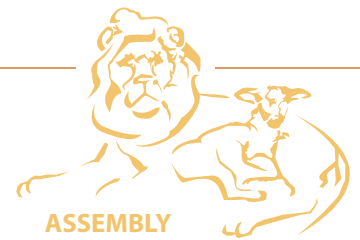


**JESUS CLAIMS TO BE GOD**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOHN 22-33 &amp; 37-39



*The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

**LESSON IDEAS****WHO IS JESUS?**

This is a great passage to help the children learn about the nature of Christ and who He is. Read the passage again (John 10:22-33, 37-39) and ask the children what we learn about Jesus from this passage. Coach them along using the following list as a guide.

- Jesus is all-powerful – He performs miracles (v. 25)
- Jesus is eternal – The one who gives eternal life must also have it (v. 27)
- Jesus and the Father are both separate (v. 29) and also one (v. 30)
- Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus (v. 38)
- Jesus claimed to be God. (v. 33)
- God is His Father (v. 25, 37, 38)
- Jesus controls all things (v. 27, 39)

After you finish the list see how many the children can remember. Make up teams and have them see who can come up with the most.

**GIVING UP HIS GODLINESS**

Read Philippians 2:6-11 to the class and explain that Jesus laid aside His divine glory and took up human form, the form of a servant.

God normally lives in unapproachable light, yet Jesus came to earth to live among us. Ask the children how Jesus becoming a servant and dying on the cross demonstrates God's love for us.

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### WHERE IS the Gospel?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

John 10 is one of the clearest pre-cross explanations of the ministry of Jesus. The Gospel is explained throughout the entire shepherd-sheep analogy. Jesus says that He is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. There is no mistaking the gospel here. Perhaps the most beautiful verses in the entire chapter is verse 18 where Jesus demonstrates His incredible love for us all. Jesus said that His death is His willing choice for his sheep. The transfiguration showed that Jesus had not lost His awesome power. If he wanted to escape the cross, he certainly had the power to do so. But he chose, instead, to lay aside his power and willingly give up His life for us.

