

STORY BOOK LESSON 3 TEXT

# JESUS

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## Story Lesson 3

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*Why do you think  
Jesus told us to pray and say,  
"Give us this day our daily bread?"*

*Here's a clue.*

*Jesus said that God sent him from heaven as the bread of life!*

*Listen closely to the story so you will know why Jesus is your  
bread of life.*

Father told the first man, Adam, one thing he was not supposed to do. Do you remember what it was?

God told Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because he would die. Adam did not believe God. Adam disobeyed his Father and sinned. Bad things like sickness and death spread to all people born from the seed of Adam. People chose to think, speak and do evil things like Adam. People thought their feelings were more important than the words of love that God spoke. They did not choose to be God's children or do things His way anymore.

The earth was not the way God made it. God had given the earth to His children to be in charge of and make into a kingdom of love. But instead the earth had become the devil's kingdom of sin, death and evil.

God called the bad things that people did sin. Sin made Father sad because God's children did not understand His love. But there was one way that Father's children could be saved from sin and know His love again!

God made many laws such as the law of sin and death. The law of sin and death caused everyone who sinned to die. The only way this law could be stopped was for someone who had no sin to die for everyone. But who had no sin on earth? And who would be willing to die for everyone?

God has no sin. He is love. God never quit loving His children. He knew that all people had sinned. So God, Himself, chose to be born on the earth, and die in your place, so that everyone who believes Him could be saved from the law of sin and death. Then people could choose to be His child, know His love, and be like Him.

This is how He did it! God has shown us three parts of Himself. One, He showed us Himself as our Father when He made us His children. Two, He showed Himself as a Holy Spirit when He breathed life into us. And three, now He will show you Himself as His own Son, Jesus, so that He can save you. He is One God in three forms, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And His love for you never ends.

Remember the good seed God put inside of Adam for all people to be born from? Sin made the seed in Adam turn bad. So heavenly Father put His good seed inside of Jesus, and Jesus was born from Father, not from Adam!

When Jesus came to earth, he did the good things that Father told him. He made sick people well. He made some dead people come back to life. He made the devil leave people alone. He told people that God was their Father and how much God loves them. But many people still did not believe Jesus and hated him.

Would you give your life and die for people in a world that hated you? Jesus did! As a man, Jesus obeyed his Father and took your place. Some people did mean things to Jesus. They tied him up. They laughed and made fun of him. They blindfolded him. They hit him on his face and head. They smacked the one who made them with the palm of their hand.

People said things that were not true about him. When they asked him if he was the Son of God, he answered, "I Am" they spit in his face.

Again they punched him with their fists and struck him with the palms of their hands. They took off his clothes and beat his body with a whip and tore his skin open. They pushed a crown of thorns down on his head. What do you think Jesus said to them? He did not say a word because he loved them.

With his back and body beaten and bruised, they told him to carry a heavy wooden cross up a hill.

They hammered huge nails into his feet and hands to lock him tight onto a cross. They stood the cross up like a tree so that his body would hang and bleed until his body died.

Every sickness, disease and sadness from sin went into his body so that whoever believes he died for them never has to be sick or sad again. His face and body had more marks on it than any person that ever lived. Jesus did not look human anymore!

Jesus prayed to his Father as he hung on the cross dying. He said to his Father, "FORGIVE THEM, because they do not know what they are doing." People watched him hurt for six hours on the cross before his body died.

Then Jesus cried with a loud voice, and let his spirit leave his body, FOR YOU! How does this make you feel?

When his spirit left his body, Jesus went into a deep, dark, scary place called hell. Jesus was not afraid! Satan and all his demons thought they had won because they tricked the people into killing the Son of God. But guess what happened?

Jesus rose up with BIG power to show them that God is the boss! POW! BAM! The devil didn't know what hit him! Jesus wrecked the devil and made his demons run! He took the keys of hell and death from satan! JESUS WON!!!

He beat the devil and his demons for you and everyone born on earth!

JESUS IS OUR SUPER HERO!!! Let's thank him!!!

Thank you Jesus!!! Let's cheer and clap for Jesus!!!

YAY Jesus!!!

Let's thank Father for sending Jesus!!! Thank You Father!!! We love You!!!

FATHER AND JESUS DID IT! Jesus let His body die, and his blood covered the sins of every person that would ever be born on earth! Do you think Father let His Son stay in hell?

No! Father lifted Jesus up from hell by His power of Holy Spirit!

When Jesus returned from hell, he told people about the kingdom of God. Jesus had finished everything his Father told him to do. It was time for Jesus to go home to live with his Father again! Jesus was caught up and a cloud carried him towards heaven.

Now God has forgiven everyone. But Father is waiting for you to tell Him with your words that you believe Jesus, and you want to be born again in your spirit as His child.

Do you know what it means to be "Born Again" as a child of God?

All people were born the first time from the seed in Adam. Do you remember what sin did to Adam's seed? Sin made the seed in Adam turn bad. Jesus said that your spirit must be "Born Again" by the good seed that Father put in him. To be "Born Again" means that you can choose to be born a second time in your spirit by the good seed in Jesus. Then you can be a child of God, like Jesus, in your spirit.

Close your eyes.

Listen to the questions.

Then raise your hand up to answer yes.

Or leave your hand down to answer no.

Would you like to be "Born Again" in your spirit with the good seed that heavenly Father put in Jesus?

Remember hands down for no, and hands up for yes.

Keep your eyes closed, and answer these questions from your heart.

Do you want to stop doing bad things and love like heavenly Father?

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins so you can know the love of Father?

Do you believe that heavenly Father raised Jesus from the dead by His power of Holy Spirit?

I'm going to count to three, and if you raised or kept your hand up to show that you truly believe Father and Jesus, speak words and tell Him, YES, I believe Jesus! Ready! 1, 2, 3. "YES, I BELIEVE JESUS!"

If you said from your heart, "YES, I BELIEVE JESUS," you have been "Born Again" from the good seed in Jesus!

You are heavenly Father's child of love, like Jesus! Welcome to God's family of love! Let's thank Father and Jesus.

Thank You Father!

Thank You Jesus!

Thank You for dying for me!

Thank You for forgiving me for my sins!

Thank You Father for making me Your child!

I love You!

**GOD HAS TWO GIFTS FOR YOU!**

Before Jesus went back to heaven, he asked Father to give you gifts. Two of these gifts are His Holy Spirit and God's special language called tongues.

Do you remember that Holy Spirit is God also? It was by the power of God's Holy Spirit that Jesus healed the sick and made the devil leave people alone. The power of God's Holy Spirit lifted Jesus up from hell. Father wants His Holy Spirit to live in you just like He is in Jesus and Father.

Holy Spirit will help you remember to choose to do what is right and good. Holy Spirit will help you to speak to God in His special language called tongues.

Father wants you to receive His gift of Holy Spirit to help you love like Jesus, and to have His power in you, to do good things on earth for Him! Would you like to receive God's gift of Holy Spirit?

If you said, "YES, I BELIEVE JESUS," then you can choose to pray and ASK Father to receive Holy Spirit! And Father will give you Holy Spirit! Or you can pray these words after me:

"Father,

I want to be like You and Jesus!

I want to show Your love to everyone.

Will You give me Your Holy Spirit?

I receive Your Holy Spirit inside of me.

I know Holy Spirit is with me now and forever!

Thank You Father! Welcome Holy Spirit!!!”

Father knows that sometimes you don't know what to pray, but Holy Spirit has a special language of God called tongues that he wants to give you.

Would you like to speak the language of God?

If you want to speak in tongues, don't try to think of words to say, just speak. Holy Spirit will do the rest. Open your mouth. Trust God. And begin to speak the sounds that come out of your mouth. You can stop whenever you want.

Let's just talk to our Father in tongues now!

Find a secret place to be alone and talk to your Father. Then listen and hear what God says to you. You can talk to your Father in your language or in tongues whenever you want!

**YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN LOVES YOU!**

## PARENT LETTER 3

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Dear Parents;

Today our lesson offered your child the choice to believe Jesus died for their sins, become a child of God, and receive Father's gifts of Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. See the box checked below regarding your child's decision.

- Yes, your child chose to believe Jesus and become a child of God today!
- Yes, your child received Father's gift of Holy Spirit!
- Yes, your child spoke with the gift of tongues!
- Your child already knew Jesus as their Lord and Savior!
- Your child participated in Holy Communion.
- Your child would benefit from more information about:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

If today your child accepted what Jesus did for us all, the Word of God says your child was saved. (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:21) To be saved means that your child's life was redeemed or saved from sin and death by Jesus. (Romans 3:23-26; 6:9-12) Jesus died for everyone to fulfill God's law that says the penalty or wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Jesus defeated the devil and took the keys of death and hell. (Revelation 1:18) God raised Jesus from the dead. (Romans 6:4) In choosing to believe Jesus, the Word of God says your child was given eternal life and restored to a right relationship with God as their eternal Father. (John 17:2-3; Romans 5:9-11; 8:14-16)

Therefore to foster a clear understanding of why we needed a Savior and what Jesus did for us, we encourage you to read this story of JESUS aloud a minimum of three to six times and let your child retell parts they know. Talk about what happened to Jesus in the story, how Jesus must have felt, and how much heavenly Father must love you to send Jesus to suffer and die in your place.



As you review the story, remind your child that God gave us a special language to speak directly to Him from our spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:2) And s/he can pray to Father in the special language of tongues whenever they chose. (1 Corinthians 14:2)

Let your child know that when they chose to be born again as a child of God it was the greatest and best choice they could ever make on earth. (Galatians 3:26-29; Romans 8:16-18)

If your child received Jesus today, this is an important day in their life and should be remembered, so we celebrate with you and your child by giving them a certificate of this special day. We have also sent you some celebration ideas.

**Water Baptism:** Please plan for a water baptism for your child. (Acts 10:47) Talk with him/her about water baptism and how it represents what happened to them when they received Jesus. (Acts 2:38) Explain that the going down into the water shows their belief that Jesus died for them, that their sins have been washed away and buried. (Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4) Coming out of the water shows that they have been raised up as a new creation in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Parents, we pray for you.

Heavenly Father,

We ask that You remind (insert your name) that You are the God of all mercy, grace and agape love, and that (insert your name) can come to You as Father anytime to receive Your help and guidance to raise up their child/ren Your way. We ask You Father to give (insert your name) wisdom to guide these child/ren that You placed in their care to be and do all that You spoke into them and planned for them before the foundations of the earth. We humbly ask in Jesus Name that You bless (insert your name) and their child/ren to live and grow fully in Your love and care all the days of their life! Amen.

Yours Truly, In Christ Jesus,

Your Child's Teacher

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### I'M A CHILD OF GOD! LET'S CELEBRATE!

**Objectives to be Understood:** For children to understand the day they were "Born Again" is a special and important day to remember.

**Activity:** Plan a party to celebrate the day the child was Born Again as a child of Father.

**Materials:** Paper, markers, tape (or something to write on like a chalk board); Party items such as, streamers, Happy Birthday banner, balloons, party hats, snack items such as juice, cake, cookies, etc.

**Parent/Teacher Script:** If you believed Jesus and received Holy Spirit into your heart, you have two birthdays. Your first birthday was when you were born on earth from God in Adam through your parents. Your second birthday was when you were "Born Again" by the Spirit of God in Jesus as a child of God, your heavenly Father.

Tell children we will have a party to celebrate the day you were "Born Again" as a child of God.

What are some things you would like to do to thank your heavenly Father and Jesus and celebrate your "Born Again" second birthday? [Listen to the responses and write down the things you agree upon]

**Some ideas:**

Plan fun games! Ask the children what are some games they would like to play.

Plan time to praise, dance and thank God.

Plan to sing the Happy Birthday song.

Plan to make a birthday card to give to each other.

Give children their certificate of "The Day I Believed In Jesus!"

Party and have fun celebrating the child's new life in Christ Jesus!

Scriptures:

John 3:5-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### JESUS OUR SUPER HERO!

**Objectives to be Understood:**

- 1) there is no one greater than heavenly Father and our Super Hero Jesus; and
- 2) you can practice Super Love everyday by showing loving kindness to others from your hearts.

**Activity:** Children will: 1) picture read to retell Story Lesson 3, "JESUS," answer questions, and; 2) make a Super Love T-shirt.

**Materials:** Story Lesson 3, "JESUS" book; white T-shirts with no writing or art on them; colored and lead pencils; paper; erasers; fabric markers

**Instructions:**

Show the picture pages from Story Lesson 3, "JESUS," and encourage the children to retell the story from the pictures. (End the story at the page that shows Jesus caught up to heaven to be with His Father.)

**Tell the children:** Jesus is the GREATEST Super Hero ever!

**Ask the children:** What do you think Jesus did to be the greatest Super Hero ever? (*Listen to the Responses of the children*) Jesus showed love to people. He healed the sick. He made the devil stop bothering people. He made some dead people come back to life. And Jesus died for you, me and everyone in the world!

**Ask:** Why do you think Jesus died for us? [*Listen to the Responses of the children*] Jesus died in our place so all people could know Father's love.

**Tell the children:** Jesus is greater than any make-believe hero that you may see on television or read about in a book. Jesus is greater than the make-believe batman. Greater than the make-believe superman. Greater than any make-believe hero. No one can do what Jesus has done! Jesus is the only one who went to hell for you, beat the devil, and was raised from hell by Father's Holy Spirit so everyone could be saved from sin and death!

**Let's sing this new song about Jesus. To the tune of Old Mac Donald had a farm**

*(Sing at least two times for children to learn words and motions)*

**Jesus is my Super Hero!** *(flex both arm muscles)* **He's always there for me!** *(point to self)*

**Jesus is my Super Hero!** *(flex both arm muscles)* **He died and made me free!** *(arms up in air)*

**Jesus is my Super Hero!** *(flex both arm muscles)* **He rose up from the grave!** *(thrust 1 arm out with hand in a fist)*

**Jesus is my Super Hero!** *(flex both arm muscles)* **He's the only one that saves!** *(arms up in worship)*

Did you know that Jesus is the only way to know the love of Father? *(Listen to responses)* When you believed in Jesus, you became Father's son or daughter. As Father's child, you get to have fun as you obey Father and show Super Love to other people every day.

Get ready! We are going to make a Super Love T-shirt for you to wear and show love to others like Father and Jesus. Whenever you put on your T-shirt you must look for something SUPER NICE to do for someone else. But whether you are wearing it or not, let's agree to practice showing love and being kind to everyone!

If you agree, say, "I AGREE!" *(Listen to children's response)*

### **Making a Super Love T-Shirt:**

1. Distribute pencils, eraser and paper to each child.
2. Tell the children to think of the design they want to draw on their T-shirt.
3. Children to draw draft of design with a pencil on paper. When child satisfied with their design draft, give child a T-Shirt to redraw their design in pencil on the T-Shirt.
4. After the design is on the T-Shirt in pencil, distribute the fabric markers for child to creatively color in their design.

### **IDEAS FOR CHILDREN TO PRACTICE LOVE:**

**Role Playing:** Regularly, read to the children from a children's Bible and tell them stories of the things Jesus did. After reading about something Jesus did, discuss it to ensure the children understand, then encourage children to role play the things Jesus did. *(Provide props when possible)*

**Everyday Routine:** As the child/ren go about their day, observe and let them know when you see them being kind and showing love to others. (i.e being patient, enjoying themselves and others (showing joy), helping others, etc.) Be sure to document the good things observed on the last page of their "Student Progress Record."

### *Scriptures:*

*Isaiah 45:22; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 53:4-5; I John 4:7-12; Revelation 1:8; Colossians 2:13-15; Acts 1:9-10; Acts 2:21-24; Mark 1:11; Mark 1:30-34; Mark 6:12-13; Acts 4:12; John 14:12-14; Galatians 5:14; Galatians 6:10*

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### COMMUNION JESUS IS YOUR BREAD OF LIFE

**Objectives to be Understood:** Jesus is the Bread of life for our spirit, and we eat the bread and drink the juice to remember Him.

**Materials:** Bread, Crackers, Grape Juice, Cups, Napkins

**Note to Parent/Teacher:** The communion is only for the children that have received Jesus as their Lord either today or previously. For children that have not yet received Jesus, let them know they can have crackers and juice for their snack but must quietly eat while the children that were “Born Again” take communion to remember Jesus.

**Parent/Teacher Script:** Your body needs good food like bread to grow strong. Your spirit also needs good food to grow strong. Jesus said that Father sent him as our good bread of life. This means that like regular bread helps your body to grow strong, Jesus came and gave your spirit life, to be born again, and live forever by what he did for you. Jesus is our bread of life!

When we eat the bread, we need to remember what Jesus has done for us. What are some of the things you remember that Jesus did for us?

**Answers could include:**

Jesus died for our sins.

Jesus beat the devil for us.

We can be born again as heavenly Father's children!

Our spirit can live forever and not die.

Jesus took all sickness in his body so we don't have to be sick.

## The Bread

**Parent/Teacher Script:** During the last supper that Jesus ate, before he went to the cross to die for our sins, Jesus asked that you do a certain thing to remember him. Jesus took some bread in his hands. *(Teacher takes bread in her hands)* He thanked his heavenly Father for the bread. *(Teacher gives thanks to our heavenly Father and breaks the bread, saying)* Then Jesus broke the bread into pieces and said, take, eat: this bread is my body which is given for you. *(Teacher gives each child a piece of bread to eat)* Jesus said to do this to remember him. Jesus is our bread of life.

## The Grape Juice

**Parent/Teacher Script:** And Jesus took the cup and when he had given thanks he gave it to them. *(Teacher gives thanks to our heavenly Father)* *(Teacher gives each child a cup with a small amount of grape juice)* Jesus said Drink all of it, for this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the taking away of sins.

Do you understand why Jesus wanted you to eat bread as his body and drink grape juice as his blood? Jesus wanted us to remember him as our spiritual food like bread. When you drink the grape juice Jesus wanted you to remember that it was his blood that was poured out in exchange for your sins. So as you eat the bread and drink from the cup, you should remember Jesus, and love Him for what He did for you!

### *Scriptures:*

*1 Corinthians 11:24-30; John 3:3-7; John 6:32-35, 6:51, 6:53, 6:55; Luke 22:19; Matthew 26:27-28;  
Romans 5:8-11*

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### I HAVE ETERNAL LIFE TO LIVE FOREVER!

**Objectives to be Understood:** You do not have to die when you believe Jesus. You can pass from life on earth to life with Father and Jesus.

**Materials:** Worksheet entitled "These are some fun things I plan to do with Father and Jesus!"

**Parent/Teacher Script:** Do you remember that Father made us as a spirit, a soul, and a body? *[Listen to Responses]*

Do you remember which part of you is the real you? *[Listen to Responses]*

The real you is the part of you that you cannot see, your spirit. Your spirit and soul live inside of your body. Jesus said it is the spirit that gives life. Some day our bodies will die, but our spirit and soul will live forever. When you chose to believe Jesus, Father and Jesus do something very special and exciting for you. They give you eternal life. That means your spirit and soul can live forever with them in love. When Jesus was on earth he said the Kingdom of God is like a little child.

What do you think he meant? *[Listen to Responses]* Jesus said if you do not receive the Kingdom of God as little child you will not enter it.

Do you like to have fun? *[Listen to Responses]*

Did you know that Father and Jesus like to have fun? *[Listen to Responses]*

Jesus said He only did what He saw and heard His Father do. Jesus did some fun things. He went on boat rides. He walked on water. He would hike up mountains. Jesus was invited and went to a wedding with his friends. At many weddings, people dance, sing, laugh, eat good food, talk with friends and family, play games and have fun.

Children like to have fun. Jesus would not stop the children from coming to Him. Children love Jesus. Why do you think little children love Jesus? *[Listen to Responses]* Children know that Jesus loves them. Jesus prayed to Father for the children.

Since you know that Father and Jesus like to have fun and they love you, what are some fun things that you would like to do with Father and Jesus? *[Listen to Responses]*

Use your imagination and think of big things that only Father and Jesus could do with you. You might invite friends to have fun with you. Write or draw some fun things you plan to do with Father and Jesus since you can choose to live forever with them.

*Scriptures:*

*1 Thessalonians 5:23; Luke 18:16-17; 2 Corinthians 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:8; 1 John 5:12-13; John 2:1-2; Matthew 8:1; Matthew 9:1; Matthew 14:25; John 8:29; John 17:3*



**These are some fun things I plan to do with Father and Jesus!**

Written By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 3

**Objectives to be Understood:**

- 1] God made you to be like Him;
- 2] God's Word is alive and true;
- 3] God's Word is like a sword;
- 4] God's Word has the power of life in it, and;
- 5] to say what God has said.

**ACTIVITY:** Children will write in their books the Scriptures/Words God Said.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This activity is included in each of our 6 lessons with a different scripture in each lesson for children to receive into their hearts.

**MATERIALS:** Pencils; Markers; Stapler; Purchased notebooks OR Pre-made book template [see Preparation below]

**Preparation:** To MAKE A BOOK, Pre-make book templates for each child by folding two sheets of paper in half and stapling [two staples on the folded side so pages open like a book]; OR purchase lined notebooks.

Write out and post [where children can easily see] the following scripture:

**THE FATHER HAS LOVED US SO MUCH! THIS SHOWS HOW MUCH HE LOVED US: WE ARE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD. AND WE REALLY ARE HIS CHILDREN. BUT THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN HIM.**

(I John 3:1)

## WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 3

### REVIEW:

What happens when God speaks? *[Listen to responses]* Everything God says must happen!

Does God want you to believe the things He said? *[Listen to responses]*

God has given you His Words to believe Him and SAY WHAT HE HAS SAID. You were made to be like Father and speak Words that give life.

Different writers wrote what God told them to write in the Bible. The Words in the Bible are called scriptures. The Bible has different parts called books. The scripture that we will learn today can be found in the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John the third chapter and the 1st verse. 1 John 3:1

The Bible teaches us about God's love for us, and the things He had to do to send His Son Jesus to save us.

### TO KNOW GOD'S WORD

First, you must LET YOUR EARS HEAR GOD'S WORD AND BELIEVE IT.
Second, LET YOUR MOUTH SAY THE WORDS THAT GOD HAS SAID.
Third, Tell your mind to THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS SAID.
When you think about what God has said, HIS WORD GOES INSIDE YOUR HEART. And your heart will help you love like God.

If you would like God, your heavenly Father to help you to know Him and the Words He has said, you can pray and say these words after me, or you can pray to God in your own words. Ready. Let's pray!

**PRAYER**

**Father,**

*(Pause for Children to Repeat)*

**I want to know You**

*(Pause)*

**Will you help me?**

*(Pause)*

**I want to hear and believe You**

*(Pause)*

**Will You teach me to say**

*(Pause)*

**what You have said every day?**

*(Pause)*

**Thank You Father!**

*(Pause)*

**Will you help me**

*(Pause)*

**to think about Your Word?**

*(Pause)*

**Thank You Father!**

*(Pause)*

**Will You let Your Word**

*(Pause)*

**change my heart**

*(Pause)*

**so I will love like You?**

*(Pause)*

**Thank You for hearing me**

*(Pause)*

**and answering my prayer!**

*(Pause)*

**I love You!**

*(Pause)*

**Amen.**

## WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 3

### LEARNING SCRIPTURES FOR OUR BOOKS

#### PARENT/TEACHER SCRIPT:

Does anyone have something good to tell us that God did for you? *[Listen to the testimonies of the children]*

We are going to add a new scripture to our What Did God Say books?

*(Show children the Lesson 3 Scripture and let children know these are some Words God said.)*

**Our new scripture is: "The Father has loved us so much! This shows how much he loved us: We are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world don't understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him."**

What do you think God means when He said, "The Father has loved us so much! This shows how much he loved us: We are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world don't understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him"? *[Listen to Responses]*

Did you pray from your heart and ask Father to forgive your sins? *[Listen to Responses]*

Did you tell God that you believed Jesus and that you wanted to be His child? *[Listen to Responses]*

When you prayed and said words that you believed Jesus, Father forgave your sins and He made you His child. Father calls you His child.

Is everyone in the world God's child and know Him? *[Listen to Responses]*

Do everyone in the world know that you are God's child? *[Listen to Responses]*

No, many people in the world do not know God or understand how to love like Him, because they do not know Him. This is why He said, "The Father has loved us so much! This shows how much he loved us: We are called children of God. And we really are his children. But the people in the world don't understand that we are God's children, because they have not known him."

Let's boldly say His Words: **"The Father has loved us so much!** *(children repeat)* **This shows how much He loved us:** *(children repeat)* **We are called children of God.** *(children repeat)* **And we really are His children.** *(children repeat)* **But the people in the world,** *(children repeat)* **don't understand,** *(children repeat)* **that we are God's children,** *(children repeat)* **because they have not known Him."** Let's say it again. *[Repeat]*

Have you ever had someone to tell you they love you? *[Listen to responses]*

Your Father in heaven loves you with a love that is not like the love on earth. His love is called agape love. Agape love is a heavenly amazing love.

Repeat after me! **My Father loves me [pause] and He calls me His son or His daughter. I am a child of God.**

Did you know that God's love is true? *[Listen to responses]* It is so true that the more you say what God has said, the power in God's words will go into your heart to live. And you will know the truth. And the truth is, God loves you!

*Ask children to take out their books. [CHILDREN WHO DID NOT BRING THEIR NOTE BOOKS, let them write their scripture on paper. Tell them to put it in their book when they get home.] [Provide notebooks for new children or make new book templates for this lesson.]*

Write God's Words in your book.

Everyday read your book out loud and declare or say God's Words so your ears can Hear His Words!

Every day pay attention and watch Father do what He said because you believed Him, and you said what He said.

When you see Father do what He said, write or draw a picture in your book about the good things God did for you.

And come tell us about it.

*(If children are using notebooks and want to take them home, remind them to bring their notebooks back so they can write more Words that God said in it.)*

Let's Sing these Words God Said: *(Sing to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it")*

**The Father has loved us so much!**

**This shows how much He loved us.**

**We are called children of God.**

**And we really are His children.**

**But the people in the world don't understand.**

***(Declare) They don't know Him yet!***

*[Repeat Several Times]*

**SONG: GOD LOVES ME!**

*(Sung to the tune of Barney Song) (Do motions to Song)*

**YOU LOVE ME!**

*[Point upward, then to self]*

**I LOVE YOU!**

*[Point to self and upward]*

**YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!**

*[Point up, touch heart, Clap hands as you say pitter-pat]*

**YOU LOVED ME FIRST**

*[Point upward, then to self]*

**AND I LOVE YOU BACK!**

*[Kiss your hands and blow kisses up to Father]*

**YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!**

*[Point up, touch your heart, then clap hands as you say pitter-pat]*

**I LOVE YOU FATHER!**

*[Lift both hands up and SHOUT]*

*Scriptures:*

*1 John 3:1; John 3:16; Romans 8:14-17*



## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### AWESOME HOLY SPIRIT!

**Objectives to be Understood:**

- 1) how Holy Spirit helps them;
- 2) they can pray and ask to receive the gift of Holy Spirit; and,
- 3) they can choose to speak in an unknown tongue.

**MATERIALS:** None

**Parent/Teacher Script:**

Listen to how Awesome the Holy Spirit is!

Did you know that Jesus was born by the power of Holy Spirit?

God the Father sent an angel to a young woman named Mary and she said yes and let the Holy Spirit put the good seed of God in her for Jesus to be born on earth as a man and the Son of God.

Do you remember the name of the power of God that raised Jesus up from the dead? *[Listen to 'Responses]*

It was the power of Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.

Did you know that God sent Holy Spirit to earth to live in you forever as One in Jesus? *[Listen to 'Responses]*

Jesus prayed and Father answered His prayer and sent the power of His Holy Spirit to live in us forever as one in Jesus. Jesus and His Father are One. They are exactly alike. They think alike. Jesus does everything His Father says. And when you choose to obey Jesus, Holy Spirit will live in you as your Helper.

Do you know how Holy Spirit will Help you? *[Listen to 'Responses]*

Holy Spirit will help you to know inside your heart what is true and what is not true.

Holy Spirit helps you to know that Father and Jesus are real and you can believe them.

Holy Spirit will help you to be a friend of Jesus.

Holy Spirit helps you to not be afraid.

Holy Spirit gives you the power to do the things you cannot do on your own.

Holy Spirit will help you to love God and others and do all the things that God planned for you to do on earth for Him.

Holy Spirit will help you to have a very good sound mind that thinks good thoughts.

Father knows that sometimes you do not know what to pray, but Holy Spirit will help you to pray in God's language of tongues the perfect will of God for you or someone else. Praying in tongues helps you to believe God more and more, every time you do it.

Raise your hand if you have already received the power of Holy Spirit to live with you and in you.  
*(Acknowledge those who have believed Jesus and received Holy Spirit)*

If you have not received Holy Spirit, and you believe Jesus, Jesus said that Father will give Holy Spirit to anyone who asks Him.

Do you want to receive the power of Holy Spirit as your Helper forever? *(Listen to Responses)* *(If anyone says Yes, then lead them in prayer to say they believe Jesus and ask Father to give them Holy Spirit. See Romans 10:9-10 or use prayer for children to say I believe Jesus, in Story Book Lesson 3, JESUS)*

Anyone who has said that you believe Jesus and want to pray in the language of tongues to Father, you can pray here or in a private place by yourself anytime. If you choose you can pray in tongues to Father now with me. Just open your mouth and say the sounds that come from your heart. Holy Spirit will help you. Let's pray in God's language of tongues.

**(Pray in Tongues!)**

Praying in tongues in our secret weapon. The devil does not know what you are saying. But in your heart Father will give you peace to know that your prayer is heard and answered, so always thank Him.

*Scriptures:*

*Luke 1:30-38; Colossians 1:15; Galatians 3:19; John 14:7; John 14:16; John 17:20-23; John 14:15-16; John 14:20-21; I Corinthians 14:2; Jude 1:20; John 15:14; Romans 10:9; 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 8:26-28; Luke 11:13; I John 5:14-15*

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT!

**Objectives to be Understood:** For children to know Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are One God.

**MATERIALS:** Container filled with water, cups, ice tray, pot, access to: refrigerator, stove

**Parent/Teacher Script:**

How can Father, Son and Holy Spirit be One God? How can three be One? *(Listen to Responses)*

Father is a BIG God! Father is bigger than our minds can think. We know some things that Father has told and shown us about Himself. Father is love. Father created all things. He is Almighty. He is Holy. Nothing or no one is greater, smarter or better than Him. We know that Father created the universe through His powerful Word. Do you remember who Father calls The Word? *(Listen to Responses)*

Father's Son, Jesus, is His Word. Jesus is The Word of God. Father created the universe through Jesus. Jesus is the Word that Father sends out from Himself. Jesus and Father are One Spirit. Father is a powerful Spirit. Do you remember what the name of Father's power is called? *(Listen to Responses)*

Holy Spirit is Father's power. Holy Spirit is the Power that Father sends out from Himself. Holy Spirit is also One with God.

Father, Jesus His Son, and Holy Spirit are three parts of One God. They each do different things. Have you ever seen something that has three parts but is one thing? *(Listen to Responses)*

Let's do an experiment with water to see how God made water to do three different things as one.

*(Show children the water as you pour it into a cup.)*

Ask children: What is this called? *(Listen to Responses)* We call this WATER.

*(Pour a little water into cups for children to drink.)*

When the water is a liquid, we can pour it into cups and drink it. The water helps our bodies to be healthy. Let's see how water is three in one.

*(Show children as you pour water into an ice tray and put it into the freezer of a refrigerator.)*

*(Show children the water that has hardened into ice after it freezes.)*

Tell the children: The ice is still water but it is frozen water that we call ICE.

*(Put some ice in the children's cups for them to hold and eat if they choose.)*

When the water is ice, the water does something different. It makes things cold for us.

What happens to the ice when it melts? *(Listen to Responses)*

It becomes water again.

So far we have seen the water as two things. First we saw the water as a liquid that we could drink, and second we saw the water as ice.

Let's see the third thing the water can be.

*(Show the children as you pour water into a pot to boil on the stove.)*

Tell children: Watch to see what happens to the water when it begins to boil.

*(When the water begins to boil and steam forms)* Tell children: We call the vapor coming up from the water STEAM. It is still water but it is now in the form of steam.

Now you can see how one thing can have three forms. One, as a liquid, it is water. Two, when it's frozen, it is ice. Third, when we heat the water to boiling, it becomes steam.

God made some things to be three in one.

God is also three in one.

He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Scriptures:*

*Deuteronomy 6:4; I John 5:7; John 17:21-22; John 4:24; John 14:10; Hebrews 1:2-3; Acts 1:8*