



Jesus the Lord

OBJECTIVE

To help groups understand and experience Jesus Christ as the only Son of the living God and the Lord of heaven and earth.

FOCUS THIS WEEK

Jesus Christ claimed to be the Son of God. He said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father," and "I and the Father are one." What does this mean for teens who may be sampling/comparing different religions and different religious leaders? Why is Jesus so special? Don't let anyone leave this session without being confronted by this truth: All other religious leaders died and turned to dust. Jesus rose from the dead and lives. Jesus is Lord. This means he is your Lord. That's a fact.

FAITH5 SMALL GROUP TIME



SHARE highs and lows to set the stage for a more open and meaningful discussion. Pair group members up one-on-one to share the best and worst things that happened this week. After a short while, return to small group and invite each person to share their partner's highs and lows. Encourage youth to write their personal highs and lows, those of their partner, and a short prayer on their FAITH5 Small Group Time Handout.



READ and highlight the theme verse, Joel 2:32, in your Bibles and circle key words. A musical version of this Scripture verse can be found at www.faithink.com, FINKlink AC06.



TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to today's highs and lows. Supplement your discussion with some of the following.

A. IMAGES IN WORDS AND ART

Take a look at the theme art and cartoons. What do you see in the art? Ask youth where they are in the art. How might the art and the theme verse apply to your group highs and lows today?

B. CATECHISM ENCOUNTER

Scan Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and circle the verbs that show what the Lord Jesus did for you. Write them here: Accept and affirm all thoughtful answers.

C. QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Some cultures still use the title “Lord.” What is a Lord? The dictionary definition is “a man of renowned power or authority.”

2. If someone asked you, “Who is the Lord Jesus?” how would you respond? Accept and affirm all thoughtful answers. Stress that Jesus was with God from the foundation of the world (John 1), that he lived a perfect life, was crucified for our sake and rose from the dead.

3. The term “Lord” refers to having power or dominion or rule over something. Over what does Jesus have dominion? Accept and affirm all thoughtful answers. Jesus is Lord of love and over death. The example of Jesus confronting the Pharisees about Sabbath Day practices proves he came to complete the law by bringing love. The ultimate example of dominion is Jesus’ death and resurrection. Death bowed down to God’s grace-filled love.

D. QUOTATIONS Ask youth to choose a quotation and share their thoughts and questions about it.

E. TERMS OF THE WEEK Review these key terms and write definitions.

Christ: Greek word meaning “anointed one.” The deliverer or Savior sent by God.

Disciple: One who accepts the foundation and teachings of Christ and assists in the teaching.

Messiah: Hebrew word meaning “anointed one.” The deliverer or Savior sent by God.

Lord: One having dominion over others; a ruler or master.

Saved: To set free from the consequences of sin—to redeem.

F. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Servant Event Idea: Many communities have an organization called “Meals on Wheels” or “Jesus Delivers.” If you haven’t already done so (and, even if you have) get your small group to plan on a day or week to help deliver meals. This would be a good event to invite families to participate. If you don’t have Meals on Wheels, ask your pastor to suggest someone in the congregation who needs meals prepared and provided.

2. FAITH5 Home Huddle: Encourage youth to take a few minutes for FAITH5 with their families each night at home, using the FAITH5 Journals or the Home Huddle Handout.

G. WRAP UP Summarize the event with your group, assigning someone to share what you learned at closing.

- One new thing we learned today
- One thing we already knew that is worth repeating
- One thing we would like to know more about
- The highest highs and lowest lows which our group will bring to the closing prayer



PRAY

for one another. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Include your friend’s highs and lows in your prayers. Toss a newspaper into the center of the group or invite youth to think of something going on in the world that calls for prayer. **Tip:** Gather in a circle. Hold hands, lock arms or go shoulder-to-shoulder to bond your group!



BLESS

one another by name. Trace a cross on each hand or forehead. Look them in the eyes and give them a smile. As for their blessing as well!



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