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Building Life Castles

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LESSON 1

Who Is Jesus Christ?

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While most people think that the Lord Jesus Christ had His “beginning” when He came as a little baby to be born in the stable at Bethlehem, this is not so! It is true, as the books of Matthew and Luke tell us, that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary and that she laid him in the manger in Bethlehem, but God tells us much, much more about His Son. God says that the Lord Jesus Christ has always existed. This means that there never was a time when the Son of God did not exist.

Jesus Christ: The True God

 First, find 1 John 5:20. According to this verse, who is the true God? Jesus Christ

 Now turn to John 1:1–3 and 14 and answer the following questions from these verses:

1. How long has the Word existed? Since the beginning
2. Who was the Word? God
3. What other verse in the Bible begins with the words “in the beginning”? Genesis 1:1
4. According to John 1:3, who made all things? God

Genesis 1:1 says God is the Creator. John 1:3 says that the Word made all things. Since the Word made all things, and the one who made all things is God, and Jesus is the true God, we know that Jesus created all things.

We have learned that Jesus Christ is the true God. He has always lived. We can also see the deity of Christ in the many names given to Jesus that are found in just one chapter in the Bible: John 1. The Bible is filled with hundreds of such references.



Fill in the squares below with the names of Jesus found in these verses.

John 1:1	The W o r d
John 1:1	G o d
John 1:4	The L i g h t of m e n
John 1:9	The T r u e L i g h t
John 1:17	J e s u s C h r i s t
John 1:23	The L o r d
John 1:29	J e s u s
John 1:29, 36	The L a m b of G o d
John 1:38	R a b b i (which means <u>teacher</u>)
John 1:41	The M e s s i a h
John 1:45	J e s u s of N a z a r e t h
John 1:49	The K i n g of I s r a e l
John 1:51	The S o n of m a n



The Old Testament is filled with names of Jesus Christ. Fill in the puzzle with names used in just one Old Testament verse: Isaiah 9:6.

Word List

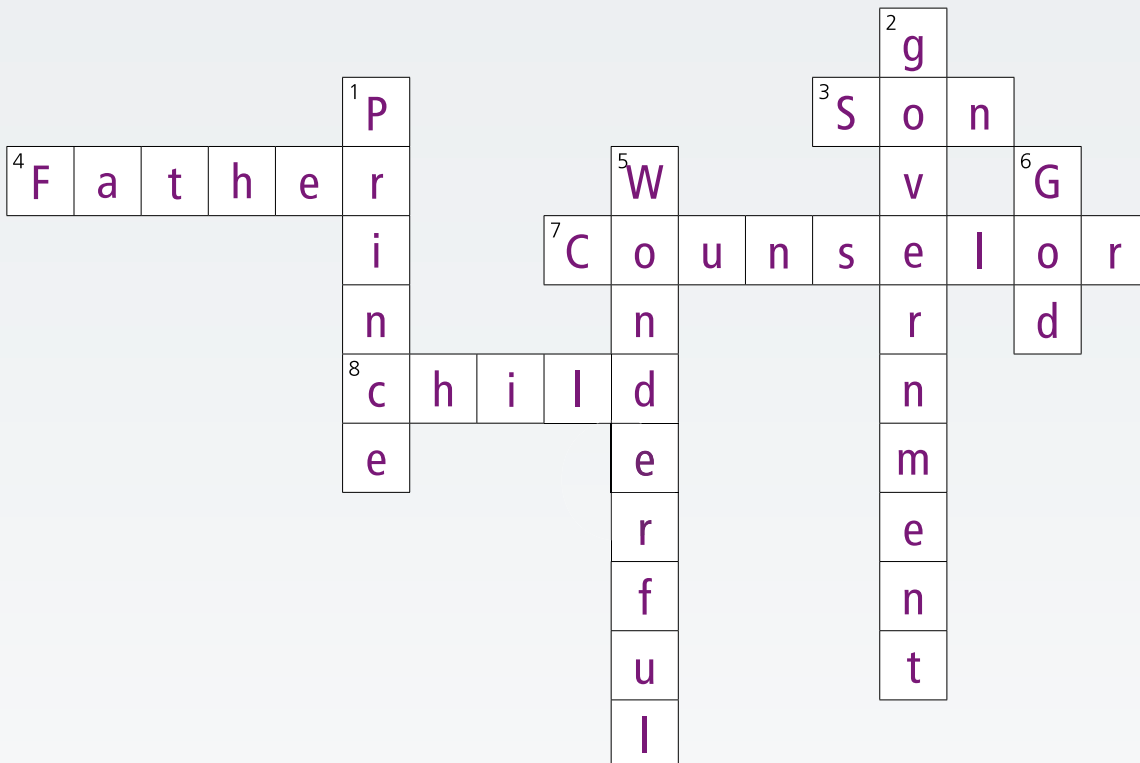
Child	God	Son	Father	Wonderful	Prince	Counselor	Government
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Across

3. A _____ is given to us.
4. The everlasting _____
7. He will be called Wonderful _____.
8. A _____ is born to us.

Down

1. The _____ of Peace
2. The _____ will be on His shoulders.
5. His name shall be called _____ Counselor.
6. The mighty _____





Jesus Christ: The Story Of His Birth



The beautiful story of the birth of Christ is found in Luke 2:1–20. Read the story and answer the questions below.

- Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem when the baby was due to be born?

Everyone had to return to his own town to register.

- Why was Jesus laid in a manger from which the animals ate? Because there was no room in the inn

- Who were the first ones to hear about the coming of Jesus? The shepherds

- How did God tell the shepherds that their Savior had come? An angel told them.

- What did the angels tell the shepherds? They told the shepherds not to be afraid and where to find Jesus.

- Where did the shepherds find Jesus? In a manger in Bethlehem

- What did the shepherds do after they had seen the Christ child? They glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen.

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Find 1 John 4:14. Who sent the Son into the world? The Father



We have already learned that Jesus was the Creator and the one true God. The Christ child born in a stable in Bethlehem was this same God. According to this verse, why is it important for your life that the true God was born?

Because He became man so that He could be the Savior of the
world



LESSON 2

God's Promises Come True

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In the last lesson, we learned that Jesus and the Word of God are the same. Before we begin this lesson, write the meaning of the following words. This will help you to understand the ideas that will be discussed.

- God-breathed (Inspiration): The Holy Spirit's guiding the minds of the writers of Scripture so that they wrote exactly what God wanted them to write
- Prophecy: Speaking God's message, sometimes involving telling the future by God's influence
- Testament: A promise of God

The Bible is the complete story of Jesus Christ. God used many different men to write down His Word. He wrote the Bible by "inspiring" men, or giving His message to them and causing them to write His Word. Every word of the Bible is the Word of God.

The Bible can also be seen as a book of books. The whole Bible is made up of 66 books divided into two parts. These are the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament contains 39 books, and the New Testament contains 27. Many of the Old Testament books are very large.


The Old and New Testaments tell of the promise of God to mankind. The Old Testament is a preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world. It prophesies (or foretells) the story of Christ on earth. The New Testament begins with the birth of Christ and fulfills everything that was told (or prophesied) about Jesus in the Old Testament.

The Old Testament continually promises, "Christ will come." The New Testament says, "Christ has come. Believe in Him."

 Now, in your own words, explain the difference between the Old and the New Testaments.

Answers will vary.

Prophecies Fulfilled Concerning Christ's Life

 There were hundreds of prophecies made about the life of Christ in the Old Testament. The following prophecies tell us things about Christ's life. Look up the Old Testament verse and then read the corresponding New Testament passage. Tell what prophecy was fulfilled in each pair of references.

Old Testament	New Testament	Prophecy fulfilled
Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1	Christ was born in Bethlehem.
Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16–18	Herod killed all the young boys in Bethlehem less than 2 years old.
Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13–15	Joseph and Mary were forced to escape from Herod and take Jesus to Egypt.
Isaiah 61:1	Luke 4:16–21	Christ preached the same message that the prophets said He would.
Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1–10	Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.





Prophecies Fulfilled Concerning Christ's Trial And Crucifixion



In a few weeks we will be studying about Jesus' death on the cross. For now, you need to learn that hundreds of prophecies were also made about His trial and crucifixion. Again, look up the prophecy made in the Old Testament verse, and see how that prophecy was fulfilled in the New Testament. Next, tell how each prophecy was fulfilled. Remember as you study that these are only five of the hundreds of prophecies that were made.

Old Testament	New Testament	Prophecy fulfilled
Zechariah 11:12–13	Matthew 26:15	Christ was betrayed for 30 silver coins.
Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12–14	Christ did not open His mouth to answer Pilate's questions.
Psalms 22:18	Mark 15:24	The soldiers cast lots for Christ's clothes.
Psalms 34:20	John 19:36	Not one of Christ's bones was broken.
Isaiah 22:16	Luke 23:50–53	Christ was buried in a tomb cut in the rock.

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Why do you think God took such care to explain so much about His Son, Jesus, before He was born? _____

Answers will vary.



Why is it important for us to learn about the Old Testament prophecies? _____



Why are they important for your life? _____



LESSON 3

The Boy Jesus

VOCABULARY

Growing Up In Nazareth

Very little has been written about the life of Christ when He was young. This was because He was under the care and guidance of Joseph and Mary, just as you are under your parents in God's chain of command.

Jesus Christ grew up in Nazareth, which was a very small village. Boys and girls in Bible times learned to be obedient to their parents and learned to do many chores to help. The girls did not go to school but stayed with their mothers and learned to do all the household chores. They helped their mothers prepare the meals. The girls went to the village well to pull up water for household use.

On weekdays the boys went to the synagogue, which served as the grade school. They learned to read and write and do arithmetic. A boy learned to read from Old Testament scrolls. For writing he used a sharp stick on wax tablets or wrote with his finger in the sand. The boys sat on the floor near the teacher. Like all Jewish boys, before He was four years old, Jesus had been taught to honor and obey God. Long before boys went to school, they memorized prayers and verses from the Old Testament.



Read Matthew 2:19–23 to learn how Jesus spent the earliest years of His life. Then fill in the blanks below.

Jesus lived in Egypt until Herod died. Then Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the land of Israel. When they heard that Herod's son was now the ruler, God told them to take Jesus to live in Nazareth, a city in Galilee. This was a fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy.



Read Luke 2:40 to see what God says about the growth of Jesus Christ when He was about your age. In the space below, explain what this verse teaches about how Jesus grew.

Jesus grew physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially
(wording will vary).

Four Areas Of Growth



Read Luke 2:52. This verse lists four areas in which Christ grew. These are also four areas in which we must grow and are listed on the chart below. Place each of the following items in the correct column:

Learning to read	Loving people	Keeping healthy	Worshiping God
Learning to write	Growing stronger	Growing taller	Thinking of others first
Pleasing God	Learning about nature	Memorizing Bible verses	Making others happy

Wisdom	Physical stature
Learning to read Learning about nature Learning to write	Growing taller Keeping healthy Growing stronger
Favor with God	Favor with people
Worshiping God Memorizing Bible verses Pleasing God	Loving people Thinking of others first Making others happy



Which is the one area of growth over which you have very little control? stature



List the area(s) of growth with which you are having the most problems. _____

Obeying Those In Authority

Many times boys and girls do not show proper respect to their mothers, fathers, and teachers. Later in life they show no respect for policemen, government leaders, or others God has placed in authority. Read Luke 2:41–52. This is the story of Jesus at the temple when He was twelve years old. Remember that He was truly God in human form. This story shows by His attitude that He thought it was very important to respect and obey His parents and others in authority.

Jesus had passed His twelfth birthday and soon would be called a man. Jewish boys were considered to be adults after they turned thirteen years old. But just before Jesus turned thirteen, the Passover holidays came. Jewish men went to Jerusalem for the special feast days. Some girls and women went too, but the men were required to go.

After Joseph and Mary left for home, Jesus remained in the temple courts. During those days, teachers who served in the temple came out onto the temple porches to discuss God's law. Most Jewish students were not sent away to study the Law until they were fifteen. So it is no wonder that the temple teachers were surprised that twelve-year-old Jesus knew so much. But when Joseph and Mary became worried, returned to Jerusalem, and found Jesus at the temple, He left with them, gladly obeying all the adult leaders God had given Him.





Building Your Life Castle

Jesus Christ is our example, and He has never asked us to do anything that He did not do. During His early years, He set an example through obedience, which is the most important character quality for us to learn while we are young.



Look up the verses below and tell the example He set and what He expects of us.

Obedience To Authority	
The example of Christ:	
Philippians 2:8	He humbled Himself and became obedient to death.
Hebrews 5:8	He learned obedience from what He suffered.
What He expects of us:	
Hebrews 13:17	Obedience to our leaders and submission to authority
Studying To Be Wise	
The example of Christ:	
Luke 2:52	He grew in wisdom.
What He expects of us:	
2 Timothy 3:14–15	To continue doing what we have learned from Scripture