

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 27

Jesus is the Christ

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Younger Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

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Peter answered, "You are the Christ sent from God!" "The Christ" means the chosen One sent from God to save the people. Peter believed that Jesus was God's Son. And he was right!

But Jesus warned His disciples that many people did not believe in Him. He told them that He was going to suffer and die on the cross. He also told them that He would raise from the dead three days later.

Then, Jesus explained what it takes to be His follower. He said, "If people want to follow me, they must give up the things they want. They must be willing to give up their lives daily to follow me." He went on to say that those who try to keep their life for themselves will lose it, but those who give up their life for Jesus will find true life.

We are to follow Jesus' example. Jesus did not think about Himself or what would be most comfortable for Him. He gave up His life for all people so that we can be saved. We may not have to die for Jesus, but we can live for Him.

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Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus told His disciples what it means for follow Him

Learn that God told the three disciples that Jesus is His Son

Understand that we must give up what we want to follow Jesus

Peter and the other disciples had been asleep, and when they woke up they saw Jesus and the two other men. They were so excited they didn't know what to do or say! Peter suggested that they make three tents—one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

But while Peter was talking, a cloud came and covered them, and they were afraid. Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the One I have chosen. Listen to Him!" When the voice was gone, Jesus and the disciples were alone again.

Peter had already stated that Jesus is the Christ sent from God. Now he had heard the voice of God confirming this. Not only that, but God commanded the disciples to listen to Jesus! If we believe that Jesus is God's Son, we will listen to His words and follow them.

Do you believe, like Peter, that Jesus is God's Son? Do you believe that He died on the cross for your sins and rose from the dead three days later? If so, have you committed your life to follow Him? Only when we give Jesus our life can we have eternal life.

If you have accepted Christ, are you living for Him each day?

Review Questions

1. Who did the people say Jesus was? (Some said John the Baptist, some said Elijah, and others said one of the prophets.)
2. Who did Peter say Jesus was? ("You are the Christ sent from God!")
3. Jesus said that people who want to follow Him have to do what? (Give up the things they want and follow Him daily.)
4. Who did the three disciples see with Jesus on the mountain? (Moses and Elijah)
5. What did God say about Jesus? ("This is my Son, the One I have chosen. Listen to Him!")

Life Application

We like to follow Jesus when everything is going well. When we are worshipping God and we feel His presence, nothing can stop us from loving Jesus. But what about during the difficult times when life gets hard? What happens when our friends make bad choices and they want us to join them? It isn't as easy to follow Jesus then. But it is so worth it!

Following Jesus in the tough times makes us closer to Him. He will give us more strength as we choose to follow Him even when no one else is. We have to stand up for Jesus or we will fall for anything!

Planning for Lesson 28
Be Like Little Children
Luke 9:46-48; 10:21-24

Preschool Lesson for Jesus is the Christ

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**Hands-on Activities
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God came down in a cloud and spoke to the disciples. Bring cotton balls and make “clouds” by gluing them to construction paper in the shape of a cloud.

Jesus became very “shiny.” Have the kids draw a picture of Jesus. Bring glitter and have them glue it to Jesus’ clothes.

Play a fun game of “Who am I?” with the kids. Let them take turns choosing a character and letting others guess who it is. If needed, you can write objects on index cards or tape pictures to cards for each person to use.

Ask the kids to make a picture telling who Jesus is to them. Each person can draw a picture of what they think of Jesus or they can write words that describe who Jesus is to them.

Sing the song “We Have Come into His House, and gathered in His name to worship Him.” The second verse says, “So forget about yourself, and concentrate on Him, and worship Him.” Remind students that this is what Jesus told us to do.

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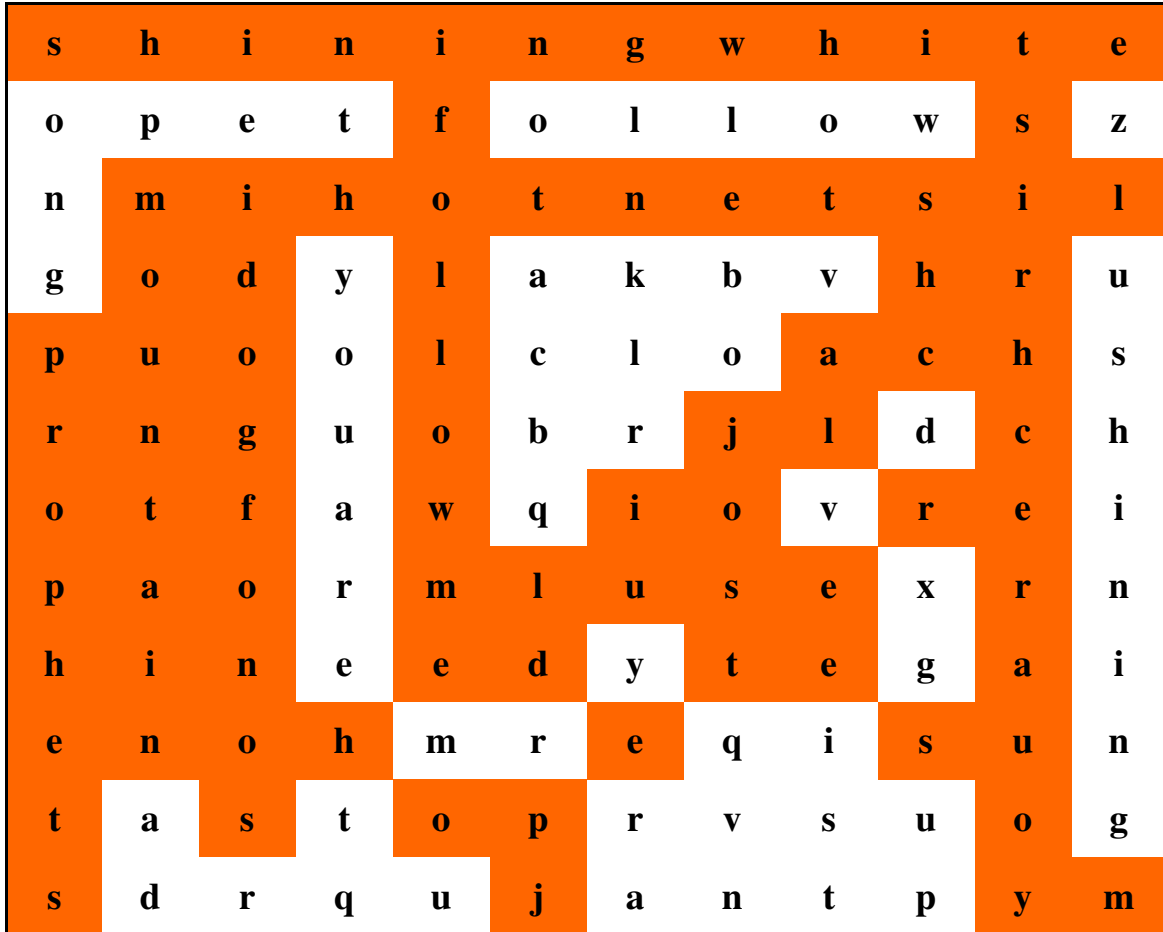
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