

## THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11



## The STORY

Read about humility of Christ in Philippians 2:3-11.

**Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What does it mean to humble yourself? (If you humble yourself you serve others and do not make yourself the best.)
- How did Jesus humble Himself? (He gave up the glory of heaven that belongs to Him as God to come to earth as a man.)
- What were some of the ways Jesus served? (He multiplied the fish and fed the people, He healed the sick, He forgave sins, He died on the cross to take our punishment.)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Jesus on a throne in heaven with Jesus as a baby in the manger below. Engage the children by asking:**

- What kind of glory and power did Jesus have in heaven as King? (Jesus was ruler over all. All of the angels worshipped Him. Jesus lived in bright unapproachable light.)
- What kind of glory and power did Jesus have as a baby? (The angels and a great star announced His arrival, but overall Jesus was like any other baby. He needed to be completely taken care of and as a baby could not do anything powerful.)
- Why did the great King Jesus come to earth to be a little baby? (Jesus came to earth as a human child so that He could grow up living a perfect life and then die on the cross to take the punishment we deserved for our sins.)

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- What did God the Father do to Jesus after He died?  
Read Philippians 2:9-10.
- What does the Bible say everyone will do toward Jesus? (One day, every man and woman will bow his knee to Jesus recognizing that He is King over all and everyone will praise Him.)
- How can we follow Jesus' example of servanthood? (We can serve others, see Philippians 2:4.)

### 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.*

Jesus gave up the glory of heaven to come down to earth and become a servant. Philippians 2:8 tells us that He became obedient to death, even death on a cross. God, the creator of the universe, humbled Himself and took our punishment upon Himself. Jesus was fully God and yet fully man. Because of His deity He could be sinless; because of His humanity He could take our place upon the cross.

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

