



UNIT 19 | SESSION 5 | MARCH 28-29, 2020

## Preschool Parent Guide

# Jesus as a Child

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 2; Luke 2

**Story Point:** Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan.

**Key Passage:** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." John 1:1-2

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the key passage and discussion questions. Check out the Big Picture Card or Preschool Activity Page as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

### ACTIVITY OPTION 1: SCAVENGER HUNT

(No Supplies Needed)

Take a family walk in your neighborhood. Help your children discover things outside that look like the letter "J". Describe the letter to your child, mentioning "J" is the first letter of Jesus' name. Use nature items to create a "J" and leave it for another KidCity friend to find. You may also point out the new spring flowers that are blooming, the color of the sky, and other things God made on your walk. Share your "J" creations or found items on your Facebook page and be sure to tag [@hopekidcity](#).

**SAY** • Jesus' parents looked and looked for Him. They finally found Him at the temple asking the teachers questions. God had a plan for Jesus to save people when He was older. When His parents finally found Him, Jesus told them He needed to be in the temple, His Father's house. Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan, and even as a boy, Jesus knew that.

### ACTIVITY OPTION 2: "J" FOR JESUS

("J" printable, Stickers, Crayons, Paint, Markers, or Play Dough)

Give each child a "J" printable and something to color the eight dots on the printable. Show a child how to cover a circle on the worksheet to make a "J".

**SAY** • When it was time for Mary and Joseph go to home, Jesus was not with them. When His parents noticed Jesus was gone, they worried. They returned to Jerusalem and began to search for Him. They found Jesus in the temple talking to the teachers. Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan, and even as a boy, Jesus knew that.

## KEY PASSAGE WITH MOTIONS

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. “In the beginning was the Word, (*open hands like a book*) and the Word was with God, (*lift book up over head*) and the Word was God. (*point up*)” John 1:1 (*open hands like a book*).

## REVIEW

Ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

What did Jesus’ parents do when they could not find him? (*they worried and searched for him*)

Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? (in the temple)

Why did God send Jesus? (*because He loves us and had a plan to save us*)

SAY • When Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem to look for Jesus, they found Him in the temple listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Jesus came to earth to do His Father’s plan, and even as a boy, Jesus knew that. Jesus grew, and God was with Him. God’s ultimate plan was sending Jesus into the world to die on the cross and save people from their wrong choices.

## PRAY

Invite your child to share any prayer requests they have.

SAY • God, thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you that He came to earth to do your plan and knew it even as a boy. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us. Help us to follow Him. Amen.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Big Picture Card for 2s-3s or Preschool Activity Page for 4s-5s, Crayons)

Children may color the Story Point coloring page. Encourage them to do the activity page at home with you this week.