

Lesson 54: God Dwells with Us
John 1:1-14

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/kIX4PnWSeBQ>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/BVPTVa6V8WM>

Worship Theme: Jesus is Our God

Memory Verse: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Jesus Is the Lord <https://youtu.be/l-PzUIJ0MVo>
2. With Christ in the Vessel https://youtu.be/2CzIW4_ueg0
3. I Cannot Run Away from the Lord <https://youtu.be/e3O9GqwVGck>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Who Is Stronger?



1. Have all the children stand in the center of the classroom.
2. The teacher will call out two different animals. The students will choose an animal they think is stronger by moving to the right or left (as instructed by the teacher)

- a. Ant vs Dog
- b. Dog vs Wolf
- c. Rabbit vs Bear
- d. Deer vs Human
- e. Fox vs Lion

Introduction:

How many of you can name 20 animals in 1 minute? (Teacher can choose some children.) How many of you can name 20 trees in 1 minutes? (Teacher can choose some children.) Do you know where the animals and the trees came from, and who created them in the beginning? Today, we will learn about the Creator who created everything.

Bible Story:

John 1:1 starts out the same as the book of Genesis (the first book in the bible) - "In the beginning." The book of John explains that in the beginning was the Word. The Word was there in the beginning, before the creation of the world. So, who is the Word? Let's read John 1:1-2 together: "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*"

This verse is telling us that in the beginning before there was anything else, when there was just God, there was someone with God and that this someone was God Himself. We know that this verse is talking about Jesus, and this verse helps us learn an important truth about Jesus. Jesus is God Himself and He has always been. He is fully God. Can you say that truth with me? **Jesus is God.**

John 1:14 says, "*The Word became flesh.*" Jesus, who we just said is God, became a human. Here's a big word for you - **Incarnation**. This word means putting on a body. So, we can say that Jesus is God incarnate or God in a human body. Jesus became a man and took on flesh by being born as a baby. He was born as a baby who would grow up to be the Savior - the One sent by God to rescue His people.

John 1:14 says that Jesus “made his dwelling among us.” This means Jesus came to **live with people**. Why is that such a big deal? It’s a big deal because God is perfect. Jesus is perfect. And because of sin, we are imperfect. The perfect God, took on an imperfect body and came to live with imperfect people. He came to live with sinful humanity. Jesus came to show the way to the Father. Jesus came to earth to live with His people and rescue them from sin and death. And Jesus can save us because Jesus is God!

Questions to discuss:

1. What did John 1:1 say was in the beginning? (The Word)
2. Who is the Word? (Jesus)
3. What is amazing about the “incarnation” of Jesus? (The perfect God took on an imperfect body and came to live with imperfect people.)
4. Why did Jesus come to live with people? (To rescue people from sin and death)

Game: How Fast Can You Change?

1. Divide the children into two groups.
2. Each group sends out 3 students to the front of the class.
3. When the teacher says a word, you have to quickly change into it. For example, if the teacher says “rabbit,” you have to change into a rabbit. The group that has all 3 people changed gets a point. (They can work together to form an image.)



- a. Circle
- b. Tiger
- c. Snake
- d. Square
- e. Ant
- f. Eagle
- g. Alligator

4. After the game, explain to the children that it is not easy to change into something that we are not. We need to be grateful that God who is the most powerful became a human being to rescue us from sin and death.

Memory Verse:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
(John 1:1)

Craft: Jesus Is Our God (Coloring Page)

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
God who is perfect became an imperfect human and came to earth to live with imperfect people like you and me. This is an amazing truth that we often forget. Jesus is the God of gods and King of kings. He did not have to come to us as a helpless baby. But he did because he loves us. Today, say a prayer to thank Jesus for loving us and coming to us on Christmas.

Jesus Is God



Write the memory verse: _____
