

Preschool Winter
Lesson 9:
Jesus and Creation

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Understand that Jesus was with God in the beginning and was in existence before creation.
- 2) Understand that Jesus was a part of the Creation process and sustains the world today.

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See lesson 1 for ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – one per child for attendance
- Creation book if you have one – to show pictures as you read from Bible, or use Creation fans from lesson 1
- Jesus Before Creation Color Page

Optional Activities

- Snack – squeezable honey and graham crackers
- Napkins
- Cups with water or milk
- Creation Match Game Template – either from lesson 1 if you did or print and cut out cards before class print on cardstock or construction paper

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week, if a new child arrives put their name on the chart for them. Have them sit around the table.

Today we are going to look at Jesus. Did you know Jesus was there during Creation? Jesus was with God in the beginning and we are going to look at verses in the Bible to see that. Everyone listen as I read the story of Creation again. But this time listen for the clue that Jesus was there with God, ok?

Read the story from Genesis 1:1 – 1:26 from the Bible, using the Creation Book as you go to show the pictures of the appropriate part you are reading about (if you have one available).

When you get to verse 1:26 – emphasize the part, “Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness,”

Did you hear that? God said let us make mankind in our image. Who is God talking to and about? Jesus!

2) Understanding Bible Verses and Color Page

15 minutes

Hand out the color page and crayons and tell them they can color as they listen to you read from the Bible and ask questions. Read the color page words to the children and remind them that Jesus was with God when the world was created.

While you color; I am going to read from the Bible John 1:1-3

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.



Who is the Word in these verses? (Jesus.) **What does it say the Word is in verse 1?** (God as well) **What does it say in verse 2?** (Jesus was with God in the beginning.) Read the verse again and put the word "Jesus" in place of the word, "Word" so the children can understand that Jesus was with God in the beginning when the world was created.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Why was Jesus being with God in the beginning important to us?

(He was always with God, shows He is God as well, He knew from before the world began that He would have to come to earth to save us!)

Great job! Now let's finish coloring this coloring page.

3) Songs about Jesus

5 minutes

Let's sing some songs about God's Son - Jesus!

If My Name is.....

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

Jesus is my friend, Jesus is my friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

*Fill in name of each child in the room one at a time.

With Jesus in the Family

(Show dolls if available of each family member while singing)

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

4) Optional: Jesus Says – Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about listening to Jesus. I want you to follow and do what I say.** When I say, **“Jesus says”, I want you to do what He would tell you to, ok?”** The idea is you ask the students to do different things that would show honor to Jesus.

Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Here are some ideas to get started, you can add your own as well.

- Jesus says go to church (pretend to go to church)
- Jesus says put your toys away (pretend to clean)
- Jesus says go to bed (lay down and pretend to fall asleep)
- Jesus says help your mother (act like they are helping mom with something)
- Jesus says say your prayers (practice saying prayers)
- Jesus says eat your supper before desert (pretend to eat)
- Jesus says obey your parents (pretend to listen to parents)
- Jesus says give a hug (pretend to hug)
- Jesus says - say thank you (say thank you)
- Jesus says - say I love you (say I love you)
- Jesus says read the Bible (pretend to read the Bible)

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

5) Optional Activity: Follow Jesus Game

10minutes

Have students line up in a row and tell them that you are going to play follow the leader. Whatever you do, they need to follow you and do. Just like we need to remember to follow Jesus, the students should follow you!

Ideas: hop on one foot, stomp your feet, march in place, flap your arms, touch your head, rub your stomach, shake your leg, shake your other leg, do jumping jacks, say a prayer, etc.

6) Optional Activity: Creation Match Game

10minutes

Using the templates from the CD and before class print them in color on white cardstock and cut out. Or if you played this game from lesson 6 – you should already have a set made. Have children split into two groups. Older children can either team up with a younger child, or younger children play a game with the assistant, while you supervise the game with the older children.

Have children mix up cards face down and place them flat all laid out. Have each child take a turn flipping over two cards. If they flip a picture that matches the day it was made, they get to keep the set of cards they matched. Play the game until all the cards have been chosen and the person or group with the most cards collected wins.

You can help by making sure they do match correctly and possibly read what it says, especially for the younger children.

Remind children that, **Jesus was with God before God ever created the world. Jesus was there and knew all of God's plan – Jesus is great because He has always existed and is special because He is God's Son! We need to follow and listen to Jesus too!**

7) Sing

5-10minutes

Have children sing songs with you, you can choose songs from the song section or sing the songs you sang at the beginning of the lesson.

8) Optional: Snack “Bee Four”

5 minutes

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning that Jesus was with God even before the world began and that Jesus was there when the world was created. To help us remember, we are going to have a snack.” What do bees make? (Honey) **Right. Bees make honey so to help us remember that Jesus existed before creation we are going to have Bee Four snacks. Honey will represent the “b” and four graham crackers will represent the number 4. Get it Bee Four - Before the world began.** Hand out four graham crackers to each child with a glass of water or milk. Using Squeezable honey, squeeze a small drop on each child’s crackers as you are handing them out. Remind them that these snacks are to help us remember that Jesus existed Bee-four creation! After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

9) Close in prayer

Thank God that we can know His Son Jesus and that He guides us today in the ways we should go through His word – the Bible. Thank God for the Bible and how it helps us and pray that God will help all of our families and friends and continue to help us know about His precious Son Jesus.

10) Remind students

To take home any sheets or crafts. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

11) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain kindly ask them to go to their parents.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!