



I am the Light of the World. John 8:12

Monday [Who is Jesus?]

Jesus is God's promised Son, Messiah
[Matthew 16:13-20]

Key Verse: Matthew 16:16

Tuesday [Was Jesus an Ordinary Man?]

Jesus is God's perfect Son - the Word became flesh
[Matthew 3:13-17]

Key Verse: Mark 1:11

Wednesday [Was Jesus a Teacher?]

Jesus is the powerful Son of God — not just a teacher
[Matthew 15:29-39]

Key Verse: Matthew 28:18

Thursday [Was Jesus Just Someone Who Lived a Long Time Ago?]

Jesus is the proven eternal Son of God [John 1:1-3]
and gives us eternal life through belief in Him
[Mark 14:43-16:7]

Key Verse: Mark 15:39

Friday [Why do I Need to Respond to Jesus?]

Jesus is God's plan for forgiveness [Acts 2]
Key Verse: Acts 2:38

Discussion Questions/Challenge/Prayer

- QUESTIONS:** Read John 3:1-21. [1] Which truth about Jesus we learned about today stood out to you the most, [2] Why do you think it matters for how we trust Him today? [3] What does it mean to personally receive Jesus and be called a child of God?
- CHALLENGE:** Choose one simple way each day to "shine Jesus' light" (encourage someone, pray for someone, do a kind act, or share about Jesus).
- PRAYER:** Thank Jesus for being the Light of the world, God's promised powerful Son, and the risen Savior who brings us forgiveness. Help me to believe in, trust, and follow You every day, and shine Your light in my heart so I can reflect Your love to others.

Mark 16:13-20 [CSB] When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But you," he asked them, "who do you say that I am?"

16 **Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

17 Jesus responded, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven." 20 Then he gave the disciples orders to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

15 Jesus answered him, "Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John allowed him to be baptized.

16 When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

Mark 1:11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."

In Matthew 15:29-39 we see that Jesus healed many people who were brought to Him, causing the crowds to glorify God because of His power and compassion. He then miraculously fed four thousand people with seven loaves and a few fish, showing that He is able to meet both spiritual and physical needs.

Matthew 28:18 Jesus came near [to his disciples] and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth."

In Mark 14:43-16:7 we see that Jesus was betrayed, arrested, crucified, and willingly giving His life to save sinners. Though it seemed like defeat, God's plan of redemption was being fulfilled. Jesus' death showed His sacrificial love, and His resurrection proved that He truly is the Son of God. The empty tomb brought hope and victory because Jesus conquered sin and death.

Mark 15:39 When the centurion, who was standing opposite him, saw the way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

In Acts 2 we see on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, empowering them to speak in other languages so people from many nations could hear the gospel. Peter preached boldly that Jesus, whom they had crucified, is both Lord and Messiah, and He has been raised from the dead and exalted by God. As a result, about three thousand people believed, repented, and were baptized, forming the beginning of the early church.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

VBS Family Connection Guide

Theme: Who Is Jesus? [John 8:12]

This week we have been learning that Jesus is more than a good teacher or a special person—He is God’s promised, perfect, powerful Son who came to save us! Use these questions and activities to continue the conversation at home.

Monday: Jesus Is God’s Promised Son [Matthew 16:13-20, Matthew 16:16]

On this day we learned that after sin entered the world, God did not abandon people. Instead, He promised to send a Savior. Jesus was God's rescue plan all along. We also learned that Peter knew Jesus was God's Son because God revealed that truth to him.

Family Challenge:

Talk about a time someone helped you when you could not fix a problem by yourself. Explain how Jesus came to help with our biggest problem—sin.

Family Prayer:

God, thank You for loving us enough to make a plan to save us. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us. Help us understand who Jesus truly is. Amen.

Tuesday: Jesus Is God’s Perfect Son [Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:11]

On this day we talked about how every person sins and makes wrong choices. None of us can be perfect, but Jesus never sinned. Because Jesus lived a perfect life, He could become the sacrifice for our sins.

Family Challenge: Share one thing each family member struggles with doing right. Then thank God that Jesus came because we need His help.

Family Prayer: Jesus, thank You for living a perfect life for us. Thank You for loving us and taking our place. Help us follow You each day. Amen.

Wednesday: Jesus Is Powerful [Matthew 15:29-39, Matthew 28:18]

On this day we talked about how Jesus performed miracles that showed He had power only God has. Jesus healed people, calmed storms, and did things no ordinary person could do.

Family Challenge: Take turns naming favorite miracles Jesus performed and talk about what each miracle teaches us about Him.

Family Prayer: Jesus, thank You for showing us Your power and love. Help us trust You because nothing is impossible for You. Amen.

Thursday: Jesus Saves Us [Matthew 14:43-16:7, Mark 15:39]

On this day we learned that salvation is a gift. We cannot earn it by being good or by doing enough good things. Jesus, God’s promised, perfect, powerful Son, did the work for us.

Family Challenge: Wrap a small object like a toy or snack and give it as a “gift”. Ask: “Did you earn this gift?” Discuss how salvation is God's gift to us.

Family Prayer: God, thank You for loving us and giving us salvation through Jesus. Help us remember that we can never earn Your love—it is a gift. Amen.

Friday: Following Jesus [Acts 2, Acts 2:38]

On this day we recognized that learning who Jesus is, is only the beginning. We talked about repentance—turning away from sin and turning toward God—and continuing to grow in our relationship with Him.

Family Challenge: As a family, choose one way to grow closer to God this week: read the Bible together, pray together, serve someone, or memorize a verse.

Family Prayer: Jesus, help us turn away from sin and follow You every day. Help us continue learning more about You and growing closer to You. Amen.

Key Truth for the Week: Jesus is God's promised, perfect, powerful Son who came to save us—and following Him changes our lives.