

God's Kid

Luke 3:1-22

God Story

Jesus' Baptism | Luke 3:1-22

Big Idea

Jesus is God's kid.

Key Verse

"We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:69 (NIV)

Leader Tips

Pray for the kids in your group before they arrive.

Life Story

1. Conversation Starter

2 MINUTES

Lead into today's lesson by talking about similarities among family members. Introduce the Big Idea.

2. Intro Activity

5 MINUTES

Brainstorm a list of things that are true about Jesus.

God Story

3. Weekly Video

12 MINUTES

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

My Story

4. Small Group Activity

12 MINUTES *

Follow a path of questions and make a fill-in-the-blanks craft.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

8 MINUTES

Practice saying the Key Verse in a basketball-style game.

Our Story

6. Dismissal

Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities

Life Story

1. Conversation Starter

Supplies

- None

Leader Tip:

As the kids arrive, welcome them and find out how their weeks have gone.

Instructions:

- Gather everyone together.
- Ask:
 - Who in your family do you look the most like?
 - Who in your family do you act the most like? In what ways?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Point out that we tend to act like our parents or the siblings we spend a lot of time with.
- Explain that God is three members of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: Jesus is God's kid.

2. Intro Activity

Supplies

- Brainstorming activity page
- Marker
- Wall-safe tape

Instructions:

- Tell the kids that what's true about Jesus is true about God, too. Jesus is God's kid, so Jesus must be a lot like God!
 - Lead the group to brainstorm a list of things that are true about Jesus.
 - Write the kids' ideas on the activity page.
 - When everyone has contributed, review the ideas.
 - Point out that if we want to follow Jesus, we should try to be like him!
 - Discuss how the kids can be like or do the things they brainstormed.
 - Emphasize that Jesus was fully human just like us. He is fully God, too. It's a big thing to understand! The kids will hear more about it in today's video.
 - Place the brainstorming page where parents will see it at pick-up time.
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God Story

3. Weekly Video

Supplies

- Video file

Instructions:

- a. Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Jesus' Baptism | Luke 3:1-22)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Kids share their perspectives on how they know and experience their parent' love).
- b. Discuss:
 - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
 - What was the God Story about?
 - How do you think these two stories and today's Big Idea (Jesus is God's kid) connect?

4. Small Group Activity

Supplies

- Question pages
- Masking tape
- Activity pages
- Markers
- (Optional) Clipboards
- Stickers
- String

Before the Activity:

Spread out the question pages on the floor. Use masking tape to join them into a path.

Instructions:

- a. Gather your small group around the first question.
- b. Give each person an activity page, a marker, and a clipboard if available.
- c. Read aloud the question and discuss it together.
- d. Tell the kids that the fill-in-the-blank word is "Jesus" and give them a moment to write it on their pages.
- e. Walk along the path to the next questions.
- f. Read it aloud and discuss it.
- g. Let everyone know the next word is "kid" and give them time to write it.
- h. Repeat with remaining question pages. In order, the rest of the fill-in-the-blank words are "loves", "am", "kid", and "loves".
- i. For the final question, give the kids stickers to decorate their pages.
- j. Direct everyone to fold their paper.
- k. Give each person a length of string.
- l. Show them how to tie a loop of string under the fold so that they can hang up their pages at home.
- m. Help the kids make their string hangers as needed.
- n. When most of them are finished, ask everyone to pause and pray together. Pray that they will come to know what it means that we are God's kids and that they would know how much he loves us.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

Supplies

- Key Verse Sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Balls

Before the Activity:

Place the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it.

Instructions:

- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Let everyone know that they're going to be racing to say the Key Verse.
- Guide one person from each team to act as a basketball hoop by standing up with their arms held in a circle and fingertips touching.
- Direct the rest of each team to line up a short distance from their "hoop".
- Prompt the team members to take turns trying to toss a ball into the hoop. If they get it in, their team should say one word from John 6:69.
- Declare the first team to get through the whole verse the winner.

Our Story

6. Dismissal

Supplies

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse Colouring pages

Leader Tip:

Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

Instructions:

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
- Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
- Offer a Key Verse card and colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
- Remind the kids to take their crafts.
- Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.