

Preschool Winter
Lesson 9:
Jesus Grows in Wisdom

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study that Jesus became wise by studying, listening, obeying and being helpful **Luke 2:40-52**
- 2) Do activities to reinforce the idea that Jesus grew up and became wise by studying God's Word

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 Charts -from previous class - one per student
- Jesus Grows Booklet - one per student
- Jesus Grows Stickers - one set per student - 6 sets on a page cut out before class
- Stapler to share
- Jesus Grows in Wisdom Sheet - one per student
- Jesus Grows in Wisdom Stickers - one per student - 5 on a page
- Scissors for adult or older students to cut stickers and/or booklet
- Glue sticks to share

Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies

- Jesus Grows in Wisdom Color Page (or Visual Aid) - one per student
- Dolls - family members such as dad, mom, boy, girl, baby - enough for students to share and pretend
- Bibles - one per child
- Snack -Fruit or Vegetables - enough for each student along with glass of water and napkin

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 charts from previous class). Let each child color a star in their attendance chart for this week, if a new child arrives put their name on a chart for them and let them color in a star.

*Optional: Print a copy of the color page/visual aid of Jesus Grows in Wisdom to show students while you discuss the following:

Tell them, "**Last time we talked about Jesus' family moving. They moved because God told them to and they obeyed. They listened to God and that makes God happy when we listen to Him.**

Today we are going to see that as Jesus grew, he too obeyed God - he came to worship, he studied and read the Bible, he listened and he helped others! That made God happy. We can make God happy too when we come to worship on Sunday, when we study and read the Bible and when we listen and help others. We can be like Jesus!

Can someone raise their hand and tell us what is something we do at church services on Sunday?

Let student answer - ex: give, pray, sing, read, listen, and come to Sunday school.

That's right _____ (insert name of child) There are lots of things we do when we come to worship God and Jesus on Sunday.

Does that make God happy when we worship Him? Raise your hand if you know.... Let student answer.

That's right _____ (insert name of child) Yes, it makes God very happy when we thank Him and worship Him the way He asks us too!

Let's all say: "I will follow and listen to God just like Jesus!" (Help students repeat)

Let's sing some songs to get us started!

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.

Big Enough Song

Tune: London Bridge

I am glad I'm big enough,
big enough, big enough,

Big enough to come to church; Just like Jesus!

Jesus is the Son of God

Tune: London Bridge

Jesus is the Son of God, Son of God, Son of God.
Jesus is the Son of God. Thank you God for Jesus!

God is Happy

Tune: Are You Sleeping?

God is happy. God is happy.

When we do right.

When we do right.

God is very happy.

God is very happy.

When we do right.

When we do right.

Repeat tune instead of "when we do right" fill in with different lines:

When we learn what's right

When we pray

When we worship Him

When we sing

When we give

When we obey

Hand out one Bible to each child. Say to students. **The Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God's! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God's Words in it for us to obey. Isn't that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words. Today we are going to continue to learn from the Bible about Jesus growing up and while he grew up he followed God and grew to be wise and smart - we can too if we follow God!**

Let's read from the Bible now. I will read Luke 2:40 and 52 to see what it says about Jesus growing in wisdom - that means becoming smart by studying and reading God's Word.

Luke 2:40 and 52

And Jesus grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Good job listening everyone. Now let's do an activity to remind us of what we just read in the Bible.

2) Jesus Grows in Wisdom Booklet with Stickers

15-20 minutes

***Before class:** Print Booklet and Stickers. Make sure to cut out one set of stickers for every student before class. You can choose to cut the booklet before class or you can cut it quickly once students are done coloring it. Gather stickers, booklet, scissors, stapler and glue sticks.



***During class:** Hand out one booklet to each student. Ask them what they see in the first picture and point to what picture you are referring too. Let them respond then explain: **This picture shows young children sitting quietly and listening while a teacher reads from a scroll. In Jesus' time they would have read the Bible from a scroll like the one in the picture. There is a child missing. Let's color this picture of the children listening and then I will hand out the missing child for you to glue onto the page.**

After students color hand out the sticker of young Jesus and say, **this is a picture of young Jesus – the Bible says that Jesus grew in wisdom by learning from the Words of God!**

(Read what the first picture says in the booklet and then move onto to the next picture and point to it so students know what you are referring too)

What is going on in this picture? Let students answer. A young boy is eating and being measured by his mom to see him growing taller.

Let's color the pictures of the boy eating and growing tall and when we are done I will show you the missing sticker so you can put it on your page – can anyone guess what the missing sticker might be? Let them guess.

After they are done coloring, hand out the sticker of the boy sleeping. Read the page description from the booklet and then say: **It is important that we eat healthy and get a good night's sleep – when we listen to our parents and go to bed when they tell us and eat healthy food they give us – we will grow tall and strong like Jesus did in the picture shown. The Bible tells us Jesus grew strong – we can to if we obey God and obey our moms and dads.**

Point to the next picture and say: **Jesus grew in wisdom and in favor with God – favor with God means God was happy with Jesus because Jesus read his Bible and followed God. When we follow God and listen to Him by reading and studying the Bible – that makes God happy just like He was happy with Jesus!**

Let's color this picture and then I will hand out the last sticker for you!

Hand out sticker and help them glue it in the correct spot. Then move on to the last picture, read the description on the page. Say: **Jesus grew in favor with God and man – that means God and other people were happy with Jesus because he was kind and helpful. What is going on in this picture? Can someone raise their hand and tell me what the boy is doing in the picture?** Helping a woman get water.

Jesus was helpful and kind to others. While you color this page – let's think of ways we can be kind and helpful to our moms and dads....our friends....our neighbours.....our church family.....

When done, cut the book into the four pages and staple them together in the top corner to make a booklet. Read the booklet again as a class.

Ask students to help clean up before moving onto the next activity.

Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well. Sing the following while you clean up.

Clean Up Song

Clean up, clean up
Everybody everywhere!
Clean up, clean up
Everybody do your share!
Repeat

A Helper I Will Be!

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A helper I will be, a helper I will be.
There's work to do, there's work to do
In my family.
I love to help my mom; I love to help my dad.
I love to help; it makes God glad.
A helper I will be.

3) 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. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is very special and we need to obey and follow Him just like we need to obey and follow God. To practice 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 services (pretend to go to church services)
- 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.

4) Action Rhyme and Songs

5 minutes

Let's do some action rhymes about the Bible!

Action Rhyme – Here is the Bible

Here is the Bible (hold hands out with palms
together like a book)
Let's open it wide (hold hands like an open book)
God speaks to us (point upward)
On the pages inside (hold hands like an open
book)

Action Play – The Bible Says

The Bible says, "Pray" I will obey.
(Fold hands and bow head)
The Bible says, "Listen" I will obey.
(Cup hand to ear)
The Bible says, "Give" I will obey.
(Pretend to drop money in basket)
The Bible says, "Go to church" I will obey.
(Walk fingers along arm or step feet up and
down)
The Bible says, "Sing" I will obey.

Jesus Grows Up Action Rhyme

Jesus was a Little Baby
(Hold arms as if rocking a baby)
Just like me.
(Point to self)
First he was so very small.
(Squat on floor)
Then he grew to be so tall.
(Stand on tiptoes)
Very small, oh so tall
(Squat then stand)
Just like me.
(Point to self)

5) Jesus Grows in Wisdom Activity Sheet with Sticker

10 minutes

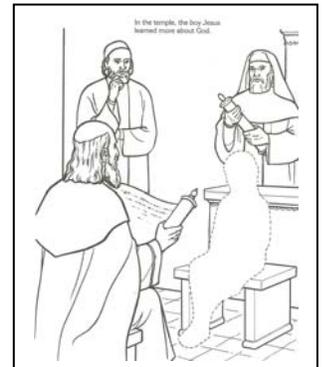
Before class: Cut out one sticker per student and have activity sheet ready.

During class: Hand out one activity sheet to each child. Let them scribble-color with crayons while you read the words at the top of the page. When done, hand out one sticker to each child and ask them what the sticker shows and where they think it belongs on the page. Help them glue each sticker in place.

Talk about the importance of listening to God – just like Jesus did by listening to the Bible when our moms, dads, teachers, or evangelist reads from it – We should obey God too, just like Jesus!

Ask: Who is the sticker supposed to be? Jesus!

What is Jesus doing in the picture? Listening to the Bible being read. He is obeying God!



6) Optional Activity: Follow Jesus Game

10 minutes

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.

7) Optional: Jesus Grows Color Page or Visual Aid

10-15 minutes

Hand out one color page and read the words allowed while students color. Talk about all the ways we can obey God, just like Jesus did by listening, praying, studying, obeying and being kind and helpful to others.

While they color read from the Bible:

Luke 2:40 and 52

And Jesus grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.



8) Optional: We Can Be Wise with our Family Doll Playing Time

10 minutes

Pass around dolls and Bibles and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that the Bible is God's Word and in it, it says we need to obey by worshipping God and Jesus by coming to church services every Sunday.

Say, **"The Bible is from God. As we pretend with these Bibles and dolls let's remember that God gave us the Bible and in the Bible it says we need to worship Him and obey Him and that includes following Jesus. Jesus listened, obeyed, and was kind and helpful. Because of that he grew strong and became very wise. That is why we are all here today at services - to worship God and Jesus! Let's share our dolls and Bibles and pretend that our dolls are going to church services to read the Bible and listen and obey and learn about God. Let's practice all the things we do on Sunday using our dolls. Let's practice obeying our parents as we pretend with these family of dolls too!** (Pretend they go to Sunday school class. Pretend they go to worship and sit, pray, read their Bibles, give and listen.) Talk about how happy God is when we read from His Word the Bible and obey His Word. Talk about how happy our family is when we come to Sunday school and sit, listen and obey the teacher and read from the Bible. Talk about how happy Jesus is when we follow Him to church services and sit quietly and listen and learn from the Bible. Ask students what things they remember people doing every Sunday when they are at church services.

Then while they play, open your Bible and turn to **Acts 20:7** ask students to look and listen while you read from the Bible this paraphrased version: **On the first day of the week we came together... The Bible says we should come together on the first day of the week - that is today - Sunday! We are all obeying God and Jesus by being at church services this Sunday! Good job!**

Then say to students, **"The Bible is God's Word!"**

Do the following rhyme with your Bible:

Best Book of All - Rhyme
Books, books, big and small;
What's the very best book of all?
THE BIBLE!

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

9) Optional: Snack – Fruit or Vegetable Slices (Be Wise in Our Food Choices) 5-10 minutes

Before class prepare snack by chopping or preparing some fruit or vegetables to represent making wise choices by being healthy.

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning about how important it is to obey God just like Jesus did by studying, listening and obeying God’s Word –the Bible! To help us think about all the wise things Jesus did – we will eat snacks that we know are healthy and will help us grow big and strong like Jesus! These fruit/vegetables come from God and God always makes the best food for us to eat that is healthy. Hand out snack to each child along with a glass of water. Let’s all say, **“Thank you God for this healthy food!”** Have students repeat.

Talk about obeying God and ways we can be like Jesus while eating the snack.

After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

10) Sing 5-10 minutes

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Song Sheet provided.

11) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God’s Word the Bible and we need to obey God.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Second: Remind students to fold hands and bow heads then pray: **Thank You God that You created the world and gave us the Bible. Thank you God that we can know what You want us to do by reading Your special Words – the Bible. Help us to remember to make You and Jesus happy by coming to worship Him every Sunday. Help us to remember that it is important to obey Your Word the Bible. Thank you God for sending Your Son Jesus. Thank you for the evangelists and teachers that share the good news of Jesus’ and his life. Thank You God for everyone here today and for those that couldn’t be. Help us to remember to be kind and good to our parents, friends, neighbours and church family this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

12) Remind students

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

13) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain have teacher assistant help you take them to their parents.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!