

To the Teacher

The information below is to help you in teaching the lesson. DO NOT read this page to the students. Instead, teach the information in your own words. Be sure to finish the student's lesson as well. The Scripture references in parentheses are for additional study, to round out the information given in the lesson. Become familiar with these passages as well, to provide additional Scriptures to your students.

Lesson 2 – God, The Son (Teacher's Lesson)

Open: Discuss some ways that the members of your class do and don't act like their parents. Explain that our parents affect and have influenced much of our conduct (behavior). Sometimes we imitate them, sometimes we rebel against them, but they are a part of who we are. The Bible calls Jesus "The Son of God," and Jesus called himself "the Son of Man." Both of these titles give us important information about who Jesus is.

Jesus, the Son of God

Study Notes:

2 John 1:3

Jesus is His Father's Son. Because of His presence in our lives, truth and love are always with us. Jesus came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14). God demonstrated His love for us when He sent His Son (1 John 4:9)

Psalm 2:7

This verse was found in the book of Hebrews (Hebrews 1:5) as confirmation of the deity of Christ. Jesus was more than just a man. He was God "made flesh.

Colossians 1:15,19

Jesus is not a part of God. He is one with Him. He is not just essentially similar, **but equal**.

John 10:30-33

Some say that Jesus himself didn't claim to be God, but this verse contradicts that thinking. By indicating that He and the Father are one, He indicated that He was God. The Jews realized this, and this is the reason they wanted to kill Him. They understood what He was claiming, they simply chose not to believe Him.

Summary: Jesus being the Son of God means that all the fullness of God exists (and has always existed) in the person of Jesus.

Jesus, Son of Man

Study Notes:

Luke 19:10

Jesus demonstrated His humanity in this passage in His compassion for Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus stands in the place of all of us who, at one time or another, were lost without Christ. Jesus waits for us to invite Him to dwell in our hearts.

Mark 10:45

In this passage, Jesus is encouraging His disciples to be servants. He uses Himself as an example, explaining that He came to give His life for us. His humanity goes hand in hand with His humility.

Philippians 2:6-11

Fill in the blanks:

Jesus is God in His very nature.

Jesus made Himself a servant, in human likeness.

Jesus was obedient, even to death on a cross.

Jesus shows the best of His humility in this passage. Even though He is completely God, He didn't insist on His own rights or comfort. He humbled himself in a way that He could become like us. This was the only way to know Him. Not only this, but He allowed the supreme sacrifice of His life and experienced something that God had never experienced – death. The death of a common criminal, no less.

Summary: Jesus being the Son of Man means that he is aware of all our weaknesses and brokenness and still loves us (Hebrews 1:18, 4:15-16).

Application:

Share and ask people to share and write down at least one action or attitude from their lives that will be changed as Christ makes us in His image. Ask participants to mark or write down the date of this lesson, and refer back to it, to notice how God changes us over time.

Lesson 2 – God, the Son

Child of Your Parents

List below some ways that you are or are not like your parents.

Like



Unlike

His Father's Son

There are many passages that describe Jesus as the Son of God. Read the verses below and see what they have to say about Jesus being God.

2 John 1:3 –

Psalm 2:7 –

Colossians 1:15-19 –

John 10:30-33 –

We can see in these verses that Jesus was and is completely God. Although He is distinct from the Father in person, he is nevertheless essentially one with Him. And at the same time, Jesus is completely human. He has experienced each part of what it means to be human, with the exception of one thing – He has never sinned.

His Mother's Son

One of Jesus' favorite titles for Himself was "Son of Man." I believe He used this title very often to demonstrate that, while He was completely God, He identified completely with us. Read the verses below and see what they have to say about the humanity of Jesus.

Luke 19:10 –

Mark 10:45 –

Philippians 2:6-11 is possibly a section of an old Christian hymn that talks about the humility of Christ and His sacrifice for us. Read and meditate on these verses and fill in the blanks below.

Jesus is _____ in His very nature.

Jesus made Himself a _____ in _____ likeness.

Jesus was obedient, even to _____ on a _____.

Jesus was completely God, and completely man. He held the energy of the universe in His hand, but he allowed those same hands to be pierced by our sins. Romans 8:29 says this:

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

Jesus is God's Son, and this special relationship extends to those who put their faith in Him. Each Christian is His brother (or sister) and each of us will one day be conformed to His image. How will knowing this change your actions and attitudes this week?

Scripture to Memorize:

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Galatians 4:4-5