

Three Year Old Class

New Testament

Segment: 2 Jesus Begins God's Work

Lesson #: 1-2

Lesson Title: John Teaches

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-20

Memory Work:

Teacher Asks: Why did Jesus come to Earth?

Student Answers: John 6:38 Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven not to do My will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me."

Goals and Objectives:

The children will learn that:

- *John prepared the way for the coming Messiah.
- *John drew others to him and shared God's truth about repentance and baptism.
- *John lived a simple and humbly focused life in service to God.
- *John taught people should help the poor with clothing and food.
- *John taught people should treat each other fair, just, and not lie.
- *John was sent to prison because he courageously told Herod he was sinning.

Application from Lesson:

1. We can tell others the truth about repenting and being baptized.
2. We should share, be fair with others, and not lie.
3. We should have the courage to tell someone they are doing wrong.

Materials Needed:

Bibles

Children's bible with story or story cards

Picture of John the Baptist on cardstock (one for each child)

"Furry" material (or animal patterned paper) cut out like a vest to fit picture of John the Baptist, and a vinyl belt

Copy of the story to send home

Faux fur coat for children to wear

Belt

Order of Activities and Songs:

1. Allow each student to say memory verse upon entering class.
2. Have pre-class activity ready to work on.
3. Open class with prayer. Let students take a turn praying.
4. Have children take turns saying the first 4 books of the New Testament.
5. Sing the New Testament song.
6. Read a story about John the Baptist. Make sure the children understand what it means to be baptized.
7. Have children do craft: glue on John's "camel hair" coat and belt.
8. Have children put on John's coat and belt and preach to the other children, saying "Repent and be baptized". (You can take a picture of each child to go in book that you can give them later.)
9. Review the story again and ask key questions:
 - Who did John the Baptist prepare the way for?
 - What did John say people should do?
10. If there is time, let children do a coloring page.
11. Send home a copy of the story for parents to review with their child.

Explanation of Craft:

Lesson 1: Have each child color their picture of John the Baptist and then glue on his coat and belt. While doing this, ask some review questions about John.

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Lesson #: 3-4**Lesson Title:** Jesus is Baptized

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-13, Luke 3:21-22

Memory Work:

Teacher Asks: Why did Jesus come to Earth?**Student Answers:** John 6:38 Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven not to do My will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me."**Goals and Objectives:****The children will learn that:**

*Jesus showed others the importance of being baptized by doing it also.

*God was pleased with Jesus' baptism.

Application from Lesson:

1. We must follow the example of Jesus.
2. We should want to please God like Jesus.

Materials Needed:

Bibles

Children's bible with story or story cards

Book (on cardstock) about Jesus being baptized

(Cut it out before class and staple together after painted)

Coloring page of John baptizing Jesus

Order of Activities and Songs:

1. Allow each student to say memory verse upon entering class.
2. Have pre-class activity ready to work on.
3. Open class with prayer. Let students take a turn praying.
4. Have children take turns saying the first 4 books of the New Testament.
5. Sing the New Testament song.
6. Review the story of John the Baptist and ask, "Who did he prepare the way for?"
7. Read a story about Jesus coming to be baptized. (Make sure to stress that God was very happy that Jesus was baptized!)
8. Have children paint their books / coloring pages with watercolors.
9. Review the story and ask questions.

Explanation of Craft:

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Lesson #: 5-6**Lesson Title:** Jesus' Temptation

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-13, Luke 3:21-22

Memory Work:

Teacher Asks: Why did Jesus come to Earth?**Student Answers:** John 6:38 Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven not to do My will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me."**Goals and Objectives:****The children will learn that:**

- *Jesus was tempted by Satan, but He did not sin.
- *Jesus defeated Satan with His knowledge of the scripture and did not sin.
- *Jesus wanted to please God and not Satan.
- *Angels helped Jesus after being tempted by Satan.

Application from Lesson:

1. We must follow the example of Jesus and not allow Satan to tempt us to sin.
2. We should want to please God like Jesus.
3. We should learn God's word to help fight against sin.

Materials Needed:

Bibles
Children's bible with story or story cards
Puppets, stick figures or dolls representing Jesus and Satan (Make sure that Satan looks like a normal man, not a scary monster.)
A toy building representing the temple
Small rock
Slice of bread
Matching sheet
"Jesus Says No!" Craft

Order of Activities and Songs:

1. Allow each student to say memory verse upon entering class.
2. Have pre-class activity ready to work on.
3. Open class with prayer. Let students take a turn praying.
4. Have each child say the first 4 books of the New Testament.
5. Sing the New Testament song
6. Review Jesus' Baptism
7. Read the story of Jesus being tempted by Satan and stress that Jesus did not sin, and that he used God's word to fight Satan.
8. Act out Jesus' Temptation with puppets, stick figures, or dolls.
9. Do matching sheet with children.
10. Do "Jesus Says No!" craft.
11. Review story and ask questions.

Explanation of Craft:

Matching sheet: Children draw lines to connect to related things. Example: stones and bread, dove and Jesus being baptized.

"Jesus Says No!": Make a book with pictures of Jesus' temptation

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Lesson #: 7-8**Lesson Title:** Jesus Calls Helpers

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11

Memory Work:

Teacher Asks: Why did Jesus come to Earth?**Student Answers:** John 6:38 Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven not to do My will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me."**Goals and Objectives:****The children will learn that:**

*Jesus needed helpers.

*the helpers called by Jesus left everything and followed Him.

*Peter obeyed even when he thought he knew better.

Application from Lesson:

1. We can be helpers to Jesus.
2. We need to be willing to leave everything and follow Jesus.

Materials Needed:

Net, colorful lunch sacks, fish pattern copied on colorful paper, string

Order of Activities and Songs:

1. Allow each student to say memory verse upon entering class.
2. Have pre-class activity ready to work on.
3. Open class with prayer. Let students take a turn praying.
4. Tell historical account of Jesus calling helpers.
5. Sing "I will Make you Fishers of Men"
6. Using net, act out the account, emphasize "Come, follow me."
7. When acting out, have children hold nets and drop them when they hear "Come, follow me."

Explanation of Craft:

Make "Fishing for Men" fish in N.T. Bible Story Crafts (p.21) on colorful paper.
Make paper bag fish to put in net hanging in one corner of the room.

Also, play fishing with construction paper fish. Put paperclips on fish and lay on floor. Fish with magnets on string.

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Lesson #: 9-10**Lesson Title:** Jesus Chooses 12 Apostles

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16

Memory Work:

Teacher Asks: Why did Jesus come to Earth?**Student Answers:** John 6:38 Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven not to do My will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me."**Goals and Objectives:****The children will learn:**

*Jesus prayed before He picked His special workers.

*Jesus called His special helpers apostles.

*the names of the 12 apostles.

Application from Lesson:

1. We should want to help Jesus like the apostles.
2. We should pray like Jesus.

Materials Needed:

Bibles

Children's bible with story or story cards

12 Apostles Wheel craft and brads

Coloring pages

Picture of Jesus and his 12 Apostles

Order of Activities and Songs:

1. Allow each student to say memory verse upon entering class.
2. Have pre-class activity ready to work on.
3. Open class with prayer. Let students take a turn praying.
4. Sing New Testament song and see how many books children can name.
5. Read story about Jesus calling the disciples.
6. Name each disciple while pointing to pictures, then sing the 12 Apostles song.
7. Do craft: 12 Apostles Wheel
8. If there is time, let the children do a coloring page while reviewing the story.
9. Send home a copy of the 12 Apostle's song for parents to sing with their child.

Explanation of Craft:

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Lesson #: 11-12

Lesson Title: Children Can be Helpers and Tell Others About Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16

Memory Work:

Teacher Asks: Why did Jesus come to Earth?

Student Answers: John 6:38 Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven not to do My will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me."

Goals and Objectives:

The children will learn:

*it is important to be a helper to God.

* that they can tell others about Jesus, give money to send preachers out, help those in need, give money for Bibles, and pray.

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Application from Lesson:

1. We should want to help Jesus, by telling and living the Truth.

Materials Needed:

Bibles

Piece of cardstock that says, "Ways We Can Help Teach Others About Jesus" and pictures of praying hands, money, a letter and pencil, bibles.

Fish on cardstock that says, "Jesus calls me to follow Him too"

Paper and watercolor paint or crayons

Order of Activities and Songs:

1. Allow each student to say memory verse upon entering class.
2. Have pre-class activity ready to work on.
3. Open class with prayer. Let students take a turn praying.
4. Sing New Testament song and see how many books children can name.
5. Sing 12 Apostles song.
6. Talk about the apostles being Jesus' helper and how they can be helpers to God.
7. Do "Ways We Can Help Teach Others About Jesus" Craft
8. Let children paint fish that says, "Jesus calls me to follow Him too".
9. Let children paint a picture to mail to someone who is ill or a preacher in another country. (You can mail all of the pictures together along with a note and picture of the class.)

Explanation of Craft:

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Lesson #: 13

Lesson Title: Review

Scripture: All lessons

Memory Work:

Teacher Asks: Why did Jesus come to Earth?

Student Answers: John 6:38 Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven not to do My will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me."

Goals and Objectives:

The children will be able to :

*answer factual questions concerning each lesson.

*Sing Apostles Song.

*understand the importance of being a helper to Jesus.

*understand the importance of prayer before making decisions.

*understand that following the example of Christ pleases God.

*understand that the knowledge of the Scriptures can defeat sin.

Application from Lesson:

1. We should want to help Jesus, by telling and living the Truth.
2. We should know the Bible.

Materials Needed:

Bibles

A picture from each story: John the Baptist, John Baptizing Jesus, Jesus' Temptation, Jesus calling the 12 Apostles.

Coloring page or book

Order of Activities and Songs:

1. Allow each student to say memory verse upon entering class.
2. Have pre-class activity ready to work on.
3. Open class with prayer. Let students take a turn praying.
4. Sing New Testament song
5. Sing Apostles song
6. Using pictures, quickly review the stories, asking questions
7. Talk about Jesus pleasing God, studying our bibles, praying, and being a helper to God
8. Let the children do a coloring page or book.

Explanation of Craft: