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## **JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD**

### **Memory Verse:**

If you love me, you will obey my commands. (John 14:15 NCV)

### **Lesson Goals:**

#1 - Understand how extraordinary Jesus is

#2 - Discover what obedience led Jesus to do

#3 - Desire to let God do extraordinary things in the life of the ordinary student

### **Audience:**

Young, un-churched learners

Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

### **Scripture to Study:**

Luke 4:14-21

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## **JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD**

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Who can tell me what a hero is? A hero is someone who is courageous and brave and compassionate. There are heroes and heroines in the Bible. All of them are brave and courageous and more, but not in the way you would expect.

**Our hero:** Jesus

**His Heroic Feat:** Obeys God completely and lives a sinless life

Obeying God completely and living a sinless life may not sound very heroic, but let's look at the facts and see what you think when you have heard the whole story!

In our last lesson we talked about John. John didn't seek attention for himself. He pointed people to the Christ. The Christ, or Messiah, is the One God promised to send to set His people free. John realized that Jesus was the One God had promised.

John had the opportunity to baptize Jesus. Jesus was baptized, not because he was leaving a sinful life behind, but out of obedience to God. After Jesus had been baptized, the Holy Spirit led him into the desert where the devil tempted Him for forty days! Then, "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit and stories about Him spread all through the area." (Luke 4:14 NCV) Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath (Saturday). This was not some special event, though. Jesus went there every Sabbath day. Jesus stood up to read in the synagogue and He was handed the book of Isaiah. Jesus found a passage and read it. He read, "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me to tell the Good News to poor people. He has sent Me to announce freedom for prisoners. He has sent Me so that the blind will see again. He wants Me to free those who are beaten down. And He has sent Me to announce the year when He will set His people free." (Luke 4:18-19 NIV)

Jesus quoted from the book of Isaiah, but He was announcing Himself as God's Son, the One who would make the verses come true! And just as it would happen over and over again after that, some were amazed at the power of His speech, but others were angered. Some were so angered, because they wouldn't believe, that they forced Jesus out of town.

Jesus, in His short life here on earth, fulfilled this passage from Isaiah. Jesus shared the Good News that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Anyone who believed in Him wouldn't perish, instead they would have eternal life. He didn't just tell the Good News to poor people who knew they needed money. He also shared with those who were poor in spirit and knew they needed God. Jesus healed the blind, but He also healed the sick and the lame. He even raised the dead. Jesus announced freedom for prisoners. And yes, chains were broken and prison doors

were opened, but freedom was also offered in a different, even more important way. Jesus offered deliverance and liberty, but from what? From anything that separates us from God.\* This deliverance doesn't come with unlimited freedom to do whatever we want to, though. It comes about by "new birth," a change that takes place when we put our faith in Jesus as the Son of God.\* This new birth gives us "the ability to have power over sin."\*

Jesus is our greatest example of a life lived well. Jesus obeyed God in everything He did. The Bible tells us that Jesus "was tempted in every way that we are, but He did not sin." (Hebrews 4:15b NCV) Just because a tempting thought comes into your head doesn't mean you have to sin by doing whatever it is you are tempted to do. Have you ever tried not to sin? Sometimes it seems that the more we try not to, the more we actually sin. How did Jesus do it? He loved God, so He put Him first. He cared more about pleasing God than doing what He wanted to do. Because Jesus was tempted like we are, He understands our weakness. He says, "If you love Me, you will obey My commands." (John 14:15 NCV)

Do you love God? Have you accepted the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, and begun a relationship with Him? If you are not sure, let's talk about how you can know for sure. And if you are sure about your relationship with God and your love for Him, is it evident in your obedience? Jesus was tempted and chose not to sin. You may be saying, "Well yes, but He is God, of course He didn't sin." Remember, Jesus was in a human body like ours, with all of its weakness. He could have sinned. Did you know that whenever you are tempted to sin, there is always a way to escape from it? Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Thank God for the example of Jesus' life . . . showing us how to live once we have been delivered from sin.

\*Zodhiates, Spiros, Th.D. "The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament." AMG Publishers. Chattanooga. 1992. p. 296.

### **YOU CAN BE A HERO, TOO!**

When you live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, you don't have to leap tall buildings to be a hero. Jesus obeyed God completely and lived a sinless life. Jesus is the ultimate example of how to live.

Jesus said "If you love me, you will obey my commands." (John 14:15 NCV) Our love for Him and our obedience to Him are tied together. You can't have one without the other. So, how are you doing? Do you need to talk to God and confess where you have failed? Ask for His help; He is able to keep us from falling. Jude 1:24.



**NEXT WEEK**  
Andrew

# PRE-SCHOOL!

## LESSON

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These verses were about Jesus. He was the One who would make them come true. Jesus shared the Good News that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Anyone who believed in Him wouldn't perish, instead they would have eternal life. Jesus healed the blind, but He also healed the sick and the lame. He even raised the dead. Jesus announced freedom for prisoners. And yes, chains were broken and prison doors were opened, but Jesus died on the cross for your sin and my sin. He did it to offer us freedom from sin. He did it so that we could live a new life.

Jesus is our greatest example of how to live. Jesus obeyed God in everything He did. The Bible tells us that Jesus "was tempted in every way that we are, but He did not sin." (Hebrews 4:15b NCV) Just because a bad thought comes into your head doesn't mean you have to do it. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey My commands." (John 14:15 NCV)

Do you love God? Will you show Him by obeying Him? What are some ways that you can obey God?

# ACTIVITIES!

- Memory Verse Activity - Make scrolls from craft paper rolled around sticks or dowel rods. Write the memory verse on the scroll. Be sure to include the Scripture reference.
- Continue adding heroes' names and heroic feats to your "Heroes Banner."
- Sing "I've Got a River of Life," "Come Ye Sinners," "Just As I Am," "Awesome God," "In Christ Alone," or other praise songs related to the lesson.
- Provide coloring pages of Jesus reading in the temple, healing the blind man, with Nicodemus, and of His return.
- **For more training:** There is so much more in the life of Christ that could have been covered. As time permits, review Luke 4:18-19 and fill in each statement with a story from the Bible. For example: Preach Good news to poor-Matthew 5:1-19, Announce freedom for prisoners-Acts 5:12-32, Blind will see again-John 9:1-9, 35-41, free those who are beaten down-John 3:1-21, Announce year when He will set His people free-Matthew 24:1-14, 29-31, 36, 42.
- **For more training:** Read Luke 4:18-19. Verse 19 is a reference to the year of jubilee. Read Leviticus 25. These are rules to be observed every fifty years, but they point to what Christ will do for us at His coming. Listen to Michael Card's song "Jubilee."
- **For more training:** Look more closely at how we are slaves to sin in need of a Savior. Read John 8:31-47.
- **For more training:** Reread Luke 4:18, focusing on the first phrase "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me." Discuss the mention of the trinity in this verse that Jesus chose. The Spirit (God the Holy Spirit), The Lord (God the Father), Me (God the Son, Jesus).

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# HERO TRAINING!

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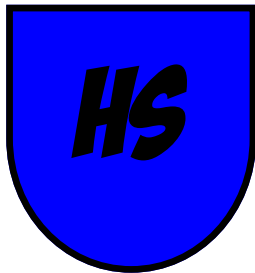
**Our Hero:** \_\_\_\_\_

What did our hero do that was so heroic? \_\_\_\_\_

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What can you do to be a **Hero of the Faith**? \_\_\_\_\_

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What power do Heroes of the Faith possess?

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Do you have the power? \_\_\_\_\_

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Jude 1:24. What do you learn from these verses that can help you the next time you are tempted? \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you crack the code to find the Hidden Message?  
Decipher the code below by reading it backwards from the end.  
Write your answer in the spaces below.



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WORD

SEARCH!

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D P E H T H E A T G U Q E  
N E C W S D W S H X N O D  
E C N A R E V I L E D Q N  
W S I K I N G M R R X E S  
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# WORD

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