



UNIT 19 | SESSION 5 | MARCH 28-29, 2020

Elementary Parent Guide

Jesus as a Child

Bible Passage: Matthew 2; Luke 2

Story Point: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

Key Passage: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." John 1:1-2

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the discussion questions. Check out the Younger Kids Activity Page for K-1st or the Older Kids Activity Page for 2nd-5th as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

ACTIVITY OPTION 1: GIVE YOURSELF

(Wrapping Paper or Streamers, Gift Bows, Tape)

Form two teams with the people in your family. Provide each team with a roll of wrapping paper or streamers and an adhesive gift bow. Challenge the teams to select one person to wrap. The first team to wrap their person from shoulders to toes and stick their bow on top wins. You may also alter the game by awarding points for wrapping style or coverage, and declare a winner not based on speed. If your family is smaller, just go for style rather than a competition. Have fun with it! Share your creations with us by posting a photo on your Facebook page and tag [@hopekidcity](https://www.facebook.com/hopekidcity).

SAY • By the end of that game, some of us looked like giant presents that would have been fun to unwrap. In a way though, this isn't as silly as it sounds. We can give ourselves to God by trusting Him in all areas of our lives.

When we allow God to guide our time, talents, money, or other treasures, we are giving Him ourselves. He can use us to bring glory to Himself and lead others to believe in Jesus. It doesn't matter that you are still young either. Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

ACTIVITY OPTION 2: HUMAN MACHINE

(2 Objects)

Create a human "machine" that can move eight feet. Place an object on the floor to mark off a "start" and "end" for your group.

1. Organize the family into teams (number of groups can be flexible depending on the group size).

2. No more than two legs and two arms of each team may touch the ground at any time (If there are more people in a group than three, the “formula” is number of participants minus one, so 3 legs/3 arms may touch the ground at a time for a group of 4. If that’s too easy, parents can subtract another for a greater challenge).

3. Only one machine at a time will be allowed to move down the course.

4. If a machine breaks down en route, that team must wait until all other teams have had a try before making a second attempt.

5. Once a machine has successfully covered the designated distance, that team will be given a “patent” on its design, and no other team may copy that exact machine.

*Safety precautions to consider: A team may stack only a maximum of two people high.

SAY • Each one of you was necessary to make your machine move. The CHURCH, God’s plan to tell the world about Jesus, is exactly the same. We need you, right now, to offer your time, talents, and resources, to God!

DISCUSSION

(Bible)

Help kids open their Bible to Luke 2 and lead them through the discussion below.

Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Jerusalem each year? (*for the Passover, Luke 2:41*)

How long did it take Mary and Joseph to find Jesus? (*three days, Luke 2:46*)

What about Jesus amazed people? (*His understanding and His answers, Luke 2:46-47. Help kids understand that Jesus would have seemed like an ordinary 12-year-old just by looking at Him. Remind kids that Jesus is fully God and fully human. Jesus was able to understand and explain God’s Word as One who had studied it for many years, despite His young age.*)

How can we live out God’s plans for us? *Discuss the idea that God’s plan for all believers is for us to glorify Him by loving others, obeying Him out of love, and sharing the gospel throughout the earth. Remind kids that we can live on mission no matter where we are.*

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Pray as a family and ask the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Who can I tell about this story?

CONNECT

(Younger Kids Activity Page – K-1st, Older Kids Activity Page – 2nd-5th)

Download the Kids Activity Page and encourage your child to do it at home with you this week.