

*Dear parents and grandparents. Thank-you for looking at this. I realize that some are busier than ever, and others have more time. Take whatever you can out of this. Maybe it is just watching the video links or colouring the bible verse page. This is written to span from adults to teens to little kids, so for the the littlest ones, watch the videos and ask a few questions about the video, act out a scene, colour. **The questions are in bold.** For the older ones, have a conversation about the content. Ask questions. Listen to the answers. For the oldest, study what is beyond here, look up verses, memorize, look up the locations mentioned on a map.*

Good day, everyone!

What day did you get this lesson?

Is it Sunday, or is it Wednesday School?

It doesn't matter.

Why is there Sunday School?

Fun Facts

Sabbath. God, out of his love, said that one day in seven, a person shouldn't work, their employees don't work, and their oxen don't work. (They had no tractors then.)

When the Jews were slaves in Egypt, they would not have been given Sabbath. They would have been working every day.

Learning about life with God was once part of normal school. It was known that everything operated within the world of God. Bunsen burner experiments, theology, history, poetry, physics, bible classes and volcanoes were all learned with God in school.

Once it was taken out of normal school, learning about God's action became a separate part of life. Instead of 7 days a week, life with God dwindled down to one day. It doesn't have to be that way.

You can be an elementary student, a store clerk or a biologist with Jesus, 7 days a week. You will flourish.

Are you doing school with God?

Are you washing dishes with God?

Walking puppies and having a conversation with God?

Are you changing your mind about someone, with God?

God is ready to be with you and is closer to you than your big toe or left ear.



We branded about 175 calves yesterday. We had waaaay less people. It was a good day. I poked myself with the vaccination needles 3 times. I was running two needles whereas we usually have two people, running one needle each. Because there were less people, I had no head on collisions.

I missed having you come out to branding. Working with others, creating, and eating together, is part of the plan God has for us. And your neighbor may not even realize it, but he gets goodness from proximity to God's Kingdom.

What things do you like doing with other people?

What activities are way better when you have someone with you?

Do: *Guys, let's sit tall!*

Imagine a hula hoop. Everything you are ruling over is in that hula hoop, that is your kingdom.

Ask: What do you rule over?

Messy bedrooms, my angriest inside thoughts, my puppy's food, and my time spent watching videos, the specific ways I show love for my grandparents, helping mum at supper.

Do: Bounce to the right! (Did you just fall out of your chair?)

You can take everything you are in charge of, into God's marvelous kingdom; it is here right now, closer than our brains. We were made to do life with God. This includes school work. Experiment with inviting God into everything you do. Try it. He won't be offended. He loves being with you.

What will you invite him into?

We can be in conversation with God about what he and I are doing together, that is what prayer is.

Pray: Talk with God. If you pray to Jesus, he *will* come sit right down beside you and listen.

Early Life of Jesus.

Let's look at **last week's** lesson video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7plJa_qnVug

Jesus' mum, Mary, asked Jesus make more wine at the wedding party. *No doubt Jesus would have enjoyed the chicken dance.*

Why was Mary so sure Jesus could produce wine?

Jesus told his Mum, not yet, but Mary had full confidence in him, and told the servers to do whatever Jesus told them to do. She expected him to make more wine, and was confident in him.

Skip to part A for younger kids, this gets long.

Mary knew God. When an Angel told Mary she was going to have a son, the King who will be with all people, Mary had confidence in God. She trusted God, based on a life with God and the history of the Jewish people. She was used to interacting with God before Jesus was born. Luke 1: 28-80.

Speaking of when Jesus was born, he was born in a barn. Slept in a manger. While people were expecting a stunning King with wealth, and armies to save them, what they got was a little boy.

And because King Herod felt threatened by him, he sent Magi out to find Jesus location so he could kill him. Jesus was a wanted man, while he was still a baby

God acted in Mary and Joseph's family as he protected them by speaking to Joseph in dreams. They went to Egypt and then finally to Nazareth in Galilee.

They stayed with God, God stayed with them. God loved them.

PART A

What do you think Jesus did when he was a boy?

Let kids give ideas. The regular things, playing with friends, sticks, stones, little sailboats, and pets.

He was a little boy full of wisdom and God's action.

When Jesus was about 12 years old, his family left him behind in Jerusalem after the Feast of the Passover. They found him in the temple sitting with the teachers, happily asking and answering questions. Luke 2:41-52

Watch Left behind at the temple video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1Kmc1X2aOo>

Why was the family in Jerusalem?

How could the parents have gone without knowing their son was missing?

Where was Jesus found?

Do you think Jesus may have helped the teachers think about their thinking?

Do you think Jesus liked people?

Discussion:

Jesus had a history of perfect trust and community with his Father and the Holy Spirit. So he was confident to come into our world and join us. He brought with him the light of God.

Even though he was a little boy, he had wisdom. Knowing that God was with him, he could easily and happily converse with the religious teachers, and play with friends.

We too can have God with us, from brushing our teeth in the morning to sleeping at night.

God loves children, and it is no surprise he sent his son as a baby to be with us, as one of us, which set the stage for deliverance from ourselves into his action, now.

A fun video, Jesus was like us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7A8CL2aH10>

Little Ideas, and a Little Logic

Jesus grew in wisdom and was trusted by God and by the people around him.

What's the difference between being **smart** and having **wisdom**?

People can be smart yet have no wisdom.

Smart : Someone with amazing intellect, a math whiz, or great with words.

Wisdom: When a whole life *acts* together with knowledge.

Example: A smart person may spend more than they have and always have credit card debt.

A wise person, would become the kind of person who spends, saves and gives based on knowledge of their whole life.

Intellect should be celebrated and encouraged.

You don't have to be smart to be wise.

A smart person can be wise. A smart person is not necessarily wise.



Bible Challenge:

Find John 2:41-52

Race with someone. Bibles and pages everywhere!

Read it. Think about the words as you read it.

Experiment

What you need: plastic wrap, a bowl, 10 grains of uncooked rice or little lentils, 2 plastic pop bottle or cans

Take a bowl and wrap plastic wrap tightly over the top. Also as I am freshly minted homemaker I have learned that some of these wraps only stick to glass bowls. I am looking at you Cling wrap.

Do you think sound can move something?

Place 10 rice on the surface of the plastic wrap.

Put ear protection on. Just kidding. Only I'm not a fan of noise so...

Bang the pop bottle together near the bowl.



Watch them jump!

The sound that the plastic bottles make transmits through the air in waves and causes the plastic wrap to vibrate, bouncing the rice up and down.



He who acquires
wisdom loves life. ♡
The one who protects
understanding will
find good. ☀

Proverbs 19:8 paraphrase α



