



What child is this?

CHRISTMAS 2021

Jesus is Counselor (Isaiah 9:6-7) - December 4-5, 2021

Live Teaching

Jesus is Counselor

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 NKJV - Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Psalms 33:10 NKJV - The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

Psalms 33:11 NKJV - The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

God Sent a Counselor

Isaiah 28:29 NKJV - This also comes from the Lord of hosts, *Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance.*

Jesus was the Counselor

John 4:13-14 NKJV - Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 4:21 NKJV - Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

John 4:22 NKJV - You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

John 4:23 NKJV - But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

John 4:24 NKJV - God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:25 NKJV - The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

John 4:26 NKJV - Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Jesus is our Counselor

Psalms 32:8 NKJV - I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

Psalms 32:9 NKJV - Do not be like the horse or like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

Psalms 119:24 NKJV - Your testimonies also *are* my delight And my counselors.

James 1:5 NKJV - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Proverbs 11:14 NKJV - Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

NURSERY

JESUS IS GOD'S GIFT

The birth of Jesus was one special event! This month we will be learning about the first very first Christmas and how God gave us the best gift of all, Jesus! God loves your kids and that wonderful gift of salvation through Jesus is just waiting for them!

Memory Verse: Jesus is God's gift. Isaiah 9:6a (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is God's Gift, Born on Christmas

Parent Engagement: Use your kid's craft to connect to the Christmas story. As your kid wraps and unwraps the baby, discuss how Mary took care of baby Jesus. If you didn't get to church this weekend, you can download the craft at visitgracechurch.com/kids.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!
THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

This month we will be acting out the story of the birth of Jesus. We want our kids to imagine what it was like for Joseph and Mary to hear the good news from the angel Gabriel, to travel to Bethlehem only to find there was no place to stay and then to have the Savior of the world born among the animals. There is so much wonder for kids to explore through the shepherds and wise men's visit as well. And every word is true!

Memory Verse: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

Heart of the Lesson: Gabriel Brought Good News - Matthew 1, Luke 1

Parent Engagement: Pick a few songs to sing as a family from the Christmas Songbook your kids brought home from church this weekend. If you didn't get one, you can download it at visitgracechurch.com/kids.

ELEMENTARY

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We have names and sometimes nicknames. Names describe who we are and Jesus was given names before he even came to Earth. We will spend the next four weeks paralleling what the adults are learning in Isaiah 9:6, focusing on each of the names given to Jesus.

Memory Verse: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is Counselor - Ps 119:24, James 1:5-7, Hebrew 4:14-16

Parent Engagement: Hebrews 4:14-16 tells us that Jesus faced the same testings that we do. Discuss ways this would make Jesus a good counselor.

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IN JESUS' NAME

DISCUSSING THE MANY NAMES OF JESUS



We pray in Jesus' name. But do you know what that means? Join us as we follow what the adults are learning leading up to Christmas as we explore different names Jesus was given, and why they are important!

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Heart of the Lesson: What does it mean that Jesus is Counselor? -Psalm 119:24, James 1:5-7

Parent Engagement: Write a letter to God asking for His help in looking to Jesus to guide you. What are ways you can rely on Jesus as Counselor?