

## Jesus Teaches Who He Is

Jesus was the Son of God, and He had many important things He wanted to tell people. He told them about God His Father, and about the kingdom of heaven. He also taught the people about Himself. He gave Himself different names to describe who He was and what He could do.

Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. One evening the shepherd realized that one of his sheep was missing. Although he still had ninety-nine sheep, the shepherd did not want to lose even one.

Leaving his flock, the shepherd went looking for the sheep that was lost. He wanted to find it before some hungry animal did.

In the story, the shepherd found the sheep and brought it back to safety. He called his neighbors and told them, “Celebrate with me, for I’ve found my lost sheep.”

Jesus told the people that He was the Good Shepherd. Like the shepherd who cares for his sheep, Jesus cares for us. Like the shepherd who went looking for his lost sheep, Jesus doesn’t want us to be lost in sin or lonely without Him. Jesus said that as our Good Shepherd, He would give His life to help us.

In those days, a shepherd kept his sheep in a sheepfold during the night. The sheepfold had walls that kept the sheep safe from hungry

animals like wolves. “I am the Door of the sheepfold,” Jesus told the people.

Jesus is like a door because no one can enter the safety of the sheepfold unless they know Jesus. No one can be in the kingdom of heaven unless they believe in Jesus.

One time Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish and made them into a meal that fed a crowd of over 5,000 people. After that miracle, the people wanted to make Jesus into a king. Jesus didn’t let them; He slipped off to be alone.

The next day, crowds of people searched for Jesus. When they found Him, Jesus told them, “You’re looking for Me only because you got a good meal yesterday.” He knew that most of them were not serious about learning from Him.

Jesus kept talking. He told the people, “I came down from Heaven to give life to the world. I am the Bread of Life. He that comes to Me will never get hungry. Everyone who believes in Me will live forever.”

Many of the people listening didn’t understand Jesus.

At first they thought Jesus meant He would give them a special kind of bread that would enable them to live forever. But Jesus didn’t mean that.

All of us need food to live, and Jesus was saying that He is like bread because He brings life. Just like food gives us energy, Jesus gives us



strength to do what is right. And without Jesus, we would not be able to have the life that lasts forever. We would not be able to live forever in Heaven.

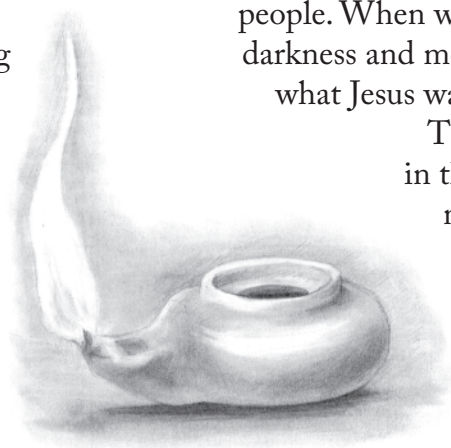
Later, Jesus met a man who had been blind from the day he was born. This man had lived in darkness all his life. Jesus brought light to the man by healing his eyes. Jesus told His disciples, "I am the Light of the world."

Jesus taught that wrong and evil are like darkness. A person who does things he knows is wrong is like a person walking in darkness. Walking in the dark

makes it easy to become lost and afraid, because there is no light to see by.

When we obey Jesus, He brings light to our hearts. Like light chases away the dark, the sin in our hearts is taken away. Instead of doing wrong things, we now love to do good for other people. When we do good things, there is less darkness and more light in the world. That is what Jesus wants.

There are many names for Jesus in the Bible. Jesus told us these names to help us understand Him better. As we understand more about Him, we can better follow Him.



## Memory Verse

*I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12*

**Draw a line from each phrase to the box that best translates that phrase. Then use the new words from the boxes to write the meaning of the verse on the lines below.**

I am the  
light •  
of the world: •  
he that  
followeth me •  
shall not walk  
in darkness, •

If a person  
obeys Me,

I am the one  
who brings  
understanding

his life will not be  
sinful anymore.

to people's  
hearts.

but shall  
have •

Instead, he  
will have

the light  
of life. •

My power  
to do right.

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## Rhyming Review of Jesus

Fill in the blanks with words that complete the rhymes about Jesus.

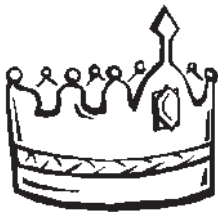
1. Though with the people Jesus trod,  
He surely is the \_\_\_\_\_.



2. Good shepherds go to any cost  
To save each single lamb that's \_\_\_\_\_.

3. So Jesus will do all He can  
To rescue every sinful \_\_\_\_\_.

4. And He can keep us rescued, for,  
He's both the shepherd and the \_\_\_\_\_.



5. More than five thousand Jesus fed  
With just a bit of fish and \_\_\_\_\_.

6. For fish and bread and good teaching,  
The people tried to crown Him \_\_\_\_\_.

7. This hungry world is full of strife,  
But Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.

8. "Light of the world" and "Lord of Right,"  
Jesus gave the blind man \_\_\_\_\_.

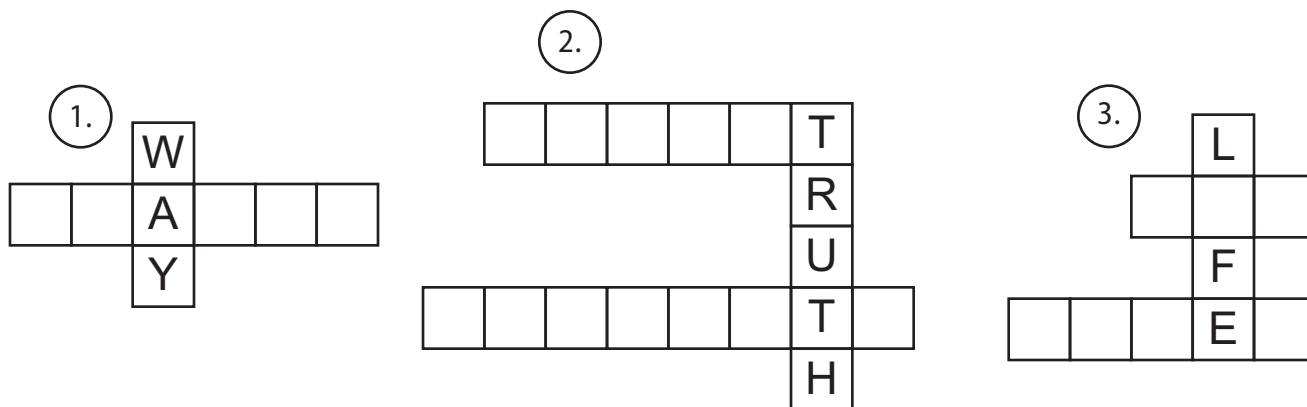


9. Since Jesus is both Bread and Light,  
He gives us power to do what's \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Then, entering the Shepherd's Door,  
We'll live with Him for \_\_\_\_\_.

# Jesus Is . . .

Use words from the shaded strip to create mini-crosswords.



COMPLETE

DIE

HEAVEN

NEVER

TAUGHT

Use the words from each mini-crossword to write a sentence telling what Jesus meant when He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

1. The way: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The truth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The life: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Map It

Use the map on page 62 to complete the exercises.

- The Bible says that Jesus sometimes traveled and taught in the desert east of the Jordan River. Color the area east of the Jordan a pale orange.

\* For more activities on Lesson 6, turn to pages 52–53.

## Jesus Warns About Money and Possessions

Jesus was always kind and helpful to the needy, but in His wisdom He didn't always offer the kind of help people wanted.

One time a man wanted Jesus to help him get some money from his brother who had just received an inheritance. Jesus refused to get involved. Instead, He told the man to watch out for jealousy and selfishness. "Your life is not valued by how much you own," Jesus said.

Jesus went on to tell a parable. With the parable He showed that there is something more important than money.

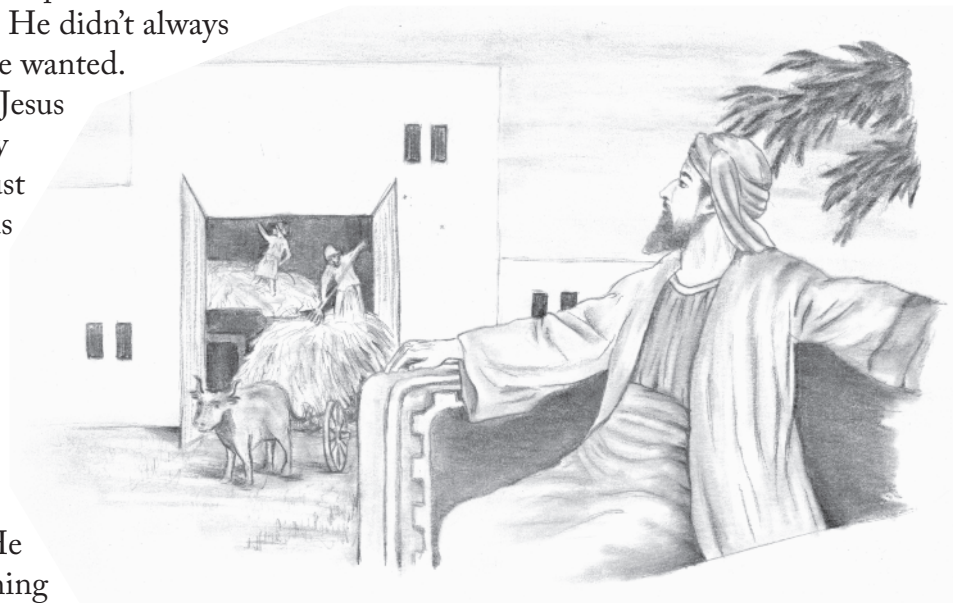
The main character of the parable was a rich man whose farm had yielded a plentiful harvest. The farmer's barns weren't big enough to hold all the crops. "What should I do?" the man wondered.

He decided to tear down his old barns and build bigger ones. With so much stored up, he looked forward to living a life of ease and pleasure.

But God told the rich man, "You are a fool. Tonight you will die, and what good will your riches be to you then?"

Jesus ended the parable by saying, "If you lay up treasure for yourself, but are not rich toward God, you are like the rich man." The selfishness of the farmer showed that he was not obeying God.

Many times Jesus talked about money and possessions with His followers. He taught that money and the other things we own are gifts from God to share with others.



To show us that we do not need to worry about having enough, Jesus talked about nature. "God feeds the birds, and you are much more valuable than birds to God," Jesus said. "And look at the lilies," Jesus added. "They don't work for a living, yet God gives them life and beauty. How much more will God care for you?"

Jesus reminded His listeners that God cares about them. "Do your best to obey kingdom rules and God will give you everything you need."

Jesus instructed the people to give money to the poor. He said that was a way to gain rewards in Heaven. That kind of reward can never be stolen like money can be. "It will be a treasure in Heaven that never fails," Jesus said.

Another time, Jesus told about another rich man who neglected to help a poor man who lived nearby. The rich man wore expensive clothes and ate fine food every day.

A beggar, whose name was Lazarus, lay outside the gates of the rich man's estate every day



to beg for food. Lazarus was a sick man, and dogs came and licked his sores.

One day Lazarus died. Angels carried him to Heaven, where he rested in comfort.

Soon afterward, the rich man died and was buried. Instead of being carried away by angels, he found himself in a terrible place of torture. Looking up from Hell, he saw Lazarus far away, safe with Abraham—a man who lived for God long before.

“Father Abraham, have mercy on me,” the rich man cried. “Send Lazarus here, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in flames.”

Abraham refused. “Son,” he replied, “remember how rich you were all your life, and the good

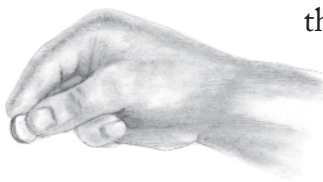
things you enjoyed, while Lazarus suffered and begged for crumbs at your gate? Now he is comforted and you are tormented. Besides all

that, there is a great gulf between us, and we are unable to cross and help you.”

The sad fate of the rich man who didn’t care about

other people warns us that we should always be ready to share the good things we have with people who need them.

Jesus said that anyone who gives up wealth or possessions for the kingdom of God will be repaid with far greater things in Heaven. A heavenly treasure is worth far more than a treasure on earth.



## Memory Verse

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>1</sup> Timothy 6:6, 7

**Draw a line from each phrase to the box that best translates that phrase. Then use the new words from the boxes to write the meaning of the verse on the lines below.**

But godliness •

is a great treasure,

For we brought nothing into this world, •

we can’t take anything with us when we die.

with contentment •

Obeying God

and it is certain •

and certainly

is great gain. •

and being satisfied with what we have

we can carry nothing out. •

for we owned nothing before we were born

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## God or Riches?

To discover a kingdom rule about God and the love of riches, cross out every F, I, J, K, P, Q, R, S, W, X, and Z. Write the remaining letters in order on the lines.

S	F	J	K	Y	Z	O	I
U	X	C	Q	P	A	W	K
W	N	Z	N	R	P	S	O
Q	T	P	L	K	O	Q	Z
V	R	J	E	F	B	X	O
R	W	T	I	H	G	S	J
X	O	W	P	R	Q	D	A
N	I	Z	D	M	F	O	F
N	K	X	R	J	E	X	Y



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## Treasures In Heaven

Go to page 67 and remove the section for Lesson 7. Follow the instructions to make a fold-up message about true riches.



## How We Handle Riches Will Affect Us Forever

**Match the causes with their effects.**

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| 1. _____ Jesus knew the man loved his things more than he loved his brother, so ...   | A. ... gains treasure in Heaven.                              |
| 2. _____ The rich farmer thought he was in control of his own life and future, so ... | B. ... He warned him about selfishness and jealousy.          |
| 3. _____ God wants to give us everything we need, so ...                              | C. ... he found himself in a place of torture when he died.   |
| 4. _____ The rich man cared more for himself than for the beggar at his gate, so ...  | D. ... we don't need to worry about having enough.            |
| 5. _____ A man who gives up wealth for the kingdom of God ...                         | E. ... he planned to build more barns and live in pleasure.   |
| 6. _____ If godly people are content with what they have, ...                         | F. ... God will bless them with far greater things in Heaven. |



### Map It

**Use the map on page 62 to complete the exercises.**

- Find the scale of miles. Use it to estimate how far it was to walk from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethany in Judaea. About \_\_\_\_\_ miles.
- If a man can walk about 20 miles in one day, how long did it take Jesus and His disciples to walk from Nazareth to Bethany if they didn't stop along the way, except to sleep? About \_\_\_\_\_ days.

**\* For more activities on Lesson 7, turn to pages 54–55.**