

Family Faith Time and Prayer

Do: Give each family member an index card or piece of paper. Tell everyone to write on one side of the paper three words adults would use to describe them and on the other side three words that their friends would use to describe them.

Ask: Did you write the same words on both sides? Why or why not? How do your friends see you differently than adults?

Everyone needs to be known. We want to have people in our lives who understand us and who really know us. Our Bible story is about what people thought about Jesus.

Read: Matthew 16:13-16.

Ask: Who in the story really knew Jesus?

Pray: God, open our minds and our hearts so that we can learn more about Jesus. Amen.

Want to do more?

* Watch the movie *The Secret Garden*. Talk about it. Here are some questions you can ask: What did you learn about Mary? About Collin?

Why do you think Collin became a kinder person? Jesus is often described as a prophet, priest, and king. Which role did Dicken play? Which role did Mary play? How did Collin recognize his father? What was Mary afraid of? Collin's father said that Mary "brought them back to life." How did Mary do this? How was Mary a symbol for Jesus?

* Visit the Detroit Institute of Art and the *Rembrandt and the Face of Christ* exhibit (through February 12th) to see how Rembrandt portrayed Jesus and some of the events from the Bible.

Thank You!

Workshop Leaders:

Art - Betty Pfeiffer

Cooking - Debra Schmid

Games - Jason Foster

Science - Bud Leverenz

Shepherds:

K, 1st & 2nd - Cathy Soldan,

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3rd - 5th grade -

Rachel Pierre

The Rock

"Reaching out to Central's Kids"

January 2012

Who is Jesus?



"Who do you say that I am?
You are the Messiah, the son
of the living God."

~ Matthew 16:15-16

The Main Idea:

- ~ As Christians we believe the Bible gives many examples to help people discover who Jesus is. Jesus is the Messiah, the special one sent by God.

Children will:

- ~ become familiar with stories that tell about Jesus as God's Son;
- ~ discover the meaning of the word *Messiah*;
- ~ recognize that Jesus was not the Messiah people expected;
- ~ be given the opportunity to explore who Jesus is to them.

January Schedule

Date/Group	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Kindergarten	Art	Cooking	Science	Games
1st/2nd Gr.	Art	Cooking	Science	Games
3rd/ 4th/5th Gr.	Cooking	Art	Games	Science

Bible Background

Peter "named" Jesus as the Messiah. This was not a title that Jesus took lightly. He knew "Messiah" carried heavy connotations of a powerful leader who would use righteous force to defeat evil, and that was far from the role he came to fulfill. Instead, Jesus came as a gentle king who came in love to suffer for the sake of God's people.

Peter saw in Jesus the desires and hopes of a Messiah: justice, peace, and the establishment of God's kingdom. Peter had to live into an understanding of Jesus' redefining of this concept.

Key for January: "Messiah"

~ *Messiah* (translated from the Hebrew) and *Christ* (*Christos* from the Greek) are synonyms meaning "anointed one."

Check Your Facts!

- ◇ Anointing refers to the ritual of pouring oil on one's head in recognition of God's call to a person to serve in a holy office. The three offices named in the Hebrew Scriptures are prophet, priest, and king. As Messiah, Jesus fulfilled all three of these offices.
- ◇ Caesarea Philippi is located 25 miles north of the Sea of Galilee.
- ◇ Elijah, a prophet from the ninth century B.C. was from the Northern Kingdom. The most familiar story of Elijah is found in 1 Kings 18:19-40, in which there was a contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal to determine the true God. Elijah also appeared at the transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13).
- ◇ John the Baptist was a prophet, and Jesus' cousin. He called people to turn from their sin and be baptized. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Jesus compared John with Elijah, and called him the greatest of the prophets.
- ◇ Jeremiah became a prophet in approximately 627 B.C., under King Josiah. In true prophet fashion, Jeremiah was a controversial figure who challenged the religious and political leaders. While he preached a message of hope, he also preached of God's judgment.

Workshop Locations:

Art - Imagination Station
Cooking - Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
Science - Imagination Station
Games - Fellowship Hall/Room 20