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Lesson One WHO IS JESUS?

1. Christianity revolves around one person, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the most unique person in history. For Christians, Jesus Christ is the most important person in history. Jesus should be our Savior, Lord and friend. What makes Jesus important? **Read Luke 2:8-11.**

2. Jesus made statements about his unique identity. What did Jesus say about himself? **Read and discuss John 4:25-26, John 8:58, and John 10:31.**

3. Jesus' followers made statements about him. What did other people say about Jesus? **Read and discuss John 1:1, 14, John 5:18, John 20:25-28, and Colossian 1:15-18.**

4. Jesus is radically unique. What makes Jesus radically unique? **Read and discuss Matthew 1:25, 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 1:15-23, and Hebrews 12:2.**



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5. Jesus came for a purpose. Why did Jesus come to this earth? **Read and discuss Luke 19:10, John 10:10, 28, and 1 John 3:8.**

Reflection Question: What does “Jesus being your best friend” mean to you?

Assignment: Read, discuss, and meditate on the lyrics to *“Jesus is All the World to Me.”*

Verse 1 Jesus is all the world to me:
My life, my joy, my all.
He is my strength from day to day;
Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad, to Him I go;
No other one can cheer me so.
When I am sad, He makes me glad;
He’s my Friend.

Verse 2 Jesus is all the world to me,
My Friend in trials sore.
I go to Him for blessings, and
He gives them o’er and o’er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain;
He sends the harvest’s golden grain:
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain—
He’s my Friend.

Verse 3 Jesus is all the world to me,
And true to Him I’ll be.
Oh, how could I this Friend deny
When He’s so true to me?
Following Him I know I’m right;
He watches o’er me day and night.
Following Him by day and night,
He’s my Friend.

Verse 4 Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend.
I trust Him now; I’ll trust Him when
Life’s fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a Friend;
Beautiful life that has no end!
Eternal life, eternal joy,
He’s my Friend.



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Lesson Two What A Friend

1. Apart from a relationship with Jesus, people are hopeless sinners (**Read and discuss Isaiah 59:2, Luke 15, and Romans 3:23**). Who are people apart from Jesus?

2. Jesus initiates a loving friendship with everyone (**Read and discuss John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 6:23, 10:1, 9-10**). How does Jesus initiate a relationship with humanity?

3. Knowing Jesus better should be the priority of every Christian (**Read and discuss Philippians 3:10-11, 2 Peter 1:3**). How does knowing Jesus enable us to accept Jesus as our best friend? What is the difference in knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus? How can we relate to Jesus as a best friend?

4. Jesus described Lazarus of Bethany as a friend (**Read and discuss Luke 10:38-42, John 11:11**). What kind of friendship did Jesus have with Lazarus and his sisters? List and discuss (5-7) qualities of a good friendship.



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5. Shortly before his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus called his disciples friends (**Read John 15:13-15**). Why did Jesus call his disciples friends? How can we relate to Jesus as our very best friend? What do you need to do to grow in your friendship with Jesus?

Reflection Question: What prevents you from relating to Jesus as your best friend? How can you get beyond those issues?

Assignment: Read, discuss, and meditate on the lyrics to *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”*

Verse 1 What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.



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Lesson Three

Becoming BFF with Jesus Christ

1. Jesus wants to be your best friend (**Proverbs 18:25, Romans 5:8**). How does Jesus demonstrate a willingness to be your best friend? What are the qualities of a best friend?

2. Friendship with Jesus is based on GRACE (**Read Ephesians 2:8-9**). Discuss the concept of grace versus legalism in our relationship with Jesus.

3. Friendship with Jesus is a continuously developing dynamic with Him (**Read Colossians 2:6-7**). How do we grow in our relationship with Jesus? What are signs of growth in your relationship with Jesus?

4. Friendship with Jesus involves a willingness to listen to Him (**Read John 10:27-30**). How do you listen to a friend?



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5. Friendship with Jesus involves the investment of time (**Revelation 3:20**). How can you spend time with Jesus as a friend?

Reflection Questions: What new concepts did you learn about Jesus this week?

Assignment: Read, reflect, and meditate on the lyrics to *“Yes, Jesus Loves Me.”*

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! loves me still,
When I'm very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high,
Comes to watch me where I lie.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
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