

Adventures with GOD!

INTRODUCTION: THE SON OF GOD (C.1.Spring)

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-11

GOALS FOR THE TRIMESTER: Help children foster a relationship with God. Become familiar with the events that took place in Jesus' first year of ministry and the different reactions that the people had. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives, making real the things that Jesus taught and did.

MESSAGE TO THE TEACHER:

Studying the life of Jesus is important on so many levels, especially for children who don't come from a church background or may not know much about Jesus. Sometimes we have some beliefs that really are not based on Scripture, so it's important to always go back to Scripture and allow children to read it and study it. This will help them to build solid bases for their own faith.

Studying the story of Jesus just to gain more insight or knowledge is not what is most valuable. As a teacher, your job is to help children apply Scripture to their own lives and live out the example of Jesus.

When this new trimester begins it's important to change the environment of the classroom space. It's important to give them a clue that they are going to be studying something new. For example, you could make a banner that says, "The Son of God in his first years of ministry," or something similar. You can also make a big map, like what is found in the following page, which the children can put different symbols on that represent the different experiences in Jesus' first year of ministry. You can also use symbols to make a timeline of Jesus' first year of ministry, adding a new symbol to the timeline each week.

In each lesson you will find different crafts. Make sure you have the materials that you need ahead of time. Kids love to be creative and do things by themselves. There are great options for things they can do and take home to show their families.

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MAP OF ISRAEL

