

Unit 1

Learn About Jesus

Bible Memory

John 20:31

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.”



Bible Skills

Bible skills are intentionally integrated into each lesson. You'll help kids learn how to use their Bibles so God's Word goes deep into their hearts. See the introductory pages of this teacher guide for details.

Optional Bible Skill Builders and Key Bible Verses

Use the Optional Bible Skill Builder activities whenever you have time—before, during, or at the end of your session.

Print the Key Bible Verses from the *Resources* CD. Finding and reading the verses will help kids remember each week's Bible lesson. Be sure to send a copy of these verses home, along with the unit family letter.

Look for this symbol throughout the teacher guide to identify activities that work well for all kids, including those with special needs. Additional helps for teaching kids with special needs can be found on the *Resources* CD and at www.heartshaper.com.



Lesson	Scripture	Focus
Lesson 1 Jesus Heals an Official's Son	John 4:43-53	♥ Jesus is God. He has power over everything.
Lesson 2 Jesus Heals a Man at a Pool	John 5:1-9, 13-15	♥ Jesus sees people's needs. He can help them.
Lesson 3 Jesus Heals a Woman and a Young Girl	Mark 5:21-42	♥ Jesus is God. He knows everything.
Lesson 4 Jesus Feeds 5,000	John 6:1-14	♥ Jesus cares for us. He gives us what we need.
Lesson 5 Jesus Walks on Water	Matthew 14:22-33	♥ Jesus is God. He is always with us.

HeartShaper Materials for Unit 1

Early Elementary Activities

Lessons 1-5 and the Unit 1 Bible Memory Poster and stickers

Early Elementary Teaching Pictures, special unit and lessons 1-5

Early Elementary Resources

Visuals

Sheet 3 Unit 1 Bible Memory Poster, Bible Story Name Cards and Road Signs 1a-1f; sheet 4 “This Is My Life” Photo Album 2a-2f, Bible Story Puppets (lesson 3), Bread and Fish Story Scenes 4a-4g; sheet 5 Unit 1 Focus Cards, “What’s Inside?” Cards (lesson 4), Bible Story Scene and Finger Puppets 5a-5c

CD

Audio Tracks

- Track 1 Game Time Music
- Track 2 Bible Story for lesson 2
- Track 3 Bible Story for lesson 3

Printable Files

Classroom Tools (attendance chart, bookmarks, name tags, Old and New Testament posters)

Special Needs Helps (see CD Contents for complete list of files)

Teacher Helps (see CD Contents for complete list of files)

Unit 1 Bible Memory Poster, Family Letter, Key Bible Verses

Optional Bible Skills; Review Questions; Worship Time Ideas, Buzzy Bee Letters, lessons 1-5

Additional files: Fish Plate Pattern, What Do You Need?, Bible Story Scripts (lessons 2, 3), Bread and Fish Prayer Notes, Rescue Riddles

Weekly Bible Reader student magazine, issues 1-5

Additional Activities for Unit 1

Use these activities for early arrivers, for children who finish activities quickly, and when you are waiting for parents to arrive.

Learn About Jesus Bulletin Board

Cover a bulletin board with bright-colored background paper. At the top center of the board, attach the picture strip showing Jesus, included on *Resources* sheet 5. Each week, add one of the Unit 1 Focus Cards from sheet 5. Provide a variety of art supplies (drawing paper, markers, glitter gel pens, stickers, etc.) and encourage children to create pictures that show things Jesus did while He lived on earth. Display the drawings on the bulletin board.

Jesus Is God's Son Game

Have children sit in a circle. Tell kids to think of some of the things Jesus did that show He is God's Son. Start by saying "Jesus is God's Son. He healed an official's son." Have a child next to you say "Jesus is God's Son. He healed an official's son, and He _____ (something else Jesus did)." The next child repeats what has been said and adds another thing Jesus did. Keep going until everyone has had a turn. Help kids with ideas as needed. If kids forget what has been said, gently help them remember.

Fish Plates

On colorful paper, make copies of the fish fins, tails, and heads from the *Resources* CD unit 1 Fish Plate Pattern printable file. (Or copy onto white paper and let kids color their fish.) Give a copy to each child. Kids can cut out the shapes and tape (or glue) them to the backs of small paper plates. Let kids use the plates for a snack time during lesson 4, Jesus Feeds 5,000. Encourage kids to take their fish plates home and tell how Jesus fed a crowd of people.

Fun Messages

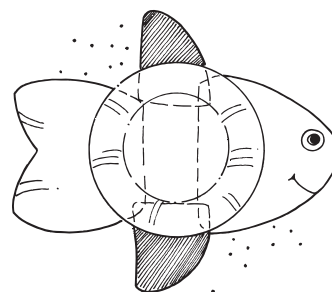
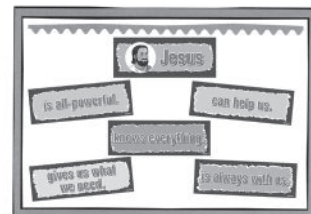
Using colorful paper, prepare strips with this message: "Jesus cares for you—and so do I!" Remind kids of the Bible story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Provide fish-shaped crackers in small resealable plastic bags. Have kids tape a message strip to each bag of fish crackers. Let each child make two or three bags. They can take the treats home to give to friends and family. Be sure to make a few extra to keep in the classroom for guests who come to your class.

Faith & Family

Be sure parents know about this free weekly resource that can be used at home to reinforce Bible lessons and apply the truths their kids have learned. Go to www.heartshaper.com.

Buzzy Bee Letters

Buzzy Bee Letters, included on the *Resources* CD, provide a fun way for kids to review the weekly Bible story and life focus. Print and distribute copies. Or print one copy and post it where kids can read it. The letters can also be mailed or e-mailed to kids during the week.



Teaching Tip

For more crafts that teach, go to www.heartshaper.com and click on For Teachers. You'll find lots of free Holiday Helps that are fun for kids.

