

Sixth Grade Week 16: Who is Jesus?

What would you tell someone if they asked you who Jesus is?

The lesson today will help you answer the most important question in our life, “Who is Jesus?” And “What does Jesus desire from us?”

Today, you will be able to ask this question and to realize that Jesus wants us to have a personal relationship with him. We need to know who Jesus is to us. Really know him. Not just *about* him. As you do your lesson today please pray that the Holy Spirit helps you to come to know Jesus in a personal way!

God is the Blessed Trinity. This means there is one God in three Persons-God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever wondered what Jesus did when he lived on Earth?

The Incarnation is Jesus becoming human.

The word “Incarnation” is the word we use for Jesus becoming one of us. God sent His Son, Jesus to make a new covenant with us. The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary she would have a son, Jesus. Born in Bethlehem (House of Bread) – the Reason for Christmas

Jesus is truly God because his Father is God. Jesus is also truly Man because Mary is his Mother. Jesus is both truly God and truly man.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This is what we celebrate in Christmas. He grew up in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the Holy Family. Jesus learned to be a carpenter from his father. He learned Bible Stories about people like Moses and David. Just like you are learning about them today (Luke 2:1-20).

Baptism of Jesus

Jesus grew up and was baptized in the River Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-22).

Holy Spirit- As Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit came upon him. God’s voice spoke from Heaven. God said, “You are my beloved Son.”

Ministry of Jesus- Telling people about God and God’s Love. Jesus worked many miracles – healed the sick, gave sight to the blind. When Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God he always taught about forgiveness, mercy and love

Then Jesus went out and preached the Good News. He healed the sick, forgave sins, and worked many miracles. Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God. He taught about God’s mercy.

Jesus Called his Disciples- Jesus had many followers. He chose twelve men to play a special role in the Church. These men are called the Apostles. They followed Jesus and he taught them many things. His teaching changed the world (Luke 4:43).

The accounts of Jesus life are in the Bible. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the Gospels. The Gospels tell us about Jesus life on earth. The word Gospel means “good news.”

Jesus Heals Jesus healed many people. He forgave their sins. He could do this because he was truly God. The Gospels tell us about the people Jesus healed. One story is about a man who could not walk and his friends brought him to Jesus. In the Bible this story is in Mark 2:1-12 Jesus heals the paralyzed Man. Take the time to read the story in the Bible!

Jesus Teaches in Parables

Jesus told stories called parables to teach about God. One parable Jesus told was the story about “The Good Samaritan.” Jesus told this story so we would know how to love one another. Luke 10:30-37 is the parable of the Good Samaritan. Take the time to read the story in the Bible!

Jesus Saves

Jesus saves us from our sin. Jesus came to forgive what we do wrong so we can forever live with God in heaven – which was the plan all along. We get to show how to love and care for others each day in many ways.

Jesus showed how much He loved us when he allowed himself to suffer and die – which is what we mean when we say “Jesus’ Passion

Passion

Jesus took on our sins when he suffered and died on the Cross for us. His suffering is called the Passion.

Resurrection

Three days after Jesus died on the Cross, he rose from the dead. This is the Resurrection.

Ascension

Forty days later, Jesus was taken with his Apostles on a mountaintop. He was taken up in the clouds to his Father in Heaven. This is the Ascension.

Paschal Mystery

The Paschal Mystery is what we call Jesus’ Passion, his Death, his Resurrection, and his Ascension.

Remember Jesus called people to follow him? Jesus Started the Church - Disciples are followers of Jesus – that means **All of Us!**

Jesus chose 12 Disciples to be Leaders – one of the 12 he gave the role of leading the 12 – he did this when he said to Peter that he is to be the rock on which Jesus will build his Church – which is all of us who believe in Jesus. Peter was the first Leader – the Pope is the Church’s Leader who follows in Peter’s footsteps.

Jesus needs everyone in the Church to work together to spread the Good News! To tell people about Jesus!

After the Resurrection Jesus kept on teaching the Apostles and they became the leaders of the Church. He breathed on them and said “Receive the Holy Spirit who gives you the power to forgive sins.” This is why we go to our priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pentecost

We all need help each day in some way. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be a helper to us in all we say and do for Him.

The Holy Spirit came to the followers of Jesus in a very special way on a special day we call “Pentecost.”

After the Holy Spirit came, disciples of Jesus went all over the world telling everyone about Him and what He means for us.

Mission and Ministry (work) of Jesus Today

The Apostles spread the Gospel. They spread the Good News of Jesus! We are all called to spread the Good News to our friends and families today just like the Apostles did! As members of the Church we are all the Body of Christ!

Go and Make Disciples of All Nations!