

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 13 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Matthew 14:22-33

Q+A: Why is Jesus called God's Son? Jesus is called God's Son because He is like God in every way.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Relate that the title Son of God in part means that Jesus was like God in every way.
2. Respond to God's Son with worship and praise.
3. Recognize that as sons of God we should represent our Father well.

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Introduction:

1. We have been learning about the names of our Lord and we discovered that each name means something very important.

Do you remember what Jesus means? Savior - he saves us from our sin

Do you remember what Christ means? God's anointed or appointed one - sent from God with a message we better listen to

Today we will learn about the name "Son of God".

2.(Choose a boy to come up and stand before the other boys. Ask "Whose boy is this?". Reply - this is the son of _____.

Now because he is the son of _____ you would expect him in many ways to be just like his parents. Does he have 2 eyes like his parents? Whose eyes does he have? Does he have hair like his parents? Whose hair? Does he speak like his mom or dad? What language does he speak? How else is he like his parents?

Can you see that when I say someone is the son of _____ I am saying that they are like their parents in many ways.

3. Now if I held before you a son of a monkey what would you expect him to be like? Would he be like a human? A kangaroo? A pig? No, you would expect him in many ways to be like his monkey parents.

4. In much the same way, when we call our Lord "the Son of God", what are you saying about Jesus? We are saying He is like God in many ways. In fact, when we say Jesus is the Son of God we are saying He is like God in every way.

5. Today in our story a group of people call Jesus "the Son of God". As I tell the story see if you can figure out what they saw in Jesus that was like God so that they called Him "God's Son".

Body Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus had just fed a large multitude from a few fishes and a few loaves.

22 And immediately He made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat was already a considerable distance a from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

On this lake it was common for wind to pick up quite quickly, developing into a storm. Sometimes the storms were so fierce that it put fear even in the most seasoned fishermen.

25 During the fourth watch of the night (3-6 AM) Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

Imagine after a long day with Jesus ministering to many people, followed by a rough boat ride in the middle of the night, having some kind of figure walking on the water near your boat. It was enough to make the hair stand straight up on your arms and neck. Needless to say the disciples were filled with terror.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Peter had gotten out of the boat and began walking on water in the middle of the night and in a storm. He was doing so well. Why did he doubt that Jesus could take him the rest of the way?

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Do you see what they did when Jesus came in the boat and the wind died down? They worshipped him. What does this tell us about whom they thought He was? (God) What else suggests that they thought Jesus was God? (Yes, they called Him the Son of God because Jesus was like God in every way)

What did they see in Jesus to make them think He was like God? (He walked on water, He enabled Peter to walk on water, He acted as a Savior to Peter, He stilled the winds...)

Conclusion

1. You see Jesus was called the Son of God because He is the one who came from heaven and was like God in every way. He was all powerful, all wise, holy, one able to save us...

Since He was the Son of God how should we respond to Him? Do you remember how the people responded to Jesus? Yes, they worshipped Him. They shouted out together that Jesus was truly God's Son.

But there was another response that is important to remember. Do you recall what Peter did when he was sinking in the water? He cried out, "Lord, save me." Peter was in great danger perhaps even to the point of losing his life. He knew that by himself he would never make it. So he cried out for mercy.

In the same way we are all sinking, not in water but in sin. Because of our sin we are in danger of losing our life. We, too, know we can do nothing except what Peter did. We can cry out to Jesus and ask Him to save us. And do you know what happens when we do that? Listen to the words of John.

John 1:12

12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

When we cry out for mercy, God comes and pulls us out of danger. But that is not all He wants to do. The truth is that he wants us to become sons of God. And if we are called sons of God, whom would you expect us to be like? That's right, God. God wants to come inside us and help us to be like His Son Jesus. He wants to help us be holy and loving and obedient just like the only begotten Son of God.

Have you seen yourself sinking in sin? Have you cried out to Jesus to save you? If you haven't, I urge to talk with God, confessing your sin, asking Him to save you. If you have cried out to God, then know that God wants you to be His son. Are you living like His son? Can people look at your life and see the resemblance to the Heavenly Father? This is what God's wants to do in your life. Tell Him to go to work.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 13

1. Review

Review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 11 and 12. Give several children a chance to recite these lessons and then recite them with the whole group. Do not spend too much time on this exercise.

2. Explain the verse

Colossians 1:19 *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,*

- Who is the “him” at the end of the verse? (Jesus)
- What was God pleased to have in Jesus? (All God’s fullness)
- What does it mean that God was pleased to have all His fullness in Jesus? (It means that Jesus was in every way just like God. He was God in all ways.)

3. Memorize the verse

Tape a verse - Work with the children memorizing the verse. After awhile have one child recite the verse on a tape recorder. Replay the verse and then have the child check his accuracy. Give each child a chance to recite and check his verse.

Lesson Review Questions

1. When we say someone is a son of someone else what do we expect about that person? (We expect him to be like his parents in many ways)
2. What did the people see in Jesus that convinced them that He was the Son of God? (He had power to walk on water and still the wind. He was able to save. His words were full of wisdom.)
3. What can we learn from Peter in this story that helps us know how we can become a son of God? (We need to see ourselves as sinking in sin and cry out for help to our Lord.)
4. If we call ourselves sons of God what should others expect from us? (That we are like our heavenly Father in many ways. Only God can help us to be like Him.)

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Year 1 - Lesson 14 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Luke 1:26-38

Q&A: What does it mean that Jesus was born by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary? Though Jesus was God, through the Holy Spirit He also became human.

Theme: The virgin birth provided a needed Savior who was both human and divine.

Objectives: By God's grace each student will

1. Be able to draw Jesus' family tree.
2. Be able to tell why Jesus had to be born of the virgin and by the Holy Spirit.
3. Give thanks to God for Jesus who came to save them and who lives to comfort them in every trial.

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Introduction

1. Who knows what a family tree is? It is a diagram that shows who our mother and father are, and who their mothers and fathers were, going back as far as records will show. They call it a family "tree" because when its all filled out it looks, sort of, like a tree.

(Show the children a sample genealogy)

2. Now when man and woman get married quite often they have children. First the seed is planted in the mother's tummy (that's what we mean by conceived) and then the baby grows until its so big that it has to come out. That's what we call "being born".

When the baby comes out who do you expect it to be like? You expect it to be like the mommy and the daddy in many ways.

Illust. : Sometimes I listen to a boy or a girl and it is amazing how much they sound like one of their parents. Sometimes a boy or girl looks a lot like their mom or dad, too or they may even have a real brain for math or reading like one of their parents.

3. Today we want to look at the most important birth of all times. We want to see how this person had a most unusual birth and see why he had to be born in such a special way.

Our story is taken from Luke 1 and I am sure it will be familiar to you.

Body

Luke 1:26-29

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth.

27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

- Imagine one day being visited by an angel. Surely, at first, you would be frightened by such a visit. And then to hear that you are highly favored and the Lord is with you.
- This would be especially surprising because Mary was just an ordinary girl, who happened to be engaged to Joseph. They lived in a town that did not have a very good reputation - it really wasn't a place you'd be proud to be from.
- Why then would an angel be coming to her?

Luke 1:30-33

30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

- The angel told her to not be frightened, but then He told her some most amazing things.
- He said that she would have a son (named Jesus) who would be 1. Called Son of the Most High 2. Given the throne of David 3. Reigning in his kingdom forever This was no ordinary son. Now if the angel would have said he would be a carpenter, average height, average intelligence, this would not have been a big deal. But what the angel said was absolutely incredible. How could this be?

Luke 1:34-37

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called a the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."

- This was to be the most unique birth in all of history. Jesus would have a human mother, Mary, but His father would be none other than the Holy Spirit. He would

plant the seed in Mary's tummy and He would provide the power to beget this miracle baby.

- As a result this baby would be not only a human but He would be the Son of God which we said earlier meant that He was like God in every way.
- And if there was any doubt that this could happen the angel announced the miracle birth of John the Baptist. Truly nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 1:38

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

- Here was the long-awaited Savior - the one who would save His people from their sins. Here was the long awaited Christ, who would tell them God's message. Here was the long awaited Lord who would set up His kingdom which would never end. This was indeed exciting news.
- But why did He have to be born in such a unique way? Why did He have to have God as His Father and Mary, a human, as His mother? It was necessary because Jesus needed to be human and divine. He needed to be human so that he could die for us, because "the wages of sin is death". There had to be a death if sin was to be conquered. He needed to be divine because the sacrifice for sins needed to be perfect and only Jesus, the God man, was perfect.
- So God, in His great wisdom and with His great power, had His Son come down to deliver us from sin.

Application

1. How would you draw Jesus' family tree? (Have children help you)
2. Are you glad that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary so that He could be the perfect sacrifice to die for our sins? We should be ever so grateful for this.
3. And we should also be grateful that Jesus took on humanity because we know that He understands everything we go through. He understands when we hurt, because he hurt. He understands when we are rejected by friends, because he was rejected. He understands what a burden sin is because He carried our burden of sin though never sinning Himself. Because He took on a human body we know we can go to Him in every situation knowing that He fully understands and knows how to help best.

Rejoice because we have Jesus, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary to be our guide through life.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 14

1. Review

Review Q&A and memory verses for lessons 12-13. Allow each child to review these individually. Use the whole review time if necessary.

2. Explain the verse

John 1:14 *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*

- Who is John talking about when he says “The Word” became flesh? (Jesus Christ)
- What is flesh? (Flesh includes the skin and bones of the human body.)
- What does it mean that the Word became flesh? (It means that Jesus, who was God, took on a human body. He became human in every way that we are, except for sin.)
- What does it mean that Jesus made his dwelling among us? (It means that He came to live among us).

3. Memorize the verse

Erase a word: Recite the whole verse with the children. If a child can say the verse let him erase one word. Then recite the verse with the group. Continue this procedure until all the words are erased and each child has mastered the verse. Be sure to say the reference before and after the verse.

Lesson Review Questions

1. What was different about Jesus’ birth? (He did not have a human father)
2. Who would you consider to be Jesus’ father and mother? (God was His Father and Mary His mother.)
3. Why did Jesus have to be born in this special way? (He had to be human so that He could die for sin. He had to be God so that He could be a perfect sacrifice.)
4. How does knowing that Jesus was human bring you comfort? (We know He understands us perfectly and knows exactly how to aid and comfort us.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 15 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Matthew 27:26-54

Q&A: How did Christ suffer for me? Christ was crucified for me and took God's anger for my sin.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to recount how Jesus suffered
2. Understand that the worst suffering Jesus did was taking God's anger for our sins.
3. Grow in his understanding of the love of God for man shown in the cross of Christ.

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Introduction

1. What is the most loving act you have ever seen? (Allow time for discussion) Perhaps you have seen someone give some money to a homeless person. Maybe you know someone who adopted an unwanted child or took in a confused teenage girl. Perhaps you have seen someone help a blind person across the road or perhaps you know of those who provide meals for families who have a lot of sickness.

These are all very loving acts because people are doing good to other people who they may not really know or who aren't part of their family. These do require much love, but there are acts which require even more love: that is doing good to people who have wronged you.

2. Many years ago a teacher took a job in a one room school house. This school had a reputation for being very undisciplined. The children would not listen to their teachers and in a short time the teacher would leave. This teacher was hopeful that he could change this.

When he entered the classroom the children were making lots of noise. An older boy named Tom who was very big was ready to get rid of this teacher. The teacher, however, told the children that he wanted the school to be a good school and that he needed their help.

The teacher asked the children to come up with 10 rules that they could live by. They came up with rules like - don't steal, don't talk out,... After gaining the 10 rules the teacher said they must also come up with a punishment for those who break the rules. They decided that those who broke the rules must receive 10 lashes across the back.

One day a lunch was stolen from the big boy named Tom. After investigating the situation it was found that a little scrawny looking boy named Jim had stolen it. The teacher felt very badly that he would have to whip this boy because he was obviously

very poor. But he had done wrong and he needed to be punished. So the teacher called the boy up and told him to remove his coat. The boy begged not to have to remove his coat but the teacher said he must. When the boy removed his coat it was seen that he had no shirt on. When the teacher asked the boy why he had no shirt the boy explained that his family was poor and he only had one shirt that was terribly dirty. This made the teacher even more reluctant to whip him but he knew he had no choice.

Just as the teacher was ready to whip the boy, Tom shouted out. He asked the teacher if he could take the whipping in place of Jim. The teacher thought for a moment looking at Jim's sad figure and then said it would be acceptable. So Tom came forward. He removed his shirt and put it around Jim. Then Tom received the blows from the teacher. After the 5th blow the whip broken leaving the teacher uncertain as to what to do. Just then little Jim came and put his arms around Tom and hugged him and thanked him for taking his punishment. He told him he would love him forever.

Body

1. How was that for a loving act? Would you take a whipping and give your shirt for a boy who had stolen from you? Do you know this is the kind of love God has for you and me?

He, too, had given us 10 commandments to help us know how to live. But we all went our own way. We also don't love others the way God intended us to love. We complain about not having a Nintendo when there are children who die from starvation every day. We are happy to let others be made fun of so long as we are liked by others. But what's worse is that we didn't keep God as our greatest love. We give our time and attention to so many things but we often forget God.

And just like the classroom there is a punishment for this. That punishment or penalty is death and it means eventually we would live separated from God and His goodness forever. But God through Jesus stepped forward and in love offered Himself to take the punishment we deserved. He offered to suffer for us. And how did He suffer?

2. The sufferings of Jesus

- He was scourged. Men took a whip with nine ends to which bones were connected and they whipped Him 39 times. Many men died from this. Those who survived had their backs torn to shreds. Remember He suffered this for you.
- He was taken by soldiers, stripped of His clothes and a purple robe was put on Him. They twisted some thorns into a crown and shoved it upon His head. Then they put a reed in his hand. All this was to make Him look like a King so they could pretend to bow before Him and say, "Hail to the King". They were mocking the one who was true King of the universe.
Then they spat upon him, grabbed the reed and struck him on the head. Then they ripped the robe off. Remember His back would have been bloodied and to rip this robe off would have opened up His flesh wounds again. They put his old clothes on him and led him away to be crucified. Remember He suffered this for you.
- As they walked to the place where Jesus would be crucified they made him carry his cross. Imagine how difficult this would have been after being whipped and mocked as

He had been. Perhaps because Jesus staggered so much, a man from the crowd was asked to carry His cross. Remember He suffered this for you.

- They brought Him to Golgotha where they laid Him down and nailed his feet and his hands to a cross. Then they hoisted Him up for all to see. It is possible that part of this torture included pulling arms and legs out of socket. What pain that would have caused him. As He hung on the cross He had to push up on His feet in order to breath. Surely this was extremely painful, but if He did not do this He would suffocate. Remember He suffered this for you.
- As He hung there many came by. They said, "If you are the Son of God, save yourself". But if He had saved Himself we could never have been saved. The religious rulers came and they said if He was King He should save Himself. But if He came down He knew He could not save us. Even the robbers who were on each side of Him being crucified said mean things to Him suggesting that He was a weak fake. But He knew He could only save us from our punishment by going through this. Remember He suffered for you.
- Well if you think this was suffering, the worst was yet to come. As Jesus hung on the cross it got very dark. At that moment God's anger for the sins of the world was being placed on Jesus. Jesus sensing this cried out, "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?" At that moment Jesus suffered more than any physical suffering could make Him suffer. He experienced the anger of God against the sins of man and it was almost too much to handle. Shortly after this He cried out again and gave up His spirit. The Son of God who had become man was dead. Remember He suffered all this for you.
- After Jesus died some amazing things happened. The large thick curtain in the temple that hid the Holy Place from the people was torn in two. The earth quaked, rocks were split open, graves opened and the bodies of saints come out and appeared to many. When one of the soldiers saw all of this he exclaimed, "Truly this was the Son of God".

Conclusion

Now how's that for love? We who went our own way, who rebelled against God, were saved from a most terrible punishment through the love of God in Christ Jesus. He suffered the most terrible physical pain and beyond that He took God's anger for our sins.

Like the little boy, Jim, in our story we need to run to Jesus, wrap our arms around Him and thank Him for His great love. We also need to pledge our lives to Him and begin a life of love and service to God. Have you run to Jesus, the one who suffered so greatly for you?

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 15

1. Review

Review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 13-14. Give several children a chance to recite these lessons and then recite them as a whole group. Do not spend a great deal of time with this.

2. Explain the verse

2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, ...*

- Who is the one “who had no sin” ? (Jesus)
- What did God make Jesus? (He made Jesus sin)
- What does it mean that God made Jesus sin? (He placed our sins upon Jesus in order to bring our judgment on Jesus.)
- For who did God make Jesus sin for? (He did it for us so that we would not have to die eternally.)

3. Memorize the verse

Ping Pong: Divide your group into two teams. Use your finger to represent the ping pong ball. Point to each team -- that team will say one word (or two) each time the finger points to them. Continue to do this through the verse several times until the verse is memorized. If a team cannot say their word in a few seconds award the other team a point.

Lesson Review Questions

1. How did Jesus suffer? (He was whipped, beaten with a reed, made to wear a crown of thorns, mocked, crucified,....)
2. What was the worst thing Jesus suffered? (When our sins were placed upon Him and God poured His anger upon those sins. He was forsaken of God. This is worse than any physical suffering.)
3. What caused God to send Jesus to die for us? (His love)
4. Who deserved the suffering that Jesus took upon Himself? (All who have sinned)
5. How should we respond to the love of Jesus? (We should come to Him in repentance and faith. We should give Him our life in service and love.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 16 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Matthew 26:31-56

Q&A: Why did Christ have to die? God's justice demanded payment for my sin.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that God's justice demanded our sin be punished.
2. Give a simple definition for the word justice.
3. Thank Jesus for dying for him and taking his punishment.

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Introduction

1. Did Jesus have to die? Did he have to give His life for us? Did he have to suffer the torture of the crucifixion (the whipping, being hit with a rod, nails in his hands and feet, struggling to keep from being suffocated while on the cross)? Did He have to take upon Himself the anger of God? Did He have to die?

2. In today's lesson we are going to go back up to a time before Jesus' crucifixion. As I tell the story today try to see if Jesus really had to die. Be ready to tell me what in the story helped you decide.

Body

Matthew 26:31-56

A. One day after having a very special meal with His special followers, Jesus walked with them to a place called the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus *said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.'

- He was saying that the prophets who spoke for God had said that God would strike down the Shepherd (Jesus) and that his sheep (the disciples) would be scattered.

32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

33 Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

34 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

35 But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

- Is there anything in the story so far that suggests that Jesus had to die? Yes, He said the prophets of old said He would be struck down, that He would die. Would God be lying through His prophets? Let's go on and hear more.

B. Jesus requests that the cup be removed

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

- Jesus was saying that He was overcome with sorrow to the point of death. As He thought about what faced Him, the crucifixion and the anger of God, he could not bear it.
- Have you ever had something you weren't looking forward to that made you very nervous? Maybe it was having to go to the dentist or having to go to the doctor and get a big fat shot. When I was a child I used to get so nervous and then when the doctor gave me the shot I got real tense and started to scream. This is the way it was with Jesus except a million times more. Do you think He would have liked to not have to go through what was ahead of Him?
- So what did He do?

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. 41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

- Three times Jesus asked that if it was possible that He did not have to go through this, that He be released from it. Each time though He told God He only wanted to do the will of God.
- So upset was He about what was coming - especially taking the anger of God for man's sin - that He sought, if possible, another way. But was there another way? Was it necessary for Him to die?

C. The Son is betrayed as ordained by God

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." 49 Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

50 Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. 51 With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

52 "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. 53 **Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"**

- Do you see that things were not out of Jesus' control. His Father in heaven could at any time stopped all this. But it was not to be because the Scriptures said it would happen this way. Would God lie about this?

55 At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56 **But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.**" Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

- Again Jesus emphasizes that the writings of the prophets must be fulfilled. And as He spoke the disciples fled and fulfilled what the prophets said about the sheep scattering.

Was it true then that Jesus had to die? Yes. Though Jesus was very troubled by it all, though He asked the Father if there was another way, though the Father could have sent 10,000 angels - Jesus had to die for us.

Conclusion

But why?

1. God's truth demanded it. Does God lie? When God says something it is truth and He will do. Throughout the OT the prophets spoke from God saying that these things would happen. Could God lie about this?

2. But there is another reason Jesus had to die and that reason is that we all are sinners. We all have rebelled against God. Even though He is the one who made us, though He deserves our perfect obedience, though He should be given our undivided love, though His honor should be what we desire most, we all have turned from Him and gone our way. We have lived for our self, for our pleasures. We have sought our honor above His.

And God, who is full of justice, cannot let sin go unpunished. Do you know what justice is? When we say God is full of justice we are saying God always does what is right and He also supports what is right. It also means that He must punish those who do wrong.

So when God looked at all humans in their sin He knew He must punish their sins. But God not only made us but He loves us very much. So when He looked at us in our sin He was moved to help us. But how could He help us? A just God must punish sin.

Thankfully our God is very wise. He came up with the perfect plan. He could take our sins and place them on Jesus and then punish Jesus for those sins. This would satisfy

His justice. His justice demanded it. Then in love He could take all of Jesus' good deeds and place them on us and then bless us as His sons. This would satisfy His love for us.

Did Jesus have to die? Yes, God's justice demanded a payment for sins. Aren't you glad God loved you so that He allowed His Son to die for you so that you would not have to be punished? Isn't a God like that worthy of giving Him your life?

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 16

1. Review

Recite Q&A and memory verse for lessons 14-15. Give several children a chance to recite these lessons and then recite them as a whole group. Do not spend a great deal of time with this.

2. Explain the verse

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, to bring you to God.*

- What did Christ want to do by dying for our sins? (To bring us to God. To restore our relationship with God which had been broken by sin.)
- What do the words “just” and “unjust” mean? (Just is without sin; unjust is sinful.)
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Lesson Review Questions

1. What Scripture did Jesus quote that showed He had to die? (The Shepherd will be struck down and the sheep will be scattered.)
2. How did Jesus' pray in the garden show He had to die? (He prayed that He might not have to suffer if it was God's Will. Obviously it was God's will.)
3. Was Jesus forced to die for us? (No, He said He could ask the Father and He would send 10,000 angels to rescue Him. It was God's will, however, that He suffer for us.)
4. What do we mean when we say God is full of justice? (He always does what is right, supports what is right, and punishes what is wrong.)
5. Why did Jesus have to die? (God's justice demanded that there be a payment for sin. God's love placed the punishment on Jesus.)

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LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 17 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Q&A: How should Christ's death on the cross effect the way I live? My old self died with Christ and now I live a new life.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that to be a Christian is to have died with Christ; that is, to have died to our old selfish ways.
2. Seek, with God's help, to live a new life characterized by selfless love.
3. Give thanks for God's love shown so wonderfully in the cross.

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Introduction

1. (Show children a U-turn sign) What can you do when you see this sign? (Allow for answers) That's right - you can turn you car and go the opposite direction. It is possible to keep going the same direction and also go the opposite direction? I mean can part of your car keep on going and the other part go in the opposite direction? No, every part of you must turn and go the exact opposite direction. To do a U-turn is to stop going one way and start going the other!

2. (Show children a cross) What does this sign stand for? It stands for Jesus' death on the cross. It stands for all the suffering Jesus did because of our sins - because we were going the wrong way. Do you remember what the worst part of this suffering was? The worst part was when Jesus took the sins of the world upon Himself and then suffered the anger of God for those sins. For a moment God turned His back on Jesus and it was unbearable for Him.

Do you remember why Jesus had to die? We said last week He had to die because God's justice demanded it. We said that God always does what is right, always supports what is right, and must always punish wrong. That's justice. When God looked at us in our sins He knew He had to punish us. But instead of punishing us, God chose to put our sins on His Son and punish His Son so that we would not have to be punished forever in hell. God truly loved us.

So when we see the cross how should that affect us? How should knowing Jesus, who died on the cross taking our punishment affect the way we live?

3. Our story today gives us a perfect answer to this question. As I tell the story try to find how a man's coming to Jesus changed the way he lived.

Body

1. One day Jesus was passing through a city named Jericho. Jericho was a major city with lots of activity.

Now in that city there was a man named Zacchaeus. The Bible tells us some interesting things about Zacchaeus.

- ◆ First of all, he was the chief tax collector. You see in those days the Roman government sent men around their kingdom to collect money from the people. The government leaders would charge people a certain amount of money and send the tax collectors to collect it. If a person refused to pay, he would be in big trouble. Now it was the practice of these tax collectors to not only collect what the Roman government told them to collect, but also to collect a little more for themselves. Sometimes they collected a lot more for themselves. For instance if the government told them to collect \$100 dollars they might try to collect \$125. The more they cheated the people the richer they got. Now Zacchaeus was not only one of these collectors, but he was in charge of many of these collectors.
- ◆ Secondly the Bible tells us that Zacchaeus was rich. Do you know what that means? It means that he was good at cheating the people. He would force people to pay him what he wanted so that he could live a rich life. Now because he cheated the people so much and was so selfish many people hated Zacchaeus. In fact the religious leaders of the day considered all tax collectors “sinners”. That meant that no one should have anything to do with them. Zacchaeus had his money but his life must have been very empty because so many people would have nothing to do with him.

2. Now Zacchaeus must have known something about Jesus, because when he heard that Jesus was coming through town he decided he wanted to see him. I imagine Jesus had quite a reputation and that many people just wanted to see who He was.

Well, Zacchaeus tried to see Jesus but since there was a great crowd and since Zacchaeus was so short and unable to see over the crowd, he could not catch a glimpse of Him. Besides none of the people liked him and surely wouldn't let him in front of them. But he would not give up. Since he knew the road well he decided to run up the road a bit and climb a sycamore tree. He thought he would surely be able to see Jesus from that point of view.

3. Well it wasn't long after he got up in the tree that Jesus came walking down the road. Zacchaeus was excited about this chance to see Jesus. It would be enough for him to see who this great man was, but Zacchaeus was in for a big surprise.

As Jesus walked by the tree he looked up and said, “Zacchaeus hurry up and come down from that tree for I must stay at your house today”. Well can you imagine how Zacchaeus felt? Nobody around there even liked him, but here was Jesus looking up at him and saying He must be a guest at his house. Well as quick as he knew how Zacchaeus came down from the tree and began taking Jesus to his house. He was full of joy. No one ever accepted him like this.

4. Now there were some people walking with Jesus who saw this take place and they began to complain. They wondered how Jesus could want to go and be a guest at the

house of a man who was a sinner. Didn't he know that the religious rulers did not allow this; that they had instructed the people to have absolutely nothing to do with tax collectors. I am sure that Jesus knew this but He had a very important reason for befriending this man.

5. Well this act of love and acceptance melted Zacchaeus. He knew he was a sinner. He knew he had cheated many people. He knew he deserved to be rejected by everybody. But when Jesus came to him and looked into his eyes and said He must be his guest, Zacchaeus knew he could no longer go on living as he had.

Immediately he told Jesus that he intended to give half of all his earning to the poor and anyone whom he had previously cheated would be paid back 4 times what he had taken. Zacchaeus was brought before Jesus (who would later die on the cross for him) and his life would never be the same.

6. When Jesus heard the words of Zacchaeus He declared that salvation had come to him. He had come face to face with his sin, but also with Jesus' love and acceptance, and he would be changed forever. This was the reason Jesus had come to him in the first place, for Jesus came to search for and to save those who were lost in their sins.

Conclusion

1. What happened when Zacchaeus came face to face with Jesus? His life was changed. From a man who was very selfish - always taking from others, he became a man who was giving. He promised to give half of his money to the poor and to repay those he had cheated.

2. In the same way when we come face to face with the cross of Jesus, our lives should be changed. Jesus' death for our sins should mean our death to our sins. Jesus' cross should encourage us to take a U-turn, to no longer go our way, but to turn and go God's way. Jesus' death on the cross should encourage us to turn from our selfish way and begin with God's help to live in a loving way which is God's way. That's when you know salvation has come to your heart. That's what it means to be a Christian - a follower of Christ.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 17

1. Review

Review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 15-16. Give several children a chance to recite these lessons and then recite them as a whole group. Do not spend a great deal of time with this.

2. Explain the verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; ...*

- ◆ What does it mean to be “in Christ”? (It means to be a Christian, to have Christ living within you. It means to be one with Christ which can only be said of Christians.)
- ◆ If you are in Christ what is true of you? (You are a new creation)
- ◆ What might it mean to be a new creation? (You no longer are the old person enslaved to your old selfish ways, but you are a new person to be controlled by God’s loving Spirit.)

3. Memorize the verse

Flip a coin. Divide your group into two groups. Assign one group to be the “heads” group and the other the “tails”. Practice saying the verse together several times then flip a coin. If it lands on heads, let the heads group recite the verse. If it lands on tails let the tails group say the verse. Repeat this until everyone has the verse memorized well.

Lesson Review Questions

1. What was Zacchaeus like before he met Christ? (He was very selfish, cheating people as he collected taxes)
2. How did people feel about Zacchaeus? (They hated him. The religious rulers even instructed people not to have anything to do with him. He was rejected by all.)
3. What did Jesus do that melted his heart? (Jesus asked to be his guest at his home. With this He showed in the greatest way His acceptance of Zacchaeus.)
4. How did Zacchaeus’ life change after he met Jesus? (He turned from his selfish ways to be a lover of God and man.)
5. How should the death of Christ on the cross affect the way you live? (In the same way it affected Zacchaeus. We are to be new people characterized by God’s love.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 18 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Acts 1:1-11 (2:1-13)

Q&A: When Jesus went up to heaven did He leave us alone? When Jesus went up He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that Jesus did not leave us alone but gave us a comforter, the Holy Spirit.
2. Be encouraged, with the Holy Spirit's help, to be witnesses.
3. Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to live a faithful life.

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Introduction

1. Have you ever been alone? How did you feel? (Let children respond and share examples)

I've been reading a story to my girls about a boy and a girl whose parents one day said they must go away. The father was very ill and the mother had to take him away to a place where he might get well. The parents thought the children should not go.

If you were those children what questions would you have on your mind? (Look for the question, "Who will take care of us?") How would you feel if your parents told you they were going away? (Look for "insecure, afraid...") What would they need to say to comfort you?

2. In our Bible there was a group of men who were a bit afraid because someone very important was leaving them. Do you know who that important person was? Yes, it was Jesus. When Jesus walked the earth with his disciples He told them that He would not always be around in the way they were used to. They weren't sure they liked the idea of being without Jesus.

3. Today we are going to look at that time when Jesus left His disciples and what He did to comfort them.

Body

1. You'll remember that Jesus had picked some special men to follow Him. They went with Jesus as He taught the people of His Father. They were there when He performed His many miracles. They were so excited to be in His company because they thought He would be setting up a Kingdom and they would be some of His important helpers.

In a few short years these men got very attached to Jesus. They were His followers. They were identified with Him. He was their strong leader.

2. But then Jesus began to tell them that He was going to Jerusalem to die. This really upset them. They couldn't imagine being without Him. He had taught them, guided them, corrected their foolishness,... really had been like a parent to them. But Jesus said this was true and He said it many times. Jesus also said not to worry because He would send them a comforter.

3. Well, in time it happened. Jesus was taken, treated miserably, and finally hung on a cross. The disciples had scattered. They were confused at what was happening. They were certainly saddened too, to lose this special friend of theirs.

But in three days something marvelous happened. Jesus rose again and he showed Himself to His disciples. They were glad again that Jesus was alive.

Acts 1:1-11

4. After showing Himself for 40 days, Jesus gathered his disciples. He told them to stay in Jerusalem and to wait for the promise of the Father. What was the promise? It was the promise of the Holy Spirit - the one who would be their comforter. Jesus was leaving but He would not leave them alone. He was sending the Holy Spirit.

The disciples asked if this was the time God was going to restore the Kingdom to Israel. Jesus told them that the time was not for them to know but that what they needed to know was that they were to receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them to be witnesses in all the world. He told them not to worry about God's plan for the Kingdom but get ready to be His witnesses.

5. After Jesus said this, a cloud took Jesus up into heaven out of their sight. The disciples just stood there in amazement.

As they stared into heaven 2 angels came and said¹¹ "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (NIV)

When the angels went away, the disciples made their way to Jerusalem.

Acts 2:1-13

6. For 10 days they waited. I'm sure they had many questions. Now for sure their Lord, Jesus, was gone. They were alone, but He had promised a comforter. What would this be like? And would they be able to carry on the work that Jesus had marvelously begun. I am sure this was an exciting but troublesome time.

7. On the tenth day the disciples were all together. Suddenly there came a noise from heaven like a violent rushing wind. This wind filled the whole house. Then they saw tongues of fire over each person head. At this time they were being filled with the Holy Spirit - God's Spirit was coming to live inside them to be with them forever. As the Spirit filled each person they began speaking in different languages.

8. When others heard the noise they came to see what happened. When they each heard the disciples speaking in different languages they were confused and wondered how this could happen. The disciples went around speaking in languages they had never learned, telling of the mighty deeds of God.

Jesus had indeed not left them alone and He had given them a very special gift that would enable them to do the work that He had set out for them to do.

Application

1. Jesus has not left us alone either. That same Holy Spirit who was the comforter and the power of the disciples is the same Holy Spirit who wants to come and live inside us. We do not need to fear; we do not need to feel alone, because God has left us His comforter and He will be with us until Jesus returns.

Aren't you glad you have not been left alone? Aren't you glad you have a comforter - someone to come alongside you, and teach you, and guide you, and help you witness. And won't you seek, with the Spirit's help, to live by the power of the Holy Spirit a life that is pleasing to the God who saved you?

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 18

1. Review

Review Q&A and memory verses for lessons 16-17. Do not spend a great deal of time on this, though you do want to provide this reinforcement to the student's learning.

2. Explain the verse

John 14:16 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—*

- Who do you think is saying these comforting words? (Jesus)
- What does Jesus say He is going to do? (Ask the Father to give a counselor to be with them.)
- What is a counselor? (Someone who comes alongside another to comfort and help)
- Who do you think this counselor is? (The Holy Spirit)
- How long will the Holy Spirit be with believers? (Forever)

3. Memorize the verse

Add a word: Divide the team into two groups. Have one group say the first word only - then the other team should say that word plus the next word. Each time the team has a turn, they repeat all that has been said previously and add **one word**. Do this several times until the verse is learned.

Lesson Review Questions

1. How did Jesus' followers feel when Jesus said He was going away? (Sad and afraid, not wanting to be alone.)
2. What promise did Jesus say for His disciples to wait for? (The promise of the Holy Spirit)
3. How would the Holy Spirit help the disciples? (He would comfort them, be with them and help them to witness.)
4. Who is our comforter today? (The Holy Spirit is still given to those who believe today. He will be with God's people until Jesus returns.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 19 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Acts 2:22-42

Q&A: What does it mean that Christ is seated at the right hand of God? After Christ went up to heaven God made Him ruler over all things.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that the right hand is a position of power and authority.
2. Recognize that Jesus has been raised to the supreme position of power and authority.
3. Come to repent and submit their life to Jesus, the King.

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Introduction:

1. What would you do if the President of the United States was coming to our club tonight?

Would you be sure that the room was clean?

Would you roll out the red carpet?

Would you be on your best behavior?

Would you try to please him in every way?

Would you be sure he was greeted at the door, given the best seat and so on...?

Why would you want to do all these things?

Because the President is a very important and powerful man.

He has been given great power in our country.

2. How would you feel, though, if he came and you didn't know it was him?

And let's say you mistreated him.

You didn't meet him at the door.

You didn't roll out the red carpet.

You weren't on your best behavior.

You didn't please him at all.

In fact you made fun of him, teased him because he has big ears, and wouldn't let him play in any of your games.

How would you feel when you finally realized that this was the president and you didn't treat him right.

...that this was the most powerful person in the US and you treated him miserably?

3. Such a thing happened in the Bible days.

A man came who was greater and more powerful than all, but he was mistreated, made fun of, physically hurt.

The people didn't realize who He was, but when they found out they felt really bad and wanted to know what they could do to make things right.

4. Let's hear about that story now and see who this great person was, who the people were who treated him poorly, and what they did when they realized their terrible mistake.

Body

1. Our story takes place just after Jesus went up into heaven. We learned about this last week.

You remember that Jesus was sent to the earth by the Father. During the 3 years of his ministry He healed many people, taught the people about God's Kingdom, and told the people who He was.

Tragically not all people believed in Him. In fact some hated Him so much that they took Him and crucified Him. This was not to be the end of Him, for after 3 days Jesus rose from the dead and then for 40 days He appeared to many people.

Finally, it was time for Jesus to depart. And as the disciples were gathered around him, Jesus was taken from their sight. Up in a cloud he went. Perhaps some people wondered where he went. Where did He go?

The people waited 10 days for a very important event. Jesus had promised that He would send a Helper, the Holy Spirit to them. Faithful to that promise, after 10 days the Holy Spirit came inside those believers waiting in a special room. These people went out and began to speak in foreign languages which they had never learned.

Some people thought these people were drunk, but they were given this special ability to show God's greatness.

2. Then Peter stood before all the people and he began to preach.

- He said these men aren't drunk, but this is what the prophet Joel spoke about long ago. Then he began to explain to them about who Jesus was.
- He said, "Listen to these words: Jesus Christ was shown to be God's special Son by all the miracles and wonders God performed through Him. You should have known this."
- "But just according to God's plan (which you were unaware of) you nailed Him to a cross and you used evil men to do this." You failed to realize who Jesus was and you mistreated Him with great evil.

- But God did not let Him stay dead, for death could not hold Him in its power. In fact, God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses to this. And He was not only raised from the dead, but He was seated at the right hand of God the Father.

- What does it mean that Jesus sits at the right hand of God the Father? The right hand is the place of power and authority. In the case of Jesus it meant that He was appointed ruler of the universe and the chief leader of all those who have faith . Peter added that Jesus would remain in that position of power until everyone bowed the knee before Him.

- Then Peter ended his speech by saying the words of our memory verse, “This Jesus, whom you crucified, is both Lord and Christ.” He is ruler of the universe and Head of all those who have faith.

3. How would you feel if you had just been told that? If you had just been told you had crucified the ruler of the universe, the one before whom every one will one day bow, the one seated at God’s right hand?

- Well the people were heart-broken. They knew they had done wrong. They knew they had mistreated Jesus, the Lord. They knew they were sinners.

- So they asked ,”What shall we do?”

- Peter told them to repent. Change your mind about Jesus. Realize that He is the ruler of the universe, that He sits at God’s right hand. Realize that He is the Head of all those who believe.

- Come to him. Confess your sins and then be baptized showing that you want to turn from your sins and to live your life pleasing to this great King.

- Do you know what happened the day Peter said these things? That day 3000 people were saved. They repented. They gave their lives to Jesus their Lord. They bowed before their true King. They were baptized telling the world they now serve a new Lord.

Application

1. What about you? Do you know who Jesus is? Do you know He was God’s son who came to die for your sins?

2. Do you know that He rose again and then went up into heaven where he has been appointed the ruler? Where He is seated at the right hand of God and will be seated until God causes everyone to bow before Him?

3. Is He your ruler? Has he come into your life and washed away your sins? If He has, are you then trying to live every moment of your life in a way pleasing to Him? If He is the great ruler (and He is) this is the only way to live.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 19

1. Review

Review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 18. Do not spend a great deal of time on this. Have several students recite this material and then recite it a few times as a group.

2. Explain the verse

Acts 2:36... *God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

- According to this verse what had the people done to Jesus? (Crucified Him.)
- What does it mean that God has made Jesus "Lord"? (He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand to be the ruler over all.)
- What does it mean that God has made Jesus "Christ"? (Jesus was the one sent by God from heaven to be our anointed prophet, priest and king. God showed Jesus, by raising Him from the dead, to indeed be the one who would deliver them from their sin.)

3. Memorize the verse

Echo (Echo) - Divide your group into two teams and tell them you are going to play the echo game. Have one team begin by reciting part of the verse and then have the other side "echo" what they heard. Have the first team make their way all the way through the verse and then switch roles.

Lesson Review Questions

1. How had the people treated Jesus when He came to earth? (They mistreated Him and put Him on a cross.)
2. What did Peter try to tell the people about Jesus? (Jesus, whom they crucified, was both Lord and Christ. They murdered the ruler over all.)
3. How did the people feel when they realized what they had done? (They were greatly saddened.)
4. What did Peter tell the people they must do? (Repent and be baptized.)
5. What does it mean that Jesus sits at the right hand of God? (He has been raised to a position of power and authority. He is the ruler of the universe, especially of those in the faith.)
6. How should we respond to Jesus, the ruler over all? (Repent, be baptized, and daily place ourselves under His rule.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 20 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Acts 19:1-7

Q&A: Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God living within us!

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to state who the Holy Spirit is.
2. Be able to tell why he needs the Holy Spirit within him.
3. Give thanks for the Spirit's presence and learn to respect that presence.

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Introduction

1. When I was in kindergarten there was a boy in first grade who liked to pick on kindergartners. Since many of us walked home he would wait for us along the sidewalk where there were sticker bushes. When we passed by he would ask us if we were kindergartners. If we said we were, he would push us in the sticker bushes.

In my class there was a girl named Marilyn. Unfortunately she had been pushed into the sticker bushes several times by this boy. She was really no match for this boy. He was stronger and bigger than her and she kept getting hurt.

One day Marilyn asked me if I would help her. She asked me if I would walk with her and protect her from this boy. She knew she needed help or she would continue to have problems. I, of course, was happy to help her.

That day Marilyn walked down the path, with me by her side, and had victory over this problem boy.

2. I tell you this story because it reminds me of a very important Bible truth. All of us have a problem boy that we have to deal with every day. It is not somebody on the outside, however, waiting for us on our way home. It is somebody on the inside of us. It is our sin nature.

Every day our sin nature wants to hurt us. It wants us to disobey God and go our own way. It wants us to believe lies. It also wants us to do things that will hurt us and maybe leave us with some sad consequences. The fact is, too, that we are no match for this problem boy. He is too strong for us. Left to ourselves, he will beat us up and leave us as sinners in danger of death in hell.

Like Marilyn we all need some help; someone to walk with us every day to help us fight this problem boy. We need someone to come live inside us. But where do we go for this kind of help?

Body

1. There is a story from the Bible about the Apostle Paul that will help us answer this question. Listen carefully as I share it with you.

The Apostle Paul, like all of us, had a problem with his sin nature. It took him far from God. One day, however, by God's help Paul got some help. From that time on he knew he had a job to do that God had given him. So Paul traveled from city to city telling people how they could have power over their sinful nature. One day his travels took him to the city of Ephesus.

In Ephesus he was made aware of a group of about 12 men who claimed to be disciples or believers. When Paul heard this he decided to go find out if this was true. When he found the disciples we think perhaps Paul found something missing in the men. Something just wasn't right, so he asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit when they believed. You see, the Holy Spirit is the one God gives us to help us fight and conquer our selfish nature. God gives us the Spirit when we come to trust in Jesus.

Well the disciples answered that they didn't even know there was a Holy Spirit. When Paul heard this he asked them into what were they baptized. With this question Paul was trying to find out what these men believed in when they were baptized.

The men answered that they were baptized in John's baptism. It seems that these men were baptized by the followers of John the Baptist, but they really didn't understand the truth. So Paul set them straight. He told them that John's baptism was a baptism of repentance - that meant that John taught that people needed to turn from their sins and place their faith in Jesus Christ who was the Lord and Master, and who alone could save them from their sin.

When the men heard this they gladly received it. They wanted to be freed from sin and now they knew the only One who could help them. It seems that the men immediately were baptized by Paul, this time believing in the name of Jesus Christ. Shortly after this Paul placed his hands upon the men and they received the Holy Spirit. God came to live within the men to help them walk through life and conquer their sinful nature. To show others that the Spirit indeed lived in them, God allowed them to speak in languages that they had never learned and to speak the praise of God freely.

Conclusion

1. Like these men all of us need a helper. In our hearts we are all sinful. We are selfish wanting our own way. We have a sinful, selfish nature that wants to pull us from God into all kinds of hurtful things. We can see, however, that there is help. When we come to Jesus, confessing our sin and our need of Him, He helps us. He wipes away our sin and He gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit which is God in us. God actually comes to live inside us to help us fight our selfish ways.

2. How do we know the Spirit lives inside us? I don't see many people speaking languages they have never learned. The fact is today we know we have God's Spirit living in us in several important ways.

A. We begin to win the battle against sin. We grow to hate sin and we begin to live more and more for God.

B. We begin to see God's fruit in our life, especially love - the kind of love Jesus showed us on the cross. If God comes to live inside us through the Holy Spirit, don't you think we will see His character and ways in our life.

C. In time God's Spirit gives our hearts confidence that we are God's children. He helps us to know that we have been brought into God's loving family and that we are there to stay.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 20

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verses for lessons 18-19. Let a few children recite the lessons individually and then recite them as a group. Do not spend too much time on this.

2. Explain the verse

1 Corinthians 3:16 *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?*

- What is a temple? (A building used to worship God. It was a place where God would be especially present with His people.)
- Who is said to be God's temple? (Those who believe in Jesus Christ as savior and Lord.)
- If we are God's temple what must be true of us? (God's Spirit lives in us. God is present in us through the Spirit.)

3. Memorize the verse

Group response - Divide your team into two groups. Divide the verse into two sections and assign a section to each group. Have each group then read their part in sequence. Read through the verse this way covering up one section at a time. Then repeat the process switching the lines to be read. Finally have the whole group recite the whole verse.

Lesson Review

1. Against what do we all need help? (We need help to fight our selfish nature which takes us away from God.)
2. How were the disciples in Ephesus confused? (They had not trusted in Christ and they did not even know that there was a Holy Spirit.)
3. How did Paul clear up their confusion? (He told them of their need to believe in Jesus, the Lord.)
4. Who is the only one who can help us in our fight against sin? (God's Holy Spirit.)
5. How did the disciples in Ephesus know they had been given the Holy Spirit? (They began to speak in unlearned languages and speak the praises of God.)
6. How do we know when God's Spirit lives in us? (When we see sin being defeated, God's fruit being multiplied, and our confidence in God growing in our hearts.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1- Lesson 21 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Acts 2:43-47

Q&A: What is the Church? The Church is the community of all believers.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to give a simple definition of what the church is.
2. Understand what his responsibilities are as a member of the church.
3. Give thanks for the church and the many blessings that come from being part of the church.

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Introduction

1. If you were going to build a house what would you have to do?
 - First you would have to have a plan. You would have to decide what the house would look like, how big, how many rooms, what it would be made of, how you could support the walls and the roof, what kind of foundation...
 - Next you would need to clear a site and lay your foundation. Now you must know that your foundation is very important because if it is crooked or if it is not strong enough, it will affect the whole building. If you failed to have a foundation, your building would shift and sway until it collapsed.
 - Next you would begin building the walls. If you were using bricks you would want to tie the bricks together. You would try to find a way to tie the structure all together so that every part is supporting the parts around it. This way you have the strongest building.
 - Finally comes the roof and things like landscaping. When you are all done with your hard work someone can live in the building you have made. Hopefully if it has been made well it will serve those living in it for many years.
2. Did you know that God is building a house? It is not a house made with human hands or with brick and mortar. It is much more lasting. Do you know what it is called? (The Church) Who can tell me what the Church is? (Discuss the Q&A)
3. Today we are going to look at God's master building project called the Church.

Body

1. God has had a plan throughout all time to build His Church. Even before the earth was created God had this plan. Before the sun, moon and stars were created He had this plan.
2. First God had to have a place or a site for His Church. So in 7 days God created the heavens and the earth. He made the light and dark, the land and the sea, the plants,

land animals, sea animals and then finally he made man. Man was to be a very important part of His Church.

3. Next He had to lay a foundation. This was the most important part of His building. It had to be perfect. If it was not perfect it would affect the whole church. So God performed one of His marvelous works. He sent His own Son to earth. Jesus lived a perfect life, completely doing everything His Father desired. Then at just the right time He allowed Himself to be crucified on the cross.

On the cross Jesus took all of our sins upon Himself and then took the anger of God that our sins deserved. Jesus was then put in a tomb where he lay until the third day. Then on the third day Jesus arose. He showed Himself to His followers, gave them a promise, and then was raised to the right hand of God.

With this Christ became the foundation of God's Church. Can you think of any better foundation? Can you think of any more perfect way to start a building?

4. Once the foundation was laid God began to build His Church. What do you think He used for bricks? He used those who trusted in Him, those who were His children.

Do you remember what happened after Jesus went up into heaven? The disciples waited 10 days. Finally they heard a rushing noise, a wind. They also saw tongues of fire on each head as the Spirit of God came and lived inside each believer. And do you remember what special talent these believers received? They were able to speak the praises of God in languages they never had learned.

Right after this Peter stood and begin telling people about Jesus. He told them all that we have been learning this year. And do you know what the people said? They asked what they should do. Peter told them to turn from their sinful ways and to trust in Jesus Christ, the Lord. That day 3000 people became believers.

God had 3000 new bricks to use in building this church in which He would live.

5. And so God continued construction of His Church placing bricks (people) exactly where He wanted them. He put people in just the right spot in order to support the other ones.

Today God is doing this very thing. In fact this is what He does with you and I. Like a good brick layer he looks over the bricks, chooses the one He wants and then places it exactly where He wants it. He puts each of us in just the right place so that we will support the rest of the people around us and promote the growth of the church in a solid way.

6. Do you know how you as a Christian can support one another and help the church grow strong?

The Bible tells us in Acts 2 what the early church did. They:

A. Came together to learn God's Word- they learned from the apostles gathering in the temple and in homes. By learning God's Word they learn how to live as God's church, how to love one another, how to love God....

B. Fellowship - When the church was being built up in Peter's day, people were selling things they owned and using the money to help others who were in need. They shared whatever they had because they saw themselves as one large family.

C. Prayer - the Church grows and is supported by prayer. They prayed for those who were being persecuted. They prayed that God would bring others into their church and that God's people would live more and more like Jesus.

D. Breaking bread - they gathered often and shared a meal and remembered their Lord Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

1. God is building His church today. The church is not a building; it is the community of all believers. God is bringing many to trust in His Son and when they come to Jesus God then places them in His Church - that is the place where He wants them to live.

2. Are you part of God's Church? Has God brought you to confess your sin before God and ask Him to forgive you? Have you come to God saying you want Him to run your life? If you have then you now are part of God's Church and you must do your part to support those around you and to help the church grow.

You must share God's Word with others.

You must share your possessions with those in need. See others in the church as your brothers and sisters and be sure to take good care of them.

You must pray with others that God's Church would grow.

You must encourage a love and devotion to God.

3. Remember that the church is the community of all believers, that it is the spiritual building in which God lives. Let's work hard with God's help to make the church a suitable dwelling for God and a place where His people are supported and grow.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 21

1. Review

Quickly review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 19 and 20. Allow a few children to recite the lesson and then recite it with the whole group. Do not take a great deal of time on this.

2. Explain the verse

1 Corinthians 12:27 *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.*

- What does Paul mean by “you” ? (Those who have become one with Christ through faith.)
- What is Paul saying about all who are believers? (They together become the body of Christ)
- Why do you think Paul says, “Each one of you is part of it”? (He wants them to know that each of them have an important part to play in the body of Christ. It is important that each part does what it is designed to do.)

3. Memorize the verse

Cover a word - Write the verse on the chalkboard. Recite it a couple of times together. Then take 2 pieces of tag board and cover two of the words in the verse. Have a child recite the verse. If he recites it correctly allow him to cover two new words and repeat the process. Give several children a chance to do this. Work on the verse until everyone has it mastered.

Lesson Review

1. What is the name of the building God is building today? (The Church)
2. Why is the foundation of a building important? (Without a perfect foundation the building will have many problems)
3. What is the foundation of the church? (Jesus Christ, who is the perfect lamb of God)
4. What are the bricks that God uses to build the church? (Those who believe in Christ are the bricks that God uses to build His church.)
5. How can we help support others in the church and promote the growth of the church? (Teach others the Word, share with those who have need, pray together, promote love, devotion, and worship of God.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 22 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Luke 23:32-43

Q&A: What happens when a Christian dies? When a Christian dies he goes to live forever in heaven with Christ.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to relate what happens to the body and soul after death.
2. Prepare himself for death by coming to Christ in faith.
3. Give thanks for the hope of living forever with Christ in heaven.

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Introduction

1. Have you ever been to a funeral? (Let children talk about their experiences.) If you have been to a funeral, have you seen the body in the casket? What is different about the person in the casket? What has happened to him?

Do you remember what we said the word "death" meant in one of our first lessons this year? We said death means separation. Death happens when the body is separated from the soul. When God first made man in the Garden of Eden do you remember how He made him? He took from the dust of the ground and formed a body. Then He breathed into man and he become a living soul. From this we learn that man is both a body and a soul, and as long as body and soul are together, the man is alive. When, however, the body and soul separate, we say the person is dead.

2. What happens when the body and soul of a person separate in death? What happens to the body? What happens to the soul? Is there a difference in what happens to the body and soul of a believer as compared to an unbeliever? These are some of the questions we are going to try to answer from our Bible story.

Body

1. Our story takes place at the crucifixion of Jesus. As you will remember, the Roman and Jewish rulers greatly mistreated Jesus. They whipped Him with a cat-of-nine-tails. They beat Him with rods, shoved a crown of thorns on His head, mocked Him, made Him carry His cross, and more. Finally they led Him to Golgotha where they crucified Him. They pierced His hands and feet with nails and then hoisted Him into the air where He had to struggle to gain each breath. Even amidst such torture, all Jesus could say of those who mistreated Him was, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do".

2. The Bible says that His was not the only crucifixion that day. In fact two other men were led up to Golgotha that very day. They, too, were placed on a cross and hoisted

up next to Jesus, one on the right side and one on the left. These two men were being crucified because they were criminals and now they had to pay the price.

3. Around these three crosses were gathered many people, some Jewish rulers, and some soldiers. Some of the rulers looked at Jesus and mocked. They said, "He saved others, let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." You see they did not believe Jesus was come from God and that He would be returning again to God according to the Father's plan. They actually looked at Jesus hanging on the cross with pleasure thinking they had done their enemy in.

4. Some of the soldiers mocked Jesus as well. They offered Him sour wine and then they said, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.' They, too, doubted that Jesus was any more than a mentally ill person who thought He was something special. They had seen others like Him. The sign over His head that said, "the King of the Jews" did not impress them. Here was just another guy who thought too much of himself.

5. Finally, one of the criminals on the cross joined in. He shouted, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us". His voice showed that he in no way believed Jesus to be the Son of God.

When the other criminal heard this, he told him off. He said, "Don't you even fear God? How can you talk this way since we are receiving the same judgment this man is. (He thought the man had no reason to speak so arrogantly to Jesus). Besides, we are receiving what we deserve for the things we have done wrong, but this man has done nothing wrong." You see, somehow God helped this man understand. He knew Jesus had done nothing wrong. Perhaps He heard of the miracles of Jesus and had heard of the jealousy of the Jewish rulers. Whatever the cause, this criminal knew Jesus to be a true King.

6. At that moment the criminal turned to Jesus and said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into your Kingdom". Now I am sure that this man didn't know all there was to know about Jesus, but He knew enough to look to Jesus for help. So he asked to be remembered when Jesus entered His Kingdom. And how did Jesus respond?

He said, "Truly (you can count on this) I say to you, this day you shall be with me in paradise". What did Jesus mean by this? Was He going to get down off the cross and help this man get down as well? Was He then going to start a revolt? We who have heard this story know that is not what happened. Jesus died that day. Later some men came and broke the legs of this criminal and he, too, died. Then what did Jesus mean?

7. Jesus was saying that because this man believed Him to be the Christ and looked to Him for salvation, though he would die this day and have his body placed in a tomb, his soul would join Jesus in Paradise or heaven. Though his body and soul would separate in death, his soul would be preserved in heaven forever.

8. What do you think happened to the other criminal who mocked Jesus? He, too, died. His body and soul were separated. His body as well went into a tomb, but his soul did not go to paradise. Instead it went to a place called hell where it would remain forever.

9. Would the bodies always remain in the grave? Though this story does not answer this question, the rest of the Bible gives us some ideas. When Jesus returns He shall resurrect all bodies - those of believers and those of unbelievers. He will judge those

bodies and then equip them for the rest of eternity. For those who believe, Jesus will change the body and make it suited for living forever with God. He will then reunite the body with the soul. For those who do not believe, they will receive a body suited for death forever in hell. That body, too, will likely be reunited with the soul.

Conclusion

1. For many of us a funeral is a sad time. Someone we love has left us and we must go on without them. If, however, the person was a Christian we should also be very glad because their soul has been united with Jesus in heaven and one day their body will be changed and reunited with their soul.

But if the person was not a Christian it is a double sorrow. Not only do we miss them but we also must be saddened, for their soul will go into hell where they will be separated from God and all His goodness forever.

2. If you were to die today, would you be ready to meet God? Would your soul go up to be with God and your body await the resurrection? You can only answer "yes" to this question if you have called on the Lord to save you from your sin. Have you looked to Jesus and asked Him to remember you - to wipe your sins clean and give you the power to live completely for Him?

3. If you are ready to meet Jesus, have you thanked Him for the hope you have? Death is not to be feared for the best is still to come for those who have Jesus as their Lord. As He conquered death, so shall those who trust in Him. Let's praise God for this hope.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 22

1. Review

Carefully review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 21. Give each child a chance to completely recite this lesson.

2. Explain the verse

Psalm 23:6 *...and I will dwell / in the house of the LORD / forever.*

- What does the word “dwell” mean? (To live in)
- Where did the Psalmist say he would be living? (In the house of the Lord)
- For how long did the Psalmist say He would live in the house of the Lord? (Forever)
- What do you think he meant by the house of the Lord? (Heaven)

3. Memorize the verse

Contrast - Divide the verse into phrases (this is done for you above). Have the class say the first phrase loudly, the second phrase softly. Keep alternating all through the verse. Then try a new contrast. Alternate between having the children sit for a phrase and stand for a phrase. If you wish, try the contrast between quickly and slowly. Caution: be sure children exercise respect for the Word of God as they participate in this exercise.

Lesson Review

1. Who was crucified with Jesus? (Two criminals)
2. What were the different people doing around cross of Jesus? (They looked at Him and mocked)
3. How did the two criminals respond to Jesus? (One mocked; the other asked to be remembered in Paradise.)
4. What happens to the body and soul of a believer after death? (The body goes to the grave, the soul to heaven to be with the Lord. At the coming of Christ the body shall be changed and united with the soul.)
5. What happens to the body and soul of a non-believer after death? (The body goes to the grave, the soul to hell. At Christ’s coming, the body will be prepared to be reunited with the soul in hell.)
6. How can we prepare for our death? (Come to Jesus for forgiveness and new life.)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 23 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Luke 18:9-14

Q&A: What happens when I believe in Christ? When I believe in Christ I become right with God and receive eternal life.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to give a definition for the words "believe" and "justified".
2. Be able to share why God accepted the tax collector and not the Pharisee.
3. Come to Christ humbly to be made right with God and receive eternal life.

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Introduction

1. In our church we talk much about believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, but do we know what it means to believe? Who can tell me what they think it means to "believe"? (Allow for discussion.)
2. In our story today we shall see what it truly means to believe and we will see what happens when we believe. Listen carefully as I tell you the story.

Body

1. One day two men came up to the temple to pray. One of them was a religious leader called a Pharisee and the other was a dishonest politician called a tax collector. Allow me to tell you a little bit more about each man.

The Pharisee was part of a group of religious leaders who were very concerned about their religion. They had seen their religion get smaller and smaller and they were afraid that it would disappear. To make sure that this would not happen they worked hard teaching about their faith and following its rules. Above anyone else they were careful to obey every command. Even this man's appearance at the temple this day for prayer was part of his effort to obey all the rules.

The other man, however, was not a religious person. In fact he had a job which made him a person that few people liked. You see, he worked for the Roman government. They commissioned him to go out and collect taxes from the people. Having to pay taxes was bad enough, but the tax collectors made it worse by collecting more than they were supposed to. You see, if they had to collect \$100 and instead collected \$150, they could pocket the extra \$50 and in time could be very rich. Now the people who paid taxes knew these men did this, so they did not like them very much.

Now these two men went to the temple to pray. From what you know about these two men now, which of them was a believer? Which of these men's prayers do you think was acceptable to God? Let's listen and find out as we continue the story.

2. The Pharisee stood up to pray and looked toward heaven and said,

Luke 18:11-12 ... *'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'*

You can see from his prayer that the Pharisee was quite proud of himself. He thought himself better than many other men, and he emphasized how righteous he was. He said he fasted (went without food) 2X per week. This was even more than the law commanded - he was trying to be extra religious. He also said he tithed or gave a tenth part of all that He had. Surely this man thought he was a believer and that his prayer would be accepted. Let's turn, though, to the other man.

3. Something was different about the way the tax collector prayed. First of all, he did not come as close to the temple. He prayed from a distance, not feeling worthy to pray close to the temple. When he prayed he also did not raise his eyes to heaven. All he could do is beat his chest and say, "God, be merciful to me - a sinner". This man was struck with his sinfulness, with his unworthiness, and all he could do was hang his head and weep and ask God to have mercy on him. Do you think this man was a believer and that His prayer was accepted by God?

4. Fortunately we do not have to guess about this because the Bible tells us the answer. It says that the tax collector went home justified. Do you know what it means to be justified? It means to be declared by a judge that you are right with God, that you are not guilty. Your sins have been removed and you have been covered with Jesus' righteousness or goodness. Let me give you an illustration to help you understand this.

I want you to imagine a glorious throne before you. Seated on that throne is God, who is ready to judge. Down a long aisle from the throne is a door. At this moment you see three people enter. At first you cannot make out who the people are, but as they come closer you realize that you are the person in the middle, the devil is at your left, and Jesus is at your right. Finally the three of you come before the throne.

As you continue to watch, the devil steps forward and begins to argue his case. He begins accusing you of rebellion. He says you have been mean to your brother or sister, disobedient to your parents, selfish with your classmates, wasteful with time spending hours in front of the TV or with video games,... Worse than all of this, the devil says that you have not lived to honor God. In your heart you have been more concerned about yourself than God. For this reason the devil demands that you be punished forever in hell.

When you hear these words your heart sinks for you know them to be true.

Next, Jesus steps forward. He states that it is true that you have done these things and that your heart is more concerned about yourself than God and that you are deserving of death. Jesus, however, offers some more facts. He says that He has died for you and that you recognizing your sinfulness have cried out to Him for mercy. He has heard that cry and has wiped away your sins and has covered you with His righteousness. Jesus

ends by saying that He believes you should, for this reason, be given all the privileges of a Son of God.

For a very brief moment, God considers the evidence. Then with His gavel coming down hard on the throne He yells out, "Justified. I declare you to be righteous, to be right with me (not guilty). Your sins are forgiven and you have my Son's life covering you and flowing through you. You are justified."

5. That's what the Bible said about the tax collector. He recognized his sinfulness. He knew he was unworthy of even coming near the temple. He did know, however, there was only one place to go for help and that is God. So he cried out for mercy and when he did, God heard the cry, forgave his sins and declared him to be justified. At that moment he became a new person with the life of God (eternal life) flowing through him.

Why didn't God say that about the Pharisee? He had done a lot of good deeds. The reason he wasn't justified is because the only thing he believed in was himself. He was proud of all his good deeds. He thought he was better than other men. He thought God should be pleased to have him as a friend. He didn't see things very well, though. He didn't see his sinfulness (his pride) and thus he did not come to God humbly and cry out for mercy. As a result he remained an enemy with God and a stranger to eternal life.

Conclusion

1. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus? To believe is not to come to God telling Him how great you are, how good you are, how much better you are than others your age. To believe is to come to God recognizing, like the tax collector, that you don't even deserve to pray to God. It means that you come recognizing you have no hope, but to look to Jesus and cry out for His mercy. When you do this, however, God hears your prayer and you walk away "justified". You are declared by God to be right with Him - no more sin in the way, and you are given the gift of eternal life, that is, Jesus living within you forever and ever.

Have you believed in the Lord Jesus? Are you right with God? Do you have the life of Jesus living in you?

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 23

1. Review

Carefully review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 21 and 22. Give several children an opportunity to recite these lessons and then recite them several times with both groups.

2. Explain the verse

Romans 5:1 *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

- What does the word justified mean? (It means to be declared righteous. It is like a judge declaring a person to be “not guilty”.)
- What does it mean to have peace with God? (Sin makes us an enemy with God. To have peace with God is to have no sin between us and God.)
- How are we made right before God? (Through faith)

3. Memorize the verse

Fill in the blank - Write the complete verse on the board and recite it several times with the children. Next erase 3-4 words and recite the verse again. Replace the erased words and erase 3-4 new words and recite the verse again. Do this until all students have mastered the verse.

Lesson Review

1. What does it mean to believe? (To place our hope in Jesus alone to save us from our sin)
2. What was the Pharisee trusting in to make himself acceptable to God? (His good deeds)
3. Why did God say the tax collector went away justified and not the Pharisee? (The tax collector recognized his sin and unworthiness and cried to God for mercy. This is what it means to believe. The Pharisee did not see his pride nor his need for God. Until that happened he would never be saved from his sin.)
4. What does the word justified mean? (To declare not guilty or righteous)

LOGOS Kids Club

Year 1 - Lesson 24 - Grades 1-2

Lesson Focus

Text: Acts 9:1-31

Q&A: Why are good works important? Though good works cannot save me, they show I have new life within me.

Objectives: By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that he cannot be saved through his own effort.
2. Come to repentance and faith in the work of Christ.
3. Understand that those who are truly saved will produce good works by the working of God's Spirit within them.

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Introduction

1. How many of you have been really sick? Recently I was in bed for two days. You could tell I was sick because I didn't look good and I didn't want to do anything but lie in bed. I didn't want to eat, I didn't want to talk to anybody, I didn't want to read (which I love to do), I didn't want to watch TV, I just wanted to get better.

Many times when we are sick we visit a doctor. Often the doctor is able to prescribe some medicine which, if taken, will fight the bacteria that is causing us problems. Now if someone did not actually see us take the medicine, how could they tell that we had taken it and that it was working? Truly all they would have to do is look at us. In my case I am sure my face brightened up. I began to have interest in food and reading and those sorts of things. I was more willing to talk with people and before long I wanted to be out of bed doing things. In short, my behavior showed that something was at work within me making me healthy again.

2. In our story today a man had a very bad sickness. It was not sickness of body, but of soul. One day God entered his life and began fighting the sin in his life. Some people, however, didn't believe he had truly come to God. Let's see how they finally came to believe that God had entered his life.

Body

1. Our story is about a man named Paul (earlier his name was Saul). He was a religious man. He tried to do many things he thought were pleasing to God and would earn God's favor. His latest deed which he thought would earn him lots of points with God was to persecute Christians. He felt people who were followers of Jesus were a threat not only to the country where he lived but also to his religion. So, wherever Paul

found someone who claimed to be a Christian, he would take him by force to the religious rulers and they would throw him in jail. In time Paul was gaining quite a reputation for being a terror to Christians.

Proud of his success, Paul decided to go to the religious rulers and see if he could get permission to go to a nearby area and arrest Christians there as well. Paul was all excited when he got permission and quickly set out, but he did not know what lay ahead. Listen while I read what the Bible says happened.

Acts 9:3-6

3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

When Paul saw the bright light and heard the voice from heaven, He knew it was God. There was no doubt in his mind. What he heard, however, completely surprised him.

The voice from heaven said that instead of pleasing God, Paul had been persecuting God. He did this by chasing after followers of Christ. All the good he thought he was doing he now saw as worthless. He saw himself as one who had worked against God, even as an enemy.

He also learned that the ones he was helping to put in jail were followers of Jesus, God's Son. Paul was crushed. He thought he was doing good, but now he found himself fallen to the ground at the mercy of God. Thankfully, God had given him hope. He said to arise and he would find out what God would have him do.

2. So that is exactly what Paul did. The men with him helped him up and had to continue helping him because when Paul opened his eyes he could not see. For three days he remained blind and each day he thought about what had happened and he prayed to God.

Meanwhile God was talking with a man named Ananias in a vision. He told Ananias to go find Paul and when he found him to put his hands on his head so that he might receive his sight.

When Ananias heard the name of Paul he was frightened. He protested that Paul was the one who was dragging people to prison for being followers of Christ. Wouldn't it be suicide to go and help this guy? He was known everywhere for being big trouble.

Listen to how the Lord replied.

Acts 9:15-16 *But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."*

So, I am sure, with a little fear Ananias went to Paul and laid his hands on his head. The Bible says that when he did this Paul regained his sight and more importantly received

the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was coming in to get rid of his greatest disease: his sin. The Holy Spirit was coming in to wipe away his sin and to help him to truly live for God.

3. Well, what did Paul do after this? The Bible says that he arose, was baptized, ate food, and then went out telling others about Jesus Christ. Can you imagine this? This was the man that was putting followers of Jesus in jail, but now, filled with God's Spirit, he was telling everyone he could about Christ.

Many who saw and heard the new Paul could not believe it. They wondered if he was the same man. Some of his old friends got angry. They thought he was a traitor. So angry they were that they decided to kill him. Fortunately some of Paul's new friends helped him to escape from that city and this plot to kill him.

4. From there Paul went to Jerusalem where the apostles were as well as many other followers of Christ. When Paul arrived he wanted to join the other followers of Christ. How do you think they felt? They were afraid because they hadn't learned about his new faith in Christ nor had they heard him preach. For a while they did not want him to join them. They thought this might be a way to trap them so that he might put them in jail.

Finally, Barnabas took Paul to the apostles. There he told them how Paul had met God on the way to Damascus and how since then he had boldly spoken out in Jesus' name. Convinced that God had done a great work in Paul's life they gladly received him and he became one of their most important preachers.

Conclusion

1. How did people know that Paul's life had changed? They looked at his life and saw that something was drastically different. The enemy of God had become one of God's greatest apostles.

How had this change come about? Did Paul work really hard and finally become a really great Christian? No, God had to come into Paul's life. He had to knock him to the ground and show him how sinful he was. He had to show him that all his intelligence had not helped him know that Jesus Christ was Lord. He had to show him that all the good things he was doing to please God were worthless. Good works will never make us pleasing to God.

After knocking Paul down, God gave him one hope. That hope was in following the Lord Jesus Christ. In a few short days Paul became a follower of the Lord Jesus. At that time the Spirit of God came into his life to wash away his sin and to give him power over sin. From that day, Paul was a changed man and the thing that convinced all men around him was the way his life was changed.

2. Imagine with me two trees. One is barren - no leaves, no buds, no flowers, no fruit. The other is full of leaves, new buds, many flowers, and branches hanging low with fruit. As you look at these two trees, which would you say has the sap flowing through its branches? Which of the two has life flowing through it?

The same is true of believers. We know that the life of God, His Spirit, lives in us because of the way we live. We are all born sinners and nothing we do, not even all the good deeds in the world can change us. We are like the barren tree. God, however,

knows how to come to us, show us our sin, show us His love in Jesus Christ, and make us new people. When He comes to live inside us we know because we begin to live differently. We become like the flowering tree bearing the fruit of good works.

Is God alive within you? Has He come inside to wipe away your sins and produce the fruit of good works? If He lives in you praise Him and pray that He helps you be more and more His servant. If you do not think He lives in you, come to Him in prayer. Confess you sin and ask Him to come into your life and make you new.

LOGOS Kids Club
Memory Instruction Time
Lesson 24

1. Review

Have each child review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 23.

2. Explain the verse

James 2:26 ... *faith without deeds is dead.*

- What is faith? (Believing or trusting in God. In this case it refers to a person who claims to have faith in God.)
- What are deeds? (James refers to a lifestyle characterized by the love of God.)
- What does James say about a faith that does not result in a life that shows the love of God? (It is dead or worthless)

3. Memorize the verse

Puzzle - Write the verse on an 8-1/2 X 11-1/2 piece of paper. Cut the paper into pieces forming a puzzle. Mix the pieces up and then have children put them in order. Then recite the verse together many times. Each time you recite the verse take away one piece of the puzzle. When all pieces have been taken, children should have memorized the verse.

Lesson Review

1. What was Paul's life like before He met Jesus on the road to Damascus? (He tried to put the followers of Jesus in jail. He was very proud of himself, thinking he was pleasing to God.)
2. Were any of Paul's good deeds pleasing or acceptable to God at this time? (No)
3. What did God have to do to changed Paul's life? (He came to Paul on the road, convinced him of his sin and of his need of Jesus Christ.)
4. How did Paul's life change after he met Jesus on the road? (He become a follower of Jesus and proclaimed His name everywhere he went.)
5. How did people come to know that God's Spirit came to live inside Paul? (They could see Paul's changed life; they could see his good works.)