

Parenting with PURPOSE



Unit 3:1: Jesus is Fully God

Jesus Christ is both God and the Son of God. Jesus had to be fully God to save us from our sins, because only God is without sin.

Memory Verse: John 10:30

Lesson Objectives:

- JESUS IS BOTH GOD AND THE SON OF GOD. Believe that Jesus is both God and the Son of God and that He has always been alive.
- JESUS IS THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF GOD. Study the ways Jesus showed He is God when He lived on Earth and explain what it means for Jesus to be exactly like His Father, God.
- JESUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ALIVE. Understand that Jesus was alive before He was born a human.
- JESUS CAN SAVE US FROM SIN. Trust that only Jesus can save us from our sins because HE is God and without sin.

Talk about it:

- What does it mean that Jesus is the exact imprint or image of God?
- True or False? Jesus has been alive forever because He is God.
- Why did Jesus have to be fully God to save us from our sins?
- What can you do to show that you believe Jesus is God?



Encouragement for you:

Knowing that Jesus is God (John 10:30) gives us the confidence to believe completely in all that He said and did in the Bible. Jesus was more than just a nice man who taught about God, He is God! This week as you face difficult moments, be encouraged that you can rely on Jesus, who is God, as a source of truth and authority in your life.

T&T Announcements

Family Activity: Exact Imprint

What You'll Need:

Ink pads, sheets of card stock, markers, wet wipes, magnifying glass, patterns for fingerprint art (optional)

PREP: Place ink pads, markers and wet wipes on a table. Gather several magnifying glasses to use during the activity. (*Optional: Search online for directions for creating artwork from fingerprints.*)

STEP 1: Give each child a sheet of card stock and ask the kids to stand around the table. Encourage them to press their fingers and hands into the ink pads to make fingerprints and handprints on their card stock. The kids may use wet wipes to clean their hands. (*Optional: As time allows, encourage the kids to make funny artwork from their prints.*)

STEP 2: Pass out magnifying glasses and ask the kids to look carefully at their fingerprints and then at the fingerprints of the other kids. Share these fun facts about our fingerprints with them:

- A. Each person has a unique set of fingerprints. No one's fingerprints are exactly like yours.
- B. Detectives often search crime scenes for fingerprints that may help them solve a crime.
- C. Fingerprints are made from tiny sweat glands that secrete oil and salt through miniscule pores in your finger surfaces.
- D. Your fingerprints began to develop on your finger while you were in your mother's womb.
- E. You leave fingerprints on everything you touch.

STEP 3: Explain to the kids that Jesus is the *express image* of God. (Hold up a child's set of fingerprints.) Just as the prints on the card stock are the exact same fingerprints as the prints on (child's name) fingers, Jesus is the **EXACT MATCH** of His Father, God. That's because Jesus is God too. He is just like His Father.

STEP 4: Share the following concepts:

- A. Because Jesus is God, He is pure, righteous, holy — without sin. Only a perfect God could provide the perfect payment for sin. No human could do that because that human would have to be the perfect payment for his or her own sins and all humans are sinful. We cannot be perfect.
- B. Since Jesus is both God and God's Son, He is the **ONLY** one who could ever take the punishment for sin. However, no one forced Him to do so. Jesus willingly chose to be the perfect payment for sin. He chose to die for sin on the cross because of His great love for us.
- C. Since Jesus was the perfect and only acceptable payment for sin, we must trust that He paid for our sins on the cross. If we trust in Jesus as Savior, we are purified from sin. That means God has washed away, or forgiven, all our sin — past, present and future — and we are freed from the penalty of sin.