

5th Grade

Unit 4: Jesus the Son

Truth 26: Jesus was the better Adam... and better you.

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Booklet:** Write today's truth: "Jesus was the better Adam... and better you."

MEMORY WORK: Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith. See if they remember the following points:

- **Booklet:** Have kids write the unit Bible verse: John 3:16 ~ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- **Game:** Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Booklet:** Have kids fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class.
 - 25. Jacob had 12 sons but he favored his son, Joseph, which made his brothers jealous.
 - 26. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers and then later was thrown in jail unjustly.
 - 27. God gave Joseph the gift of interpreting dreams. He helped Pharaoh save Egypt from a famine.
 - 28. The Pharaoh's daughter found Moses hidden in a basket in the river.
- **Game:** Reinforce today's trivia by doing an activity from the Trivia list. Add in any previously learned trivia from the list in your leader's guide.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Before reciting the Apostles' Creed together, spend a minute discussing what the creed tells us about Jesus who we will be learning more about today.

DISCUSSION: *Consider setting up your note box from the Extended Discussion section and adding to it as you read through the verses.

Read Genesis 1:27-31 .

How did God initially regard Adam, the first human? (He created Adam after his own likeness, and he loved what he had made. He declared Adam good. Adam was living in harmony with God.)

Read Genesis 3:17-19

After Adam committed the first sin, how did God say the rest of his life would unfold? (pain, suffering, hard work, and death)

Do you think Adam would have liked to go back in time and make a different choice? (Encourage discussion.)

Was it possible for Adam to undo what he had done? (Help kids to see that Adam's sin was a permanent part of his life now, and it would be a permanent part of all of our lives. It was not possible for any future human to be born who could walk through life without sinning.)

Many centuries later, according to God's plan, what man was born who did live the perfect and sinless life that Adam did not? (Jesus; help kids to see that Jesus is called "the better Adam" because he lives the life Adam should have lived.)

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

Recall the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden by the serpent. Compare that story to this story about the temptation of Jesus by Satan.

Adam & Eve: Were they tempted at a time of need? Were they hungry? (No, they had everything they needed including more than enough food in the garden.)

Jesus: Was Jesus tempted at a time of need? (Yes, he had been in the desert for 40 days and nights without anything to eat.)

How many times were Adam and Eve tempted? How about Jesus? (Adam and Eve were only tempted once, Jesus was tempted three times.)

The things Satan says usually sound good and seem true. Knowing that what did Jesus rely on when he was tempted? (He relied on the Word of God.)

Did Jesus sin and give in to temptation? (No, he resisted three times. Explain to kids that Jesus remains sinless his entire life.)

Read Romans 5:18-19.

What did the life of Adam bring to men? (sin and condemnation)

What did the life of Jesus bring to men? (justification, life, righteousness)

Extended Discussion: Separate your note section into two parts. Label one part Adam and one part Jesus. Write down how Adam and Jesus are alike and different. Encourage the kids to come up with as many as they can through discussion. The order is not important.

Adam

- ~ Was beloved by God
- ~ Made in God's image
- ~ Made with 'The breath of life'
- ~ Tempted by the serpent/ Satan in the garden
- ~ One temptation while having no need
- ~ Brought sin into the world
- ~ Broke mankind's relationship with God

Jesus

- ~ Was beloved by God
- ~ God's actual son
- ~ Conceived by the Holy Spirit
- ~ Tempted by Satan in the desert
- ~ Three temptations while having a lot of need
- ~ Defeated sin
- ~ Made it possible for mankind to be in right relationship with God

Summary: Adam left humanity in a terrible state, full of sin and unable to save ourselves. But God did not leave us there. As John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Jesus entered the world as our perfect Savior, the one who would live the sinless life Adam should have lived. Jesus is the better Adam...and better you. If we trust in Jesus to be our righteousness and to make us right with God, we are no longer under the curse of Adam.

PRAYER: Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME: Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.