

Like Father, like Son: Honor Him

December 7, 2014—Lesson 1

Background Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-9 • **Lesson Scripture:** Hebrews 1:1-9

Key Verse: [God said,] “Let all God’s angels worship him (Jesus)” (*Hebrews 1:6b, NIV*).

Faith Block: I can worship Jesus, too!

Lesson Objective: The children will discover that Christians worship Jesus Christ because He is the human expression of God’s very being.

Materials Needed: *Picture Lesson Cards*, Bible, rug, large pictures of adult animals and their babies, white construction paper, scissors (teacher only), markers, crayons, blocks, books, other toddler toys for each class session, (**optional:** Pax the Penguin). (**Note:** You will need to have a small table in your room that can accommodate all the children in your class.)

A BEGINNING BLOCK

✂️ Prior to class, use white construction paper to make heart-shaped cutouts for each child. On each cutout, write, “I can worship Jesus, too!”

Welcome: Greet the parents as they bring their children into the room. Engage any children who arrive early—with blocks, books, and other toddler toys—in order to maintain their attention. Gather the children and help them settle down when you are ready to begin class.

Opening Worship and Activity: Tell the children that it is prayer time. Let them know that prayer time is when we talk to God. Tell the children to bow their heads and close their eyes, and then lead them in prayer.

Have the children sit down at the classroom table, or let them sit on an area rug on the floor. Show them the pictures of adult animals you collected. Encourage the children to name the animals they see. Then, show the children the baby animals. Help the children match the adult animals to their babies.

Prepare the class for the Bible story.

B BIBLE STORY BLOCK

The Bible Story: Hold up the lesson 1 Picture Lesson Card for all the children to see.

Say: Jesus loves us! We love Jesus, too. We will hear that Jesus is God’s Son.

Read or tell the Bible story, and review it afterward.

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Long ago, God spoke to His people by giving messages to the prophets. Jesus, God’s Son, was with God at the beginning of the world. Now, God speaks to us through Jesus. When

Jesus came to Earth, He showed people God’s love. He listened to God. Jesus did all that God wanted Him to do.

Jesus died for everyone’s sins. He rose from the dead. Now Jesus is in heaven with God. Jesus has all power. Jesus is greater than the angels, and the angels worship Him.

We, too, can worship Jesus. We love Jesus, too!

C STACKS OF FUN

Angels Love Jesus!: Give each child a heart-shaped cutout.

Say: Angels worship Jesus. We can worship Jesus, too.

Let the children color the hearts.

☺ **Words from Pax the Penguin:** Present Pax to the class. (See the *Early Elementary* teacher book, pages 33–34, for suggestions on how to present Pax.) The script for Pax appears below.

Pax: Hello, girls and boys! In today’s lesson, who worships Jesus? (*Pause for responses.*) That’s right—the angels worship Jesus. Does Jesus want us to worship Him, too? (*Pause for responses.*) Yes! Jesus loves our worship! Now, let’s thank God for His Son, Jesus. Repeat after me: “Thank You, God (*pause*), for Your Son, Jesus.” Good job, boys and girls!

Let Pax wave good-bye and/or hug the children.

D CLOSING BLOCK

Review the lesson with the children by emphasizing parts of the Bible story. Or retell the Bible story, using the Picture Lesson Card.

Have the children repeat the Faith Block after you: “I can worship Jesus, too!” Afterward, say the prayer on the Picture Lesson Card. Distribute the Picture Lesson Cards to parents/guardians when they arrive to pick up their children.

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