

Names of God

Huddle 16: *Messiah, Christ*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Who remembers the name of God we learned last week? (God is Father)
- Read Deuteronomy 18:17-18. What do you guys think a prophet is?
- Read Hebrews 5:1. What do you guys think a priest does?
- What is a king? What does a king do?
- Read John 4:25-26 and John 20:31

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out. Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (pause) **TO OTHERS**.

We are going to continue to learn more of the names of God this week. God's names tell us more about who He is and His character. The more I get to know each of you, the closer we become, the better friends we become, the more I care for you. The more I know about God, the closer I become to Him, I grow in gratitude for who He is and what He has done for me and the more I know about Him, the more I know about me and my need for Him. I hope you are learning these things too.

Read Mark 8:27-29: Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” Well, they replied,

"some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah and others say you are one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."

Our name of God for today is Messiah or Christ. In the Old Testament, there were people chosen by God for important jobs. There was a special ceremony where oil was poured on their heads. This was called "anointing" with oil and it showed that God had chosen them for a high position and an important job.

In the Bible, there are three jobs/roles that were anointed like that – prophets, priests and kings. You should have talked about these roles a little in your huddle teams.

What do you think a prophet does? **Prophets** were special messengers of God, telling the people God's very words. Does anyone remember the name of an Old Testament prophet? (*Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Elijah*)

There were also priests. What did a priest do? **Priests** made sacrifices to God for the people to ask God's forgiveness for their sin. They also prayed for the people. Aaron was a priest of the Old Testament.

Then there were kings. **Kings** ruled the people. They were in charge and had great power. Can you remember any kings in the Bible? (*Saul, David, Solomon*)

All of these men were chosen for important jobs. They were anointed by God, chosen by Him. But there was one person who was chosen by God to be all of these things. He was called the "Anointed One" – chosen to be a Prophet, a Priest and a King! He was the Messiah.

Jesus is the Messiah. He was the Promised One that the people of Israel waited years and years for. He is a Prophet, Priest and King like no other. He didn't come like any other king. He didn't have a grand, royal entrance. He was born in a stable. He didn't have an army and didn't come as the powerful figure the people expected.

Instead, Jesus was the Prophet who told people that He was the way to God. He was the Priest who paid the price for their sins by sacrificing Himself on the cross. He rose and lives in Heaven where He prays for His people there. And Jesus is the King who came as a servant waiting for the time when he returns to rule.

Jesus is the Messiah, our long awaited King of Kings and Prince of Peace, the Anointed One. Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior, our Messiah.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Where Do You Stand?

Instructions:

- Mark a line down the center of your space. All the children start by standing on the line.
- Now call out opposites and point in one direction for each. Children make their choice and run to that side of the line.

Examples might be:

- Cats or dogs?
- Rabbits or mice?
- Blue or pink?
- Football or soccer?
- Cake or ice cream?
- Hot dogs or hamburgers?
- Cereal or toast?
- Math or English?
- Tinkerbell or Peter Pan?

ACTIVITY: Get to Know You Beach Ball Edition

Supplies:

- Beach ball (1 per bin)

Instructions:

- Cover a beach ball with get to know you questions using a permanent marker. If you don't have the ability to do this, you may just use a ball and call out questions as kids catch the ball.
- Throw the ball to someone. Tell them to answer the question that is touching their left/right thumb. For example, "Answer the question that is touching your right thumb".
- After the question is answered the ball is thrown to another person, and so on.

Here are some sample questions:

- What is your favorite TV show?
- What instrument would you like to play?
- If you were stranded on a deserted island what 3 things would you want to have?
- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- What was the best gift you've ever received?
- What chore is your least favorite?
- What is your favorite game to play?
- What is your favorite cartoon character?
- How many siblings do you have?
- What do you like to learn about?
- What was your favorite part of summer?
- Name 3 things that make you happy.
- What is your favorite animal?
- What is your favorite book or book series?
- Would you rather be indoors or outdoors?
- If you could have a super power what would it be and why?
- What is your favorite toy to play with?
- What is your favorite color?
- Do you like sports? Which one?

- What job would you never do and why?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- What food will you never eat and why?
- Are you a cat-person or dog-person? Both? Neither?
- What famous person would you like to meet?
- What's your favorite school subject?
- What would you do if you won \$10,000?
- If you could have any pet you want, what would it be?
- What kind of movies do you like?
- Where were you born?
- What is your favorite food?
- Do you like having dreams? Why or why not?
- What are three adjectives to describe you?
- Are you more a talker or a listener?
- What place would you like to visit?
- Do you have a favorite singer or band?
- Do you have a nickname? What is it?



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