

"Cross Crew" FISHing Crew 4th & 5th Grade

To Be Like Jesus

August 29	1	<p>Created in God's Image for His Glory This series begins by teaching students that because we have been created in the image and likeness of God for His glory, we are to show the greatness and worth of God in all of our thoughts, desires and actions. God is righteous and holy, therefore we must be righteous and holy to gain eternal life.</p> <p>Focus Verses: 1 Peter 1:15, 1 Corinthians 10:31</p>
September 5	2	<p>All Have Sinned Having learned that righteousness and holiness are needed for eternal life, this lesson shows that all have sinned and fail to measure up to God's commands. It is impossible to earn eternal life through obedience.</p> <p>Focus Verses: Romans 7:12, Romans 3:20</p>
September 12	3	<p>Jesus, God's Holy and righteous Son Because all have sinned and fall short of God's glory, they deserve death and hell. In this lesson, the students will learn about Jesus—fully God and fully human— who is the perfect law keeper. They will discover that God sent Jesus into the world to save the world from their sins.</p> <p>Focus Verse: John 1:14</p>
September 19	4	<p>The Gospel of Jesus: Salvation in Jesus Having learned of their predicament as unrighteous sinners, and that the answer to their problem is Jesus, this lesson is an overview of the Gospel message and what it means for sinners.</p>
September 26	8	<p>Salvation: Conversion This lesson emphasizes that simply believing things about God will not lead to salvation—faith is required. Faith is trusting in Jesus alone for salvation and faith must be accompanied by repentance. The students will learn that repentance is a deep-felt sorrow for sin and a turning away from sin to Jesus.</p> <p>Focus Verse: Acts 20:21</p>
October 3	9	<p>Salvation: Justification Though all sinners are guilty before God and that their just punishment is death and hell, the students learn that Jesus, who lived a life of perfect righteousness, died as an atoning sacrifice for sin in order to satisfy the wrath of God. Students will learn what justification is and how it is only obtained through faith in Jesus.</p> <p>Focus Verses: 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:1</p>
October 10	10	<p>Salvation: Adoption The students learn that adoption is an act of God in which He makes us members of His family. They will see that through adoption, God's children enjoy a special and intimate relationship with Him and are heirs to all of His good promises.</p> <p>Focus Verses: John 1:12, Ephesians 1:4b-5a</p>
October 17	11	<p>Salvation: Sanctification The students will be taught that sanctification is a progressive work of God in which believers become more like Jesus. Students will see the importance of sanctification in salvation and this lesson will serve as a springboard to the next several lessons which focus on specific ways that we grow to be more like Jesus.</p> <p>Focus Verse: Romans 8:29</p>
October 24	12	<p>Becoming Like Jesus through Life in the Spirit Delving further into the topic of sanctification, it is defined as the evidence of justification and a necessary part of salvation. In sanctification, a believer becomes more and more free from the power of sin and becomes more like Jesus. This happens by the work of the Holy Spirit, who is God and lives inside every believer.</p> <p>Focus Verse: Galatians 5:16b, 22-23a</p>
October 31	13	<p>Becoming Like Jesus through treasuring His Word This lesson highlights the Holy Spirit's role in sanctification through the Word of God. Students learn that they are to treasure God's Word by reading it, meditating on it, delighting in it, doing what it says, and using it to fight sin.</p> <p>Focus Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16</p>
November 7	14	<p>Becoming Like Jesus through the power of prayer This lesson explores how God desires to have an intimate relationship with His children. Prayer is one way this is accomplished. In the Bible, Jesus teaches us how to pray, and that in our prayers we should acknowledge who God is, express honor and love toward Him, seek His plans, ask Him to meet our needs, confess our sins and ask for power against sin. Prayer should be done with an attitude of thanksgiving toward God.</p> <p>Focus Verse: Matthew 6:9b-13</p>
November 14	15	<p>Becoming like Jesus by submitting to Him In this lesson, students learn that God has designed roles of authority and submission. Jesus is Lord of all and all people should submit to Him. They will see that Christians must acknowledge Jesus as their Lord, and that God has given all Christians the Holy Spirit and the Bible to equip them for obedience to Jesus.</p> <p>Focus Verse: 1 John 2:3, 6</p>

November 21	16	The most important command: Loving God most of all The emphasis of this lesson is the greatest commandment from Mark 12:30. The children will study that Jesus is Lord and His children are to imitate His life and walk in obedience to Him. Jesus loves and treasures God most of all, and so should we. Obedience to Jesus is evidence of our love for Him, for God's commands are to be our duty and delight and that true, lasting happiness is found in God alone. Focus Verse: Mark 12:30
November 28	17	Worshiping God in spirit and truth This is the first lesson in a series that examines ways in which Christians can follow the greatest commandment: To love God most of all. This lesson focuses on worship. True love for God will be expressed as worship and that it must be done in spirit and truth treasuring Jesus for who He is and what He has done. The lesson concludes that all of life is to be an act of worship. Focus Verse: John 4:24
December 5	18	Hungering for righteousness This lesson emphasizes that God wants His children to become righteous and holy and that Christians are to have a strong desire for Jesus' righteousness in their daily lives. We must find out what thoughts words and actions please God. Children will see that the Bible provides us with God's righteous commands for every situation. Focus Verse: Matthew 5:6
December 12	19	Trusting God in all circumstances This lesson focuses on our attitude during hardships. Students will examine how God has done the hardest thing of all for His people: Giving Jesus to die on the cross in order to save sinners. Students will see that God is a loving heavenly Father who desires and is able to care for all of the needs of His children, because He is sovereign over all things. Focus Verses: Philippians 4:6, 1 Peter 5:7
December 19		Christmas Break – No FISHing Crew
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January 2nd	20	Being Content Having learned that God is sovereign over all things and that He can be completely trusted, this lesson focuses on the concept of contentment. Everything we have is a gift from our heavenly Father but we are often not content with what we have and are envious of what others have. Using the word "content" this lesson creates an acronym to help children remember to be content in all things. Focus Verse: Hebrews 13:5
January 9 th	21	Using Your Abilities for God Another way to show that you love God most of all is through the use of your abilities and gifts. God has given all Christians special gifts and abilities and when Jesus returns, all Christians will have to give an account for how they have used those abilities. This lesson emphasizes that all service to others that is done in loving obedience to Jesus is service to God. Focus Verse: Colossians 3:23
January 16 th	22	Storing Up Treasures in Heaven If we love God most of all, we will treasure Him above all. God provides for all of our needs and earthly things are only temporary. Instead of laying up earthly treasures, Christians are to lay up heavenly treasures or eternal rewards. Students will discover that everything that a Christian does in obedience to Christ will reap a heavenly reward. Focus Verse: Matthew 6:20, 21
January 23 rd	23	Guarding Your Heart Our hearts are the source of our desires, emotions, attitudes, motives and thoughts. In order to not let sin rule in their bodies, Christians must train their hearts for godliness. Students will study the difference between a heart where sin reigns and a heart where the spirit reigns. Focus Verse: Proverbs 4:23
January 30 th	24	Honoring Your Parents Through good and Godly parents, we learn to better understand who God is, what is like and how we are to act toward Him. We are to honor our parents by recognizing and respecting their authority, loving them, trusting their decisions, obeying them, and going above and beyond what is expected. Therein lays a promise of blessing. Focus Verse: Ephesians 6:1-3
February 6 th	25	Loving Your Neighbor The second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Students will see that obeying the command to love others is part of obeying the greatest commandment. They will also learn that God is a compassionate and heavenly Father, and in an effort to become more like Jesus, we must be compassionate as well. Focus Verse: Mark 12:31
February 13 th	26	Loving Your Enemies Building off the previous lesson, students learn that loving others includes loving our enemies. The Bible states that we can love our enemies by forgiving them, praying for them and doing good to them. The story of Corrie Ten Boom is used as an example. Focus Verse: Matthew 5:44, 45
February 20 th	27	Forgiving Others This lesson hones in on one way to love our enemies—by forgiving them. Students will be taught that we have all wronged God immeasurably because of our sin, but that God forgives all those who trust in Jesus alone. They will discover what it means to forgive others as Christ has forgiven them. Focus Verse: Ephesians 4:32
February 27 th	28	Being A Humble Servant Continuing the series on loving others, this lesson explains the importance of humility. Students will learn that Jesus is fully God, yet He became human and served humans. Jesus commands believers to follow His example of true humility. In Jesus' eyes, true greatness is found in humility. Focus Verse: Philippians 2:3

March 6 th	29	<u>Showing Mercy</u> Mercy sees people in distress, feels compassion for them, and acts to help them. Students will see that Jesus demonstrated what Mercy is like. Focus Verse: Luke 6:36
March 13 th	30	<u>Giving Cheerfully And Generously</u> This lesson shows that one way to love others is through humility and mercy in how they give. Students will learn that God established tithing in the Old Testament to provide for vocational ministers. They will also learn that when giving, it is not the amount that counts, but the heart—a generous and cheerful heart. Focus Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7
March 20 th	31	<u>Caring For One Another</u> This lesson emphasizes the way Christians are to love each other. The church is one body in Christ—a community of Christians. Each member is important and each member needs each other. Jesus commands Christians—His church—to care for one another in special ways. God wants His people to help each other so that as a church and as individuals, we will grow to become more like Jesus. Focus Verse: John 13:34, 35
March 27 th	32	<u>Seeking Lost Sinners</u> Part of loving God most and loving others is to follow Christ's example in seeking lost sinners. Students will study how Jesus seeks to save lost sinners. Lost sinners need to hear the gospel of Jesus. Students will discover how all of heaven rejoices over the salvation of one lost sinner, and how God uses Christians to seek after those who belong to Him. Focus Verse: 1 Peter 3:15
April 3 rd	33	<u>Going Into All The World</u> Continuing from the previous lesson, this lesson shows students that seeking for lost sinners includes sinners all around the world. This lesson encourages students to be involved in worldwide missions by either going or sending. Focus Verse: Mark 16:15
April 10 th	34	<u>Letting Your Light Shine</u> This lesson demonstrates that if you love God most of all and you love others, you will want to show the greatness and worth of Jesus to all you meet, for Jesus is the light of the world. This lesson helps children overcome common fears that Christians have in sharing the Gospel with others. Focus Verse: Matthew 5:16
April 17 th	35	<u>Rejoicing In Suffering</u> There aim of this lesson is to show students that if you are walking in obedience to Jesus, you will suffer. Jesus commands Christians to rejoice in suffering, for a greater reward awaits them. Students will learn from the example of Paul's life as he rejoiced in suffering for the glory of Christ. Focus Verse: Matt. 5:11, 12
April 24 th		EASTER SUNDAY – NO FISHING CREW
May 1 st	36	<u>Losing Your Life For Jesus</u> This lesson shows students that when they become a Christian, they must totally surrender their lives to Christ. They will discover what it means for a Christian to deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Jesus wherever He leads. This lesson uses various Scripture passages along with the stories of Jim Elliot and Eric Liddell. Focus Verse: Luke 9:23, 24
May 8 th	38	<u>Salvation: Perseverance Of Believers</u> In the life-long process of sanctification, Christians are called to persevere. Students will be encouraged by learning ways in which God equips believers to persevere. Focus Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:8 <u>Salvation: We Will Be Like Jesus (Death and Glorification)</u> The final part of the salvation process is highlighted in this lesson. For a Christian, death means we go to be with the Lord forever. Glorification is the final step of our salvation and will happen when Jesus returns and raises believers from the dead and gives them new bodies like His own. It is through this process at last that believers are made completely like Christ. Focus Verse: Philippians 3:20, 21
May 15 th	39	<u>Making Much Of Jesus Forever</u> The purpose of salvation: To see, enjoy and share with others the greatness and worth of Jesus forever. Children will see that this was the purpose for which they were created and that salvation allows them to fully accomplish this purpose. Focus Verse: Psalm 27:4
May 22 nd	40	<u>Come To Jesus</u> This final lesson encourages each student to examine their own spiritual state. Students will see that being a Christian is about loving and trusting Jesus as your Savior, Lord and truest Friend. Focus Verses: Matthew 11:28, Hebrews 12:2, John 15:5