

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

MARCH 8, 2020

In Sunday School Today: From Adam to Jesus (Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1)

Memory Verse: 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. John 1:1-2

Dear Parents,

The prophecies concerning Jesus' birth are numerous, and many of them refer to Jesus' lineage. Old Testament prophecies tell of the promised Messiah being born from the seed of a woman (Gen. 3:15); from the seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:18), Isaac (Gen. 21:12), and Jacob (Num. 24:17); from the tribe of Judah (Micah 5:2); from the line of Jesse (Isa. 11:1); and from the house of David (Jer. 23:5). The prophecies said He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14) and would be the Son of God (1 Chron. 17:13-14; Ps. 2:7). Jesus fulfilled all of these prophecies.

In Bible times, Jews took great care to record family genealogies accurately. The family a person belonged to was directly linked to property rights. Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38 both chronicle the genealogy of Jesus. The account in Matthew presents Jesus as the king of the Jews—the legal heir to the throne of David. The account in Luke was written to Greek Christians and focuses on Jesus' descent from Adam.

Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem. He had earthly parents—Mary and Joseph—but His true Father is God. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

As fully God, "the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ" (Col. 2:9). As fully man, Jesus has a human body, human mind, and human emotions. (See Luke 2:7,52; Matt. 26:38.) He is our sinless representative (2 Cor. 5:21), sympathetic high priest (Heb. 4:15), and substitute sacrifice (1 John 4:10).

Use this Bible story to review Jesus' ancestors and their stories in the Old Testament. Help your kids recognize that God had been working out His plan to send Jesus over hundreds of years—through Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Rahab, Ruth, David, and others. God sent His Son to earth to save people from their sins.

Jesus came to earth as a human. Jesus had earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, but His true Father is God. Through Jesus, God kept His promises to Abraham and David. Jesus saves people from their sins and adopts them into God's family.

Family Discussion Questions:

- Who made Jesus? • Why is it important to know about Jesus' family?
- How can we be a part of Jesus' spiritual family?

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COGS Roller Skating Party: We have the Mt. Gretna Roller Skating Rink reserved **TODAY from 4:30-6:30pm**. Come on out and enjoy a skating night with your COGS family! The only cost will be skate rentals or bring your own! Concession stand will be open as well.



Children's Clothing Swap: We will be hosting our first Children's Clothing Swap on **Saturday, March 14th from 1-4pm**. Donations are being accepted today and then on Monday from 6-7:30pm.

Small Group: We are looking to start another "parents" small group here at COGS. We have a few people interested in joining; it would be great to start another one



here with people who are going through the same stages of life together! If you are looking to join a small group, please sign up on the CFM table. If you feel called to lead one, please note that on the sign up as well. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to do so—you just have to pray and have it on your heart to do so.

Easter Festival Donations: In order to fill all of the goodie bags, we need your help! As you are at the store these next few weeks, please consider purchasing some of the following items.

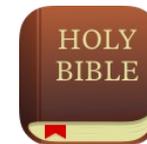
- Candy (*all individually wrapped*)
- Fruit snacks/roll ups
- Pretzel bags (snack sized bags)
- Cracker bags (snack sized bags)
- Cookie bags (snack sized bags)
- Food items to include in allergy-free bags (no nuts, red dyes, gluten, milk or eggs) (please mark them)
- Tootsie Pops, Tootsie Rolls, Dubble Bubble, Junior Mints, DOTS (Free of peanuts, tree nuts and gluten-free.)

Big Picture Question:

- Is Jesus God or human?
Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

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COGS CFM 2020 Devotions: If you are interested in participating in devotions alongside of many others here at COGS, please download the Bible app and find these plans:



3/1- 4/7: The Habit of Happiness
4/8-4/14: On Calvary's Hill

Easter Festival (SAVE THE DATE):

Eggstra Special Egg Hunt: Sat. 4/4 11-1pm
COGS Family Egg Hunt: Sat. 4/4 1:30-3:30pm

***See main announcements for needs for candy/food donations.**



VBS 2020 (SAVE THE DATE): 3-day Sunday, June 28th—Tuesday, June 30th

*If you'd like to be a part of the planning committee, we will be meeting on **April 19th at 11am (Lounge)**

GRETNA GLEN DAY CAMP WEEK—July 20-24th

"Wet & Wacky"



COGS will contribute \$50 towards any member/regular attendee Day Camp fee and \$100 towards any Overnight Camp.

Announcements are now on the website. Visit www.umcogs.org to see all of the latest announcements/KidMin Newsletter.

Even if you miss a week, you can still be informed of What's Happening!

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