



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 3: Jesus

4th and 5th Grade

Theme Verse

“For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Objective

God planned for Jesus to be the Savior from the beginning of time and sent Jesus to Earth at the perfect time.

Teach

Many times we incorrectly read the story of Creation in the Old Testament as God’s Plan A that didn’t work, so God started Plan B in the New Testament. However, when you read the Old Testament more closely, you will see that God used the entire text to highlight our need for Jesus. Through the prophecies of Jesus’ birth, the imagery of the Passover and Jesus’ sacrifice, and the prophecy about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection throughout the Old Testament, God’s plan was always that Jesus would be the Savior of His people. Jesus tells us in Matthew that He did not come to get rid of the Old Testament but to help it mean even more. Jesus helps us understand that laws are not a restrictive boundary, but some help to keep us safe and living the best life God has to offer. In our relationship with Jesus, we learn how to live the way we were created and enjoy life to the fullest.

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss how Old Testament figures foreshadow the character or actions of Jesus. (Examples might include Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, etc.)

Play

Look up some of the specific details of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection that are prophesied in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament. There are hundreds! See how many you can find. Then, discuss how these fulfilled prophecies assure us the New Testament is true.

Sing

["What A Friend"](#)

Live it Out

Option 1:

Take a drive through your neighborhood and discuss all the different traffic laws that must be obeyed any time someone is driving. Talk about seatbelts, speed limits, turn signals, road signs, rules for changing lanes, and four-way stops. If we really think about it, it can be overwhelming and nearly impossible to be sure we are following every single traffic law at every single moment when we are driving. Compare this to how the Israelites felt trying to obey every single aspect of the Old Testament Law.

Option 2:

Discuss a skill your child has recently learned. Maybe it is a sport or hobby he/she has improved and become proficient in. Use this as a talking point—you have to learn the basics before you can fully enjoy and take advantage of the finer points of the craft. (Example: Playing in a basketball game is not fun if you never learned to dribble or shoot.) Use this anecdote as to why God would show us the Law and then later bring Jesus to Earth. God didn't give the Law so we would fail. Instead, He gave us the Law so we would appreciate and lean on Jesus even more! That way, we would fully appreciate the Law as a helpful blessing in light of Jesus' love and sacrifice for us.

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for sending Jesus to ultimately fulfill our requirements for perfection and holiness and take the punishment for our sin and shortcomings. Help us to love You more each day and honor You in our thoughts and actions. Amen.