

# Week #1 Small Group Lesson



- Bible Truth:** Who did Jesus think He was anyway?  
*Jesus said He was God in human skin!*
- Bible Story:** John 10:22-42 (Jesus claims to be Son of God)  
John 11:1-44 (Jesus raises Lazarus from dead)
- Bible Verse:** Colossians 1:15 (NLT)  
*“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.”*

## Small Group Supplies:

- 1 Set of 5 God Attribute Cards
- 1 Set of 5 Jesus Proof Cards

## Small Group Connection (5 minutes)

We want to make sure that we connect with every child God brought our way. This is the time for children to turn to their Small Group Leader who will ask them a few simple get-to-know-you-better questions. The countdown video will signal when it's time to refocus on the upfront teacher. Feel free to use something to pass around to signal when it's a child's turn to speak.



(ask these questions...)

- Tell us something good about you that we might not know already.
- How would you prove to someone that what you shared was actually true?
- Have you ever had someone tell you something about themselves that wasn't true?
- What are some ways that you can discover the truth about what people tell you?
- **Today we are going to learn about who Jesus said He was.**

## Small Group Discussion – John 10:22-11:44 (8 minutes)

This is a chance for your children to open up their Bibles, read a portion of the story they just watched, and then discuss it with their Small Group Leader. For younger children, read the Bible while they follow along in their Bibles. The countdown video will signal when it's time to refocus on the upfront teacher. You can continue to use a something to pass around to signal when it's a child's turn to speak.



(ask these questions...)

- Who can lookup John 10:22 in their Bible? Let me show you how.
- Who wants to read John 10:24-33? If no one does, I'll read it.
- What did the people want Jesus to tell them? (*His identity. Was He the Messiah*)
- What do you think Jesus meant by saying “The Father and I are one.”? (*He was God in human skin*)
- Why do you think the religious leaders got so mad and wanted to kill Jesus? (*He claimed to be God*)
- Who wants to read John 11:1-6? If no one does, I'll read it.
- Why didn't Jesus come right away when He heard Lazarus was sick? (*Wanted to bring God glory*)
- Who wants to read John 11:17-27? If no one does, I'll read it.
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”? (*He has power over death*)
- Who did Martha believe Jesus was? (*The Messiah. The Son of God*)
- Do you think raising Lazarus from the dead was enough proof to convince people He was God?
- Who do people today say that Jesus is? (*Good teacher, Just a religious leader, Savior of the world*)
- **Today we are looking at who Jesus said He was. There is no question that Jesus said He was God!**

## Small Group Activity – Attribute Match-Up (10 minutes)

This is a chance for your children to gather with their Small Group Leaders one last time and do a short activity that will help them apply today's Bible truth. We will not display a Countdown since this should take the rest of the service time. The purpose of this activity is to help children realize that Jesus meets all the attributes for God. This gives another powerful proof to Jesus' claims to be God in human skin.



(say the following...)

- Everyone sit in a circle because today I brought in some cards to help us with a fun activity.
- The first set of cards I want to show you contain Bible Verses that Jesus said or that were said about Him.
- I am going to read each one of these cards, then set them in the middle of our group so everyone can see them.
- Now I am going to show you another set of cards. These contain 5 main attributes of God. That's just a fancy way of saying 5 main things that only God can do.
- I am going to read each one of these cards, then see if you can help me find a Bible Verse card that matches.
- We are going to see if Jesus fits the main attributes of God.
- And if He does, then it gives us more proof that Jesus really is God in human skin.

(Work with the children to match up the things Jesus said or were said about Him with the attributes of God and line up the cards as shown to the right)

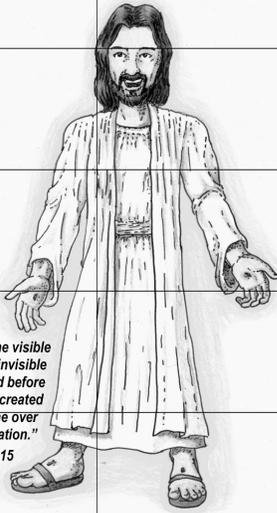


(say the following...)

- Now I have a surprise for you.
- I am going to carefully turn over all the cards, keeping them in their same location, and show you something.

<p><b>1 All Knowing</b></p> <p>God is All-Knowing about all things. The fancy word for this is <b>Omniscient</b>. This means that God knows everything about everything and He never even had to go to school to learn it. God knows everything about the past, present, and even future.</p>	<p>"Now we understand that you know everything, and there's no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God." — John 16:30 (NLT)</p> 
<p><b>2 All Powerful</b></p> <p>God is the only one who is All Powerful. The fancy word for this is <b>Omnipotent</b>. This means that God can do anything He wants to. The good news is that God is good all the time and so everything He does is always good. The only thing God can't do is sin.</p>	<p>"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth." — Matthew 28:18 (NLT)</p> 
<p><b>3 Everywhere</b></p> <p>God is Everywhere at all times. The fancy word for this is <b>Omnipresent</b>. This means that God has the ability to be at all places at the same time. We can only be in one place at one time, so this will probably be very difficult for us to understand.</p>	<p>"Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." — Matthew 28:20</p> 
<p><b>4 Eternal</b></p> <p>God is Eternal. That means that He has always existed and always will. God does not have a birthday or a beginning like we do and He will never die. Since we live in a certain place and time, we may have a hard time understanding that God isn't bound by time.</p>	<p>"I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!" — John 8:58 (NLT)</p> 
<p><b>5 Unchanging</b></p> <p>God is Unchanging. The fancy word for this is <b>Immutable</b>. This means that God never changes. Who God was back in Bible-times is who God is today. We grow and change every year...just look at your baby pictures to prove it. God, however, is perfect in every way and doesn't need to change.</p>	<p>"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." — Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)</p> 

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— Colossians 1:15

(Turn over all the cards keeping them in their correct locations to reveal the following picture of Jesus with today's Bible Verse shown to the left)



(say the following...)

- We have put together a puzzle without even knowing it!
- Let's all read our Bible Verse together. It says, "**Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.**"



(ask these questions...)

- What does it mean that Jesus existed before anything was created? (He is God and actually was involved in creating everything)
- What does it mean that Jesus is supreme over all creation? (Jesus is God)
- Knowing that Jesus is All Knowing, All Powerful, Everywhere, Eternal, and Unchanging, how can Jesus help you this week?
- Is there anything in your life that is too big for Jesus to help with?



(say the following...)

- Let's end our time by praying together.
- Is there anything that you need prayer for? (kids respond)