Jesus

The Life

Making The Bible Come Alive

Who was this person?

- **Focus on John 10:25-30 as you begin to describe who Jesus is, and how He relates to God. The Trinity can be difficult for children to understand, so ensure as you teach that your responses are rooted in Scripture:**

25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. 26 The works I do in my Father's name testify about me,
27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.
29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

- Jesus is the Son of God. He is part of the Godhead Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
- Jesus speaks in John 10:30 of how "I and the Father are one." In these verses, Jesus is telling unbelievers that the works He does, He does in His Father's name. As people see Jesus' work, they will know that He is the Son of God, but also that He and the Father are one.
- This passage also describes Jesus as our Good Shepherd. A shepherd cares for sheep, leading them, keeping them from harm, and directing them in the way they should go. Jesus speaks of how His sheep listen to His voice. He knows them, and they follow Him.
- Jesus is our Saviour. In verse 28 Jesus declares that He is the giver of eternal life. If we choose to live for Jesus we never have to fear dying, because He has promised that we will live together forever with Him. In John 6:40 Jesus also references how it is His Father's will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and that He will raise them up to live with Him forever when He returns.

What is this person known for?

- **Creator and the Image of the Invisible God** (Colossians 1:16). Jesus is not only equal to God, He *is* God.

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- **Alpha and Omega** (Revelation 1:8) - the beginning and end of all things. In the Greek alphabet, alpha is the first letter and omega is the last letter.
- **I Am** (John 8:58) - Jesus declares that He was there even before Abraham.
- **Immanuel** (Matthew 1:23) - He was given the name Immanuel, meaning "God with us".
- **Son of God (Luke 1:35)** - In Jesus' birth announcement, the angel spoke to Mary and told her she would give birth to the Son of God.
- **Saviour, Christ the Lord** (Luke 2:11) - the angel visiting the shepherds named Jesus very specifically: "...a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." The angel is letting the shepherds know that He will be known as a Saviour, as Christ and as Lord.
- **Light of the World** (John 1:6-8) - John came to "bear witness" that Jesus was Who He said He was. Jesus is the Light that shines in darkness.
- **Lamb of God** (John 1:29) - John refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
- **Bread of Life** (John 6:35) - Jesus is the True Bread from Heaven. Just like we eat bread to feed our physical hunger, Jesus cares for our spiritual hunger. He must be part of our daily lives. We must "feast" on Him.
- **Holy One** (Mark 1:24) - In this story, a man with an evil spirit cried out saying, "I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Even those with evil spirits know who Jesus is, although they are choosing not to follow Him.
- **King of Kings and Lord of Lords** (Revelation 19:16) - When Jesus returns we will see this name written on his robe and on his thigh.

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Pose the following two questions to your children, one at a time. Allow for interaction and discussion, letting them share their thoughts while you guide the conversation.

- What life lessons can I learn from this Bible character about how I should and should not live?
- Based on what I have learned from this Bible character, how can I live in a way that is pleasing to God.

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MORE IN GOD'S WORD

There is so much that can be learned about the life of Jesus. In fact, God gave us His only Son, in human form, so that we could seek to become like Him.

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