patience - using your right hand, make a fist with your thumb out, align your thumbnail with your lip and bring your fist straight down to your chin

The disciples were often confused about the things Jesus would say and they asked a lot of questions. A lot of things that Jesus teaches are hard to understand. Jesus would also have debates with the Jewish leaders who were constantly trying to say He was wrong.

What that means for us: Jesus is patient with us when we are afraid and confused. We can come to Him with our questions and doubts! It is okay if we don't understand the things we read in the Bible. We have our whole lives to learn! He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us as we read.

Verse Reference: 12:13-17, 13:4, any of the parables

- Jesus taught with **COMPASSION**

Pose: hug yourself

Compassion means showing someone that you care when they are hurting or need help. Jesus showed compassion for the crowds of 5,000 and 4,000 that came to hear Him

teach. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd and he performed a miracle to feed them with loaves and fishes as well as with the Word of life.

What that means for us: Jesus loves us and has compassion towards us! We are weak and frail. But he is our strength and our provider when we are in need.

Verse Reference: 6:34, 8:2

- Jesus taught with **EXAMPLE / EXPERIENCES**

Pose: cup both hands like your holding something and pretend to show it to the kids or offer them something

Jesus taught the disciples to remember what they had experienced in the past. He reminded them about the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 and how they fed the crowd with only a few loaves and fishes.

What that means for us: Remember the goodness of the Lord! Think about all He has done and what He has provided for you. Remembering what God has done for us in the past helps us to be more sure that he will help us today.

Verse Reference: 8:18-19

- Jesus taught with **PURPOSE**

Pose: exaggerated march like in a parade

Jesus taught the disciples and then sent them out to spread the good news. Remember last week when we talked about Jesus' mission? Jesus's mission on Earth was always to save people. When Jesus taught the disciples He told them to keep up the mission- to go tell the good news about Him to the ends of the Earth so that whoever believes will be saved.

What that means for us: We can't keep the good news to ourselves! Jesus' mission is our mission, too! We get to tell others about Him every chance we get. Anyone who listens, believes, and follows Him can be saved!

Verse Reference: 6:30, 16:15-18

Review the poses and attributes with the class or ask children to volunteer to do each pose. See the chart on the last page of the lesson for reference.

ACTIVITY

Have you ever read a non-fiction book? Non-fiction means that the book is full of true information, usually written to help us learn something new. This summer we are going to collect what we learn about Jesus and put it into a book, just like Mark did! Does anybody know what a non-fiction book about a person is called? (a biography)

As we learn about who Jesus is each week, we will put our learning into this biography. Then at the end of study, you can take it home, show it to people, and be a teacher of God's good news just like Jesus has called you to be!

If we are teaching like Jesus did, what are some things we can put on these pages to show what we are learning about who he is? *Chart these ideas on chart paper or a whiteboard, if available.*

- Important words
- Pictures
- Scripture
- Lists
- Pieces of our ideas...they don't have to be perfect!

Have each child write their name on the cover of the booklet and fill out the first two pages. Think out loud and invite the kids to help and discuss with each other. Remind them that each person's biography might look a little different.

*****Important:** *collect them afterward and keep them throughout the study. Send them home with the kids on week 8. Keep extras on hand for kids who are absent today.*

PRAYER

Invite the children to pray or pray over them:

Thank you Lord for Jesus and the many, many ways we learn from Him. Fill our hearts and minds with the things of God and give us boldness to go and tell of the good news of Jesus!

MARK MEMORY VERSE

Practice the verse together or read it over them:

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

PARENT RESOURCES

1. Sing the memory verse song together.
2. Practice the main truth with motions together.
3. Discuss a time when you taught your child something, or when s/he taught something to a friend, or when somebody taught you something! Talk about what your teacher did that helped you learn best.
4. Read Learning from Jesus, p 134 in "I Am: 40 Reasons to Trust God"
5. Read Filled Full!, p 244 in Jesus Storybook Bible
6. Read Jesus Works Miracles, p 180 in the Jesus Calling Storybook

Poses

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