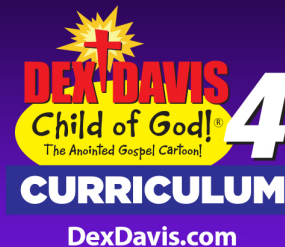


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Lesson 5: "You Can Be A Child of God!"



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TEACHER'S INSTRUCTIONS:

- This lesson is flexible and fully customizable so you can change it to fit the needs, understanding and age range of your students. You can change, and delete questions...and you can even write your own questions and activities.
- Remember, this entire curriculum is a basic guideline to teach your students. You're free to follow the leading of the Lord in how you teach the lessons.
- At the end of this Teacher's Guide for this lesson, you'll find the Student's Activity Worksheets. There are 2 sheets for each lesson. Make as many copies (color or black/white) as you need for the kids.
- Pray before each class session and ask the Lord for help, wisdom and His anointing over you and all of the children.

LENGTH OF TIME: Approx. 45 minutes

Main Scripture(s): *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* - St. John 3:16

"...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." - Romans 10: 9

MAIN TRUTHS:

- What is "Salvation"?
- Who is Jesus Christ?
- What did Jesus do for us when he died on the cross...and rose from the dead.
- What is "Repentance" and why it's important.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Students will begin to understand why Jesus came to earth and will know He is God.
- This lesson covers important truth about God and about us as humans. It may be difficult for the preschoolers to understand and difficult to teach. Not everything is included (it's hard to cover everything involved in God's plan of redemption!), but as the series progresses, children will hopefully begin to understand more and more who Jesus is and our need for Him as the Redeemer.
- Younger children will learn about Jesus and have a desire to know him personally...and will come to know Him through salvation.

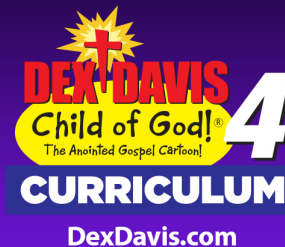
GENERAL RESOURCES NEEDED:

- **"Dex Davis: Child of God! - Finder's Keepers Sneakers! (Exodus 20:15) – Episode 4"**
- Laptop computer, tablet device or smart phone (for online access)
- Bible
- Concordance
- Pens, Pencils, Crayons, and/or Colored Pencils

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INTRODUCING THE TRUTH:

*(10 minutes...including video clip):**Gather the children around you, then carefully read the bible verse:**"...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." - (Romans 10: 9)*

Let's Talk About That Bible Verse:

Ask for kids to explain tricky parts to you. Use their answers as jumping off points to briefly clarify the meaning of this passage. Here are some parts to choose to explain further:

- **"...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus..."** (Say: **"What does that mean?"**) Then say, **It means that we must open our mouths and speak that Jesus Christ is the Lord of our lives.**
- **"...and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead..."** (Say: **"What does that mean?"**) Then say, **It means that we have to believe in our hearts that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead after He was crucified on the cross.**
- **"...you will be saved."** (Say: **"What does that mean?"**) Then say, **God says that when we say with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and really believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, then you will be saved, born again...you become a Child of God...like Dex Davis.**

Say: **"Today, we're going to learn about Jesus Christ and what he did for us!. We're going to learn a lot, and have fun too! Are you ready to watch Dex Davis?"** (Get the class excited)

INTRODUCE THE LESSON

Let's Watch The Video:

"Today, we're going to learn about Jesus Christ and what he did for us!. We're going to learn a lot, and have fun too! Are you ready to watch Dex Davis?" (Get the kids excited, then play the **"Lesson 5"** video.

EXPLORING THE TRUTH: (15 min.)

These activities will help you to reinforce the main truth: 1) You can ask the discussion questions; 2) Do the Object Lesson, or 3) Have the kids do the worksheets (coloring pages, puzzles, word search, mazes, etc.)

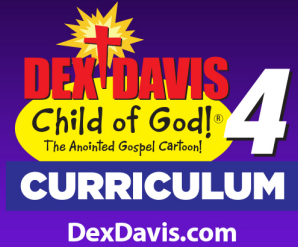
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Object Lesson: "The Bible Blanket"

Supplies: A soft blanket, Bible

Teacher says something like:

Let's go over to my blanket and get ready to hear something very special. Everything I am about to say comes from the Bible (hold it up). The Bible is God's Word. He wrote it, so we know everything in it is true. Turn on your listening ears and turn off your mouths so I know you are ready to hear this important truth. Are you ready? (The following paragraphs are very important, but may be difficult for the preschoolers to follow. Speak slowly and emphatically. If they have a question, be sure to answer them.)

Teacher says something like:

God is perfect. He is holy. We are not perfect. God gave us commands to obey to help us follow Him and honor Him, but we could not keep these rules because we are not perfect. What types of rules do you have trouble obeying at home? (Give time for answers; if they have trouble, help them think of possibilities.)

Teacher says something like:

When you do not obey at home, sometimes you are punished or get privileges taken away. When we do not keep God's commands, it is called Sin. All of us sin because it is impossible for us to obey all of God's commands all of the time. Do you ever have a day where you never do anything wrong? I know I don't! When we sin, our hearts become dirty and stained. There is nothing we can do to make them clean, just like we couldn't get the stains out of the cloths we tried to wash. This is part of our punishment for our sin.

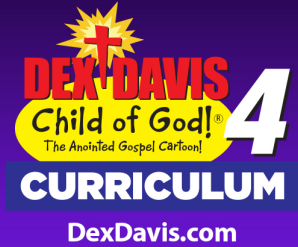
Teacher says something like: *Not only do our hearts become stained with sin, but our sin also separates us from God, makes us far away from Him. A very long time ago, before anyone you know was born, God promised His people that the Messiah would come, a perfect King who would rule forever with justice, truth, and mercy. The Messiah would make it possible for us to not be separated from God anymore. He would allow us to be close to God again. He would be the only one who could make our hearts clean from sin. This promise is in the Bible, in the first half called the Old Testament.*

Teacher says something like: *God kept His promise; He had a special plan. God's special plan was to come down to earth as a human, born as a baby just like you and I. This baby would grow up and die for us. His name is Jesus Christ. He is the Messiah, the one who God promised would come. He has many different names, and the names of Jesus help us to know more about who He is. We will learn one of Jesus' special names today.*

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STRETCH BREAK:

Teacher Says: *We have spent a lot of time listening today, and I am very proud of you. Let's all stand up and stretch out!* (Allow them 1-2 minutes to stretch out, then transition into the next part of the lesson).

VIDEO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

Ask the kids a few questions about the video clip. Use these questions to focus the kids' attention on Jesus and Salvation. Feel free to "simplify" the answers so the kids can understand them. Here's a few questions to choose from:

1. Q: What does it mean to be "Saved"?

A: Being "Saved" means to have your sins forgiven by repenting and putting your faith in Jesus Christ...and to be placed into the family of God. Being "saved" means being saved from the coming judgment and separation from God...because of sin.

2. Q: What is Salvation?

A: Salvation is being saved from the righteous judgment of God upon the sinner. Salvation is found only in Jesus Christ, who is God in flesh (John 1:1,14), and who died for our sins and rose from the dead.

3. Q: Who is Jesus Christ?

A: Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He died on the cross for our sins so we can live forever with God in heaven.

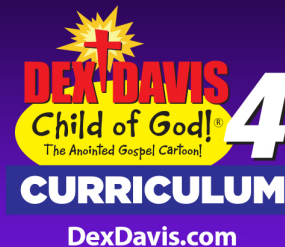
4. Q: What did his death on the cross and his resurrection do for us?

A: Jesus never sinned. He lived the Law of God perfectly. God used the crucifixion of Jesus as the way to place the sins of the world upon Jesus (1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 2:2). This is when Jesus "became sin" for us. The crucifixion became the place where Jesus bore our sins in His body and suffered in our place. Remember, no sinner could please God perfectly and no sinner could offer a perfect sacrifice to God. Only Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh, could do that. Jesus, who is perfectly righteous before God the Father, died in our place. What we could not do, He did. Thank you Jesus!

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

The teacher can ask each child the following questions to open up the discussion. You can also add your own questions...and expand on the answers. After the talk, the teacher can pray for the kids, etc.

1. Who is the Holy Ghost (or Holy Spirit)?

The Holy Ghost is the 3rd person in the Godhead (or Trinity)...which is made up of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God, the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of God is a person who has a personality. The Holy Ghost empowers us to do the will of God and to be witnesses for Jesus.

2. What does "Repent" mean? How do we "repent"?

To "Repent" means to turn away from the sin that you've done and to not do it anymore. When we sin, we repent by being sincerely sorry and asking God to forgive us for doing the sin. Then we should not do that sin again...we should try our best not to commit that sin again. We should think of that sin the same way God thinks of it...as being evil and wrong.

REVIEWING THE TRUTH: (10 min):

Play the "Agree/Disagree Understanding Game!"

Have the children respond as a group to some of the following questions (that you choose). If the statement is right they should stand up, if wrong they should stay seated and cross their arms.

- *Jesus sinned when he was on earth so He can't save us* - [Disagree]
- *Jesus can only save the people who do good works* - [Disagree]
- *If you confess Jesus with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.* - [Agree]
- *Jesus died for all of our sins* - [Agree]
- *We will receive power and authority to talk boldly about Jesus when the Holy Spirit comes on us.* - [Agree]
- *When we truly repent from our hearts and ask God to forgive us of our sins, Jesus will forgive us.* - [Agree]
- *Believing in Jesus is NOT the only way to be born-again.* - [Disagree]

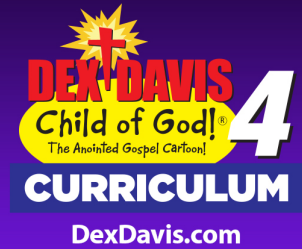
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JESUS IS THE ANSWER:

Talk to the kids about becoming a "Child of God" like Dex by getting saved through Jesus Christ. In this segment, the teacher should focus on glorifying Jesus Christ and the Word of God as the children's best help. **Show them the "Dex's Altar Call" video and ask them if they want to be saved.** Walk them through the prayer of salvation. Pray with the kids to ask Jesus to fill them with the Holy Spirit.

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Ask the class, **"How Do You Accept Jesus' FREE Gift of Salvation?"** Wait for a few responses, then say...

- 1. Admit that you have sinned**
- 2. Believe that Jesus died for you on the cross**
- 3. Repent (turn away) from your sins and say you are sorry**
- 4. Ask Jesus to come into your heart**
- 5. Ask Jesus to take charge of your life and help you please him**

CLOSING PRAYER: (5 Min):

You could end the lesson by saying to kids, "Dear God the Father, thank You for loving us. Thank You for helping us to learn that You are One God, even though You are Three Persons. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, so we could be saved. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to teach us and to remind us of Your truth. Holy Spirit, we want You to teach us every day. Help us remember what God has said to us in the Bible. We love You. In the name of Jesus, Amen."

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