



JESUS IS...



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INTRODUCTION

Christmas is a time that kids look forward to with great expectation. The presents, decorations, and all of the holiday fun brings out the kid in ALL of us. However, these things are not what Christmas is all about. Christmas is all about the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Jesus' birth was something that the nation of Israel had looked forward to for a long time. Although they didn't know that the Messiah's name would be Jesus, they did have a very good idea about what He would be like. The prophet Isaiah prophesied many years earlier about Jesus and gave several descriptions of His character.

In this series, the children will learn some incredible lessons based on that prophecy from Isaiah. Ultimately, they will learn that Jesus is Emmanuel - "God With Us." We pray that this series is a blessing to you and the children in your ministry as you celebrate this timeless story that changed the world this Christmas!

For This Generation,

The High Voltage Kids Ministry Team



THE ELEMENTS

The Video Files:

This folder includes “The Spark” Intro Video segments featuring The Christmas Spelling Bee, the Power Verse Videos featuring “Happy Helperton”, and the “Watt’s Up?” Videos featuring “Skittles”. We have included several “Video Bumpers” to be used as transitions to each segment of the service (“Game On!”, “Offering”, and “Brain Drain”). These are Quicktime video files that can be copied and placed into PowerPoint or other presentation software.

The Data Files:

This folder contains the Printable Lesson Manual and graphics/artwork you can use to promote this amazing series. Also included are graphic slides for use during the lesson. In addition, you will find “Family Devotions”, “Small Group Experience”, and “Kid Take Home Pages” for each lesson.

“The Spark” Intro Video:

This video is to be used toward the beginning of the lesson. It sets up the topic to be discussed during that lesson. It uses humor to grab the kids’ attention, then explains what they will be learning about in the lesson.

Watt’s Up?:

This is the main thought you want to get across to the kids during the weekly lessons. Watt’s Up is a simple statement that sums up the entire lesson. There is a “Watt’s Up? Teaching Video” where Skittles teaches the kids the “Watt’s Up” phrase. Then, use the “Watt’s Up? Trigger Video” to surprise the kids throughout the service. Play it many times at random. Each time the kids see Skittles’ head pop up and ask, “Watt’s Up?”, they should stand up on their feet and say the “Watt’s Up?” statement for the week.

Game On!:

Each week a game has been provided. Most of them are themed with the lesson being taught that week. You can find downloadable instrumental game music on our website www.highvoltagekids.com.

Skit/Drama:

These skits feature “Clyde the Elf” (you can choose to have him as a puppet or a human character) who interacts with another person (you or any member of your team). Names can be changed for each specific church and situation if you wish. Use the skits in whatever way works best for you.

Bible Story:

Each week there is a specific Bible Story that is included. It is a story that you tell with graphic illustrations that accompany it to help bring the story to life. These illustrations can be found in the Data Files.

Call To Action:

Because kids tend to learn best if you combine speaking the truth with visual illustrations, we have written an illustrated sermon to be used each week called the “Call To Action.” Materials are listed, and manuscripts are provided. Each illustrated sermon comes with a graphic slide for each main point.

Brain Drain:

This fun game tests the kids’ memory about what they have learned. Play at the end of each week’s lesson.

Family Devotions:

Send these home with the parent of each child as a means for them to reinforce the lesson during the week.

Kid Take Home Pages:

Send these home with the child as a means for them to review the lesson during the week.

HOW TO USE THE LESSON PLAN WORKSHEET

The first page of each lesson includes a lesson plan for the service with a suggested order of service that you may follow. On the second page of each lesson is a list of the materials needed for that entire lesson.

Please note that each lesson worksheet includes “The Spark” Intro Video,” “Game On!,” “Skit/Drama,” “Call To Action,” “Brain Drain” and the other lesson segments we provide with the curriculum. Many of the segments included have graphic and video elements included in the Data and Video Files folders. There are some segments that require other outside materials that are not included in the curriculum.

“Jesus Is...” - LESSON 1

“Jesus Is...WONDERFUL”

Main Focus:
Jesus is so wonderful – beyond anything we can imagine!

Power Verse:
“For you are great and perform wonderful deeds. You alone are God.” – Psalm 86:10

Watt’s Up:
“Jesus Is Wonderful – Yes He Is!”

“The Spark” Intro Video
The Christmas Spelling Bee

“Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video
Skittles teaches “Watt’s Up?”

Character Skit
“Clyde The Elf”

Offering Time

Game On!
“Candy Cane Relay”

Bible Story
“Isaiah Prophecies About Jesus”

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Call To Action
“Jesus Is...WONDERFUL”

Brain Drain
Review Game

Small Group Experience

LEADER’S INFO

We overuse the word “Wonderful” quite often. We use it to refer to food, -“That meal was wonderful!” We use it to refer to entertainment - “What a wonderful concert that was last night!” Wonderful has lost its “WONDER.”

Jesus truly IS wonderful! When we think about His grace, His love, His power, and His character - we are filled with wonder. Our minds can barely comprehend just how WONDERFUL He really is.

In this lesson, the children will learn about the prophecy that Isaiah made about Jesus. They will learn that Jesus truly is the most WONDERFUL person who ever lived on Earth.

If we open our hearts and minds, Jesus will fill us with wonder this Christmas Season!

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“The Spark” Intro Video
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“Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video
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- “Watt’s Up?” Trigger Video

Character Skit
- “Clyde The Elf” Theme Graphic/Music
- Elf costume
- Walkie-talkie
- Candy cane

Offering Time
- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game On!
- “Game On!” Bumper Video
- “Candy Cane Relay” Graphic
- A dozen candy canes
- A table

Bible Story
- “Isaiah Prophecies About Jesus” Graphics
- Bible

Power Verse Video
- “Power Verse” Video

Call To Action
- “Jesus Is...WONDERFUL” Graphics
- A large red heart
- A “change bag” illusion
- A black silk handkerchief

Brain Drain
- “Brain Drain” Bumper Video
- “Brain Drain” Lesson 1 Graphics

Small Group Experience
- Jesus Is Wonderful Program
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- WON-DERFUL Print Piece
- Tape
- Blindfold
- Something to keep score like scrap paper

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The “Small Group Experience”

We have included in this Power Pack an entire “Small Group Experience.” This is an added bonus that you may choose to use to help reinforce the lesson that was learned in the Large Group Kids Church experience. These Small Group Experiences were written for Elementary age children (Kindergarten thru 5th grade).

The Small Group Experiences do require some preparation for each group leader. Please read ahead to make sure that any props, tools, etc. are gathered ahead of time. Our suggestion is to divide the children into small groups (2-10 children works best) and group them according to age group.

Each Small Group Experience is designed to last between 20-25 minutes. Feel free to modify any segment to fit your time frame and/or group needs.

It is definitely recommended that you use the Small Group Experience as a supplement to the Large Group Experience. It is meant to reinforce the lesson the children have already learned.

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Character Skit

“Clyde The Elf”



Offering Time



Game On!

“Candy Cane Relay”



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“Isaiah Prophecies About Jesus”



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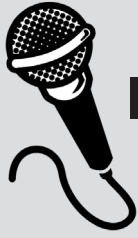
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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey kids! Today, we are starting a brand new series. It’s a series about Christmas! Now, I know we are still quite a few weeks away from Christmas, but we are kicking off the celebration today as we learn about a very important prophecy that was made about Jesus by the prophet Isaiah.

Does anybody know what a prophecy is? *(allow several kids to answer)* A prophecy is a statement given by a prophet that is a message from God. Usually it talks about something that is going to happen in the future. Have you ever wanted to be able to know the future? How cool would that be?

Well, this prophecy was about the day Jesus would be born. It contains lots of words used to describe Jesus. Speaking of words, I want you to watch this video of a group of kids who are in a spelling bee. They are asked to spell some words that have to do with Christmas AND the prophecy that Isaiah gave about Jesus. Check it out!

(play “The Spark” Intro Video)

Leader: What an interesting group of people. She really had a hard time spelling the word wonderful, didn’t she? Can you spell the word WONDERFUL? *(lead the kids in spelling it out)* W-O-N-D-E-R-F-U-L!
You guys are super smart!

In your lesson, today, you are going to learn all about the prophecy that Isaiah gave about Jesus. Plus, you are going to learn just how wonderful Jesus really is!

But, right now, it’s time to check in with Skittles and find out “Watt’s Up?”

(play “Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Clyde The Elf” (a scatter-brained young man who works at the local mall as an elf at Santa’s Photo Booth. He’s dressed in the usual elf attire—pointed ears, lots of green and red, etc. He’s very excitable.)

CLYDE: (strolls out onto the stage holding a walkie-talkie and sucking on a candy cane. He speaks into the walkie-talkie...) Yeah, don’t worry I’m just going on break. Just keep all those kids in line, ok?

Leader: Well, hello there!

CLYDE: Oh hey, how’s it going? (does a HUGE double take, gasping) Grown-up!! Listen, you shouldn’t be back here! If you have any kids they’re just going to have to wait in line like the rest. (gets close to the leader, nervous) You didn’t bring any kids with you, did you?

Leader: Uhhh...(motions towards the kids)

CLYDE: (slowly turns to look at kids, voice goes high pitched) Ohhhhhh boy...

Leader: Are you ok?

CLYDE: (slowly nods, then yells into his walkie-talkie FREAKING OUT) CODE GREEN! I REPEAT, WE HAVE A CODE GREEN!! THE CHESTNUTS ARE ROASTING! I REPEAT, THE CHESTNUTS ARE ROASTING!! THIS IS NOT A DRILL!!

Leader: WHOAH! Calm down! You’re acting like a crazy person!

CLYDE: That’s “crazy-ELF” to you, BUCKO! The name’s Clyde, Clyde the Christmas Elf! If you have THIS many kids waiting in line to meet Santa then I gotta let Big Red know!

Leader: (snickers) You’re not REALLY a Christmas elf (pause, turns serious) are you?

CLYDE: (calm) Well...no, not TECHNICALLY, I work down at the mall. (freaking out) I DON’T HAVE TIME FOR THESE REINDEER GAMES! I got a lot of kids waiting to get their picture taken! Y’know, they plop down on his lap, say “I WANNA UNICORN!” the camera goes FLASH and they go blind for a few seconds? It’s total INSANITY! This whole Christmas season just drives me nutcrackers!

Leader: Oh Clyde, I’m sorry to hear that. Y’know, Christmas can be stressful if we focus on the wrong things. But Christmas is supposed to be wonderful!

CLYDE: Is there something wrong with your brain? Have you been eating fake snow? WONDERFUL?? What’s wonderful about it?

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: Jesus! Jesus is what makes Christmas so wonderful because, well, JESUS is wonderful!

CLYDE: What's so great about Him?

Leader: First off, He loves you with a WONDERFUL love! No matter what you say, no matter what you do, there is NOTHING that can stop Jesus from loving you!

CLYDE: Seriously? Nothing? Not even that time I drank too much eggnog and threw up into my sister's stocking? He loves me even after that?

Leader: Eww! And yes, even after that! And Jesus does WONDERFUL miracles! He can heal our bodies of injury or sickness, or heal our hearts when they are broken!

CLYDE: Wow...that's pretty cool. I have had kind of a *(does Elvis impersonation)* bluuueeeeeeee Christmaaas *(back to normal)* lately. Jesus can help me with that?

Leader: Oh, He can do more than that. Jesus is also a WONDERFUL savior! He died on the cross for our sins so we can have a deep, personal relationship with God! He wants to reconnect us with our Heavenly Father! THAT'S what makes Christmas so awesome! Without Jesus, there really would be NOTHING worth celebrating!

CLYDE: Wow...WOW. That really does sound wonderful! Um, is it okay if I hang out here backstage and learn some more about this?

Leader: Sure! That would be great!

CLYDE: Okay, I'll be right back. I gotta head to the grocery store and pick up some new carrot noses for the snowmen. Those reindeer get REALLY hungry, so we go through a lot. I'll see you later, boys and girls! Ho, Ho, Ho, and away I go! *(exits as theme music plays)*



GAME ON!

“Candy Cane Relay”

Items Needed For Game:

a dozen candy canes; a table

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Preparation:

Choose three boys and three girls to compete in this game. Place six of the candy canes spread out on a table on the opposite side of the room from the “starting line.” The “hook” part of the candy cane should be hanging slightly off the edge of the table.

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How To Play:

When you say, “Go!”, the children place the end of the candy cane in their mouth, then run one at a time to the opposite end of the room. Using only the candy cane, they try to “hook” the other candy cane that is laying on the table, then run back to the starting line - **WITHOUT DROPPING** the candy cane. If they drop it, they must return it to the table and “hook” it again. When they get back to the starting line, they must “tag” the next person in line who will run down and get their candy cane. This continues until **ALL** three participants have completed the task.

The first team to have all three participants get all three candy canes and return to the starting line wins!



Bible Story

“Isaiah Prophecies About Jesus”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the passage in Isaiah 9; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story tells of a very important time in the history of God’s chosen people, the nation of Israel. The nation had split into two different kingdoms - Israel and Judah. That meant that the two countries did not really get along that well.

(*show pic*) One day, King Ahaz of Judah began to wonder whether he should become partners with the country of Assyria. Assyria was a horrible country that did not follow the one true God. In fact, they worshipped idols and sacrificed people to their false gods. The prophet Isaiah warned King Ahaz NOT to join forces with any country that was an enemy of God. He told King Ahaz to trust God and depend on Him only.

But, King Ahaz did not listen. He was not a very spiritual person, so he didn’t see the harm in joining forces with Assyria. Isaiah warned King Ahaz that his partners, the Assyrians, would eventually turn on him and become his enemy. But, King Ahaz thought he was smarter than God’s plan.

(*show pic*) King Ahaz joined forces with Assyria, and it wasn’t long before King Ahaz began acting just like the Assyrians. Rather than worshipping God, King Ahaz began worshipping idols and even sacrificed his own child to a false god. It was horrible. He destroyed the temple of God. To top it all off, Isaiah was right. The country of Assyria ended up turning on King Ahaz and they treated the people of Judah horribly.

(*show pic*) But, God was not finished with Judah. God had made a promise to them and the nation of Israel long ago that He would protect and save them. So, God gave Isaiah a prophecy which he wrote down. It was a prophecy that predicted something that would happen several hundred years later. It said, (*show pic*) “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.”

Wow! Isaiah prophesied about a baby boy that would be born to save the nations of Judah and Israel. Who do you think the baby boy could be that Isaiah was prophesying about? (*show pic*) That’s right! It’s Jesus! Jesus is a WONDERFUL Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Today, you are going to learn just how WONDERFUL Jesus really is! He is more WONDERFUL than you could ever imagine!





Call To Action

“Jesus Is WONDERFUL”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; a large red heart; a “Change Bag” illusion (a small bag with a hidden compartment; you can get one of these at your local magic store or online at www.davidandteesha.com); a BLACK silk handkerchief (any lightweight black silk will do)

Preparation:

Prep the “Change Bag”; Begin with the slide titled “Jesus Is...WONDERFUL”

The Message: (title slide)



Today, we are learning about how Jesus is Wonderful. You know, the word “wonderful” is one that we use a little too much nowadays. We’ve kind of changed the meaning of that word. We say things like..

“Ice cream is wonderful.”

“The weather is wonderful.”

“It’s wonderful to see you, today!”

Sometimes, people even use “wonderful” in a sarcastic way. Your Mom says, “We’re going to have your Aunt Bessie over for dinner tonight.” You reply, “wonderful” - meaning “Great. That’s exactly how I wanted to spend my Friday night - having my cheeks pinched and being told I’m growing like a weed.”

But, the way the Bible uses the word “wonderful” to describe Jesus is not like that at all. When Isaiah prophesied about Jesus and used the word “Wonderful”, He meant the

- Extraordinary
- Exceeds all expectations
- Marvelous
- Miraculous
- Beyond anything we have ever seen

That’s who Jesus is. He is Wonderful. He is extraordinary, marvelous, and amazing. He is Wonderful.

He Does Wonderful Miracles (slide)



Jesus does wonderful miracles! He heals the sick, makes blind eyes see again, heals paralyzed people so they can walk again, and even brings the dead back to life. He doesn’t do these things to prove how great He is. He does it in order to help people. He does it because He has a wonderful love for people. In fact...

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Call To Action (Continued)

He Loves You With A Wonderful Love *(slide)*



(hold up the big red heart as you speak) Jesus loves you so very much. How do you know? Remember the old song that went like this - *(sing)* “Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.” Jesus loves you with a Wonderful love. His love is more wonderful than ANY love you could ever experience.

In fact, that WONDERFUL love He has for you led Him to leave Heaven and come to Earth as a baby in a manger. Jesus grew up and demonstrated that WONDERFUL love to the whole world by dying on the cross to pay the price for the sins of the world. Because of Jesus’ WONDERFUL love, we can be saved.

He Is A Wonderful Savior *(slide)*



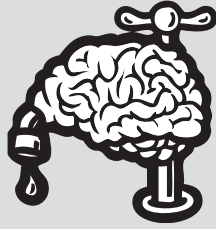
Jesus came to Earth to save people from their sin. *(hold up the black silk and the change bag)* If this silk represents sin and this bag represented your life, the silk definitely would belong in the bag - because we all have sinned. And, it only takes being guilty of ONE sin to deserve death in Hell forever. That’s what the Bible says.

I John 1:9 says, “But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” That means that, *(hold up the black silk and place it in the change bag)* even though we had sin in our life, if we confess that sin to God and believe in the price that Jesus paid on the cross, *(as you speak, gently slide the “trigger” of the change bag over so that the black silk is now hidden in the secret compartment)* then you and I can be forgiven *(when you say “forgiven” reach into the change bag and pull it inside out, revealing that the black silk is completely “vanished”)*. The sin that was in our life is now gone! Jesus paid the price, so we can be forgiven!

When Isaiah called Jesus “Wonderful”, he was so right. Jesus is a Wonderful God who does Wonderful miracles, loves you with a Wonderful love, and saved us in such a Wonderful way. He truly is WONDERFUL!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray with the children a prayer of worship and thanksgiving to Jesus for His wonderful miracles, wonderful love, and for being such a wonderful savior. If there are any children who have not received forgiveness for their sin, pray with them to make Jesus their personal Lord and Savior.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; “Brain Drain” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “Jesus Is Wonderful - Yes He Is!”

2. What is the name of the King of Judah in our Bible Story today?

Answer: Ahaz

3. Which country did he partner with even though he was warned against it?

Answer: Assyria

4. Who was the prophet who prophecied about Jesus’ birth?

Answer: Isaiah

5. What word did Isaiah use to describe Jesus that we learned about today?

Answer: Wonderful

6. According to our lesson today, Jesus “Does Wonderful _____.”

Answer: Miracles

7. According to our lesson today, Jesus “Loves With A Wonderful _____.”

Answer: Love

8. According to our lesson today, Jesus “Is A Wonderful _____.”

Answer: Savior

9. True Or False: Jesus can forgive ANY sin.

Answer: True

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Psalm 86:10

Small Group Experience

LESSON 1 - "Jesus Is...WONDERFUL"



Watt's Up:

"Jesus Is Wonderful - Yes He Is!"



Power Verse:

"For you are great and perform wonderful deeds. You alone are God."

-Psalm 86:10

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Jesus Is Wonderful Program (provided; print one per kid)
- * Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the Jesus Is Wonderful Programs and familiarize yourself with the story so you can facilitate and guide discussion. When small group begins, give each kid a copy of the print piece which is meant to mimic a program you would receive at a play. The story is divided into three acts on the Jesus Is Wonderful Program. To review the Bible Story, the kids should draw illustrations in the free spaces to represent each act. Once the kids have completed their illustrations, talk through the story together. Guide the discussion and ensure the main story points are highlighted.

Say - I am so excited for our new series we are beginning today, "Jesus Is!" Most of us know the story about the night that Jesus was born, but did you know that the story of Jesus' birth started long before that Holy night? "Jesus Is" will give us a unique look into the path from heaven to a manger. The story of Jesus coming to Earth almost unfolds like a play. Have you ever been to a play? Some plays are really famous. Because of the plays success they have showings for years and years. Some plays show once or twice and then the story is forgotten. A one hit wonder. The story of the birth of Jesus was no one hit wonder! In fact, it is still impacting the world today! But I am getting ahead of myself. Let's go back to the beginning of the story and take another look at a prophecy that would change everything. I am giving each of you a Jesus Is Wonderful Program, and I want you to bring the story to life by drawing illustrations in the blank spaces.

-Allow time for the kids to complete the task-

Say - Would anyone like to share their art with group?

-Allow time for the kids to share-

Say - Now I would like us to talk through the story together. You may use your program as a reference.

Ask - What happened during the first part of the story, or Act 1?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - What happened during the second part of the story, or Act 2?

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-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - What happened during the third part of the story, or Act 3?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Thank you for sharing your art and your thoughts with the group.

Ask - How do you think the people of the nation of Judah felt when the Assyrians turned against them and treated them horribly?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - How do you think they felt when they heard the prophecy God gave Isaiah?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Why do you think God chose to give Isaiah this prophecy especially since Jesus wouldn't be born for many years?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

- * WON-DERFUL Print Piece (*provided; print one set*)
- * Tape
- * Blindfold
- * Something to keep score like scrap paper

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the WON-DERFUL pieces. Once activity time begins divide the group into teams. This activity will be played much like pin the tail on the donkey. The object is to place the WON on the DERFUL. Tape the word DERFUL to the wall. One player is blindfolded and handed the word WON with a piece of tape attached at the top. The blindfolded player is then spun several times. The player tries to place the WON on the DERFUL. If the player places the WON correctly in front of the DERFUL award the team one point. Continue on this way allowing the teams to take turns until every player has a turn. The team with the most points wins. This can be played multiple rounds as time allows.

Say - Some hits are one hit wonders, but Jesus is WONDERFUL all the time. Unfortunately our WON and DERFUL got separated. You get one hit to put the WON back in DERFUL. One player will be blindfolded and handed the word WON with a piece of tape attached at the top. The blindfolded player will then be spun several times. The player should then try to place the WON on the DERFUL. If the player places the WON correctly in front of the DERFUL their team will be awarded one point. The team with the most points wins. It's time to play One Hit WON-DERFUL!

-Play Pin the WON on the DERFUL, this can be played multiple rounds as time allows-

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Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

* No additional supplies needed

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Group sharing is focused on encouraging the kids to open up and discuss the lesson concepts and relate those concepts to their life. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.

Ask - Have you ever heard the phrase, “One hit wonder?” What do you think that means?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - One hit wonder isn’t a phrase that anyone desires to be used when describing their life. It means that the person or group had one hit, one success, and then the rest was either failures or nothing worthy of praise. Pretty sad stuff! Earlier we played a game and you got one chance to make something wonderful. The odds of failing were high and the pressure was great. If you failed, you would not only let yourself down, you would lose a point for your team as well. Today we aren’t talking about the success of a band, a ball team, or even you! Today we are talking about wonderful Jesus! Jesus is no one hit wonder. His greatest hits keep on coming minute after minute, day after day, and year after year. The WONDER of Jesus goes on eternally.

Ask - What makes Jesus so wonderful?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Now let’s switch gears and go back to our Bible Story. Here’s a quick recap, King Ahaz of Judah was warned not to join forces with the King of Assyria. He did not listen and this ended with the Assyrian king turning on the people of Judah and treating them harshly. We are pausing the story here for just a moment. The people of Judah were in a very bad place. Their King had turned his back on God and led them into a hopeless place. Year after year and generation after generation the Judean people lived under Assyria’s forceful hand.

Ask - How do think the people of Judah felt?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Generations of people living with no hope until one day they heard the prophecy of man named Isaiah. Wonderful news that would restore hope!

Ask - What did Isaiah’s prophecy say?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Jesus was coming! Jesus would come to Earth and Jesus is wonderful! Jesus was coming with a wonderful plan to free them from their hopelessness, bring salvation and joy, and life! Jesus is no one hit wonderful! He was wonderful from the beginning, and He will be wonderful eternally.

Ask - How does this affect our life?

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-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Prayer Time

Say - You and I have the hope of a wonderful savior, Jesus. Let's take some time and give Jesus glory and honor and praise for He is wonderful! (PRAY)

Closing

Say - King Ahaz did not listen to wise counsel and took his eyes off of God. He opened himself and his kingdom to relationship with people that did not serve God. This relationship brought destruction and landed the people of Judah in a hopeless place. Living a life without hope is miserable. We can relate to the people of Judah. We may not be oppressed by an evil King, but without Jesus we are in a hopeless place. The Bible tells me that we have all sinned and are in need of a savior. However, God has a WONDERFUL plan to restore His people. His plan is JESUS. Jesus is a wonderful hit that keeps on going. He was wonderful for the people of Judah, and He is still wonderful today. His wonder still brings freedom, joy and salvation and is a gift for you and me. As we head into this season of celebration, don't forget to take time to thank Jesus for being WONDERFUL. Thank you for coming today! I will see you again soon.

JESUS IS WONDERFUL!

ISAIAH PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS

ACT 1: ISAIAH WARNS KING AHAZ TO NOT JOIN FORCES WITH ASSYRIA.

**ACT 2: KING AHAZ JOINS FORCES WITH EVIL ASSYRIA. ASSYRIA
TURNS ON AHAZ AND THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH.**

ACT 3: ISAIAH PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS.



DEERFUL

FAMILY DEVOTION!

“Jesus Is...Wonderful”



“Jesus Is Wonderful – Yes He Is!”



“For you are great and perform wonderful deeds. You alone are God.” – Psalm 86:10

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Say:

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However, Jesus truly IS wonderful! When we think about His grace, His love, His power, and His character - we are filled with wonder. Our minds can barely comprehend just how WONDERFUL He really is.

Ask/Discuss:

- What are some things about Jesus that are wonderful? *(Have your children write these things down - give them a minute or two to make a long list of wonderful things about Jesus.)*
- What is your favorite wonderful thing about Jesus that you just wrote down? Why is it so special to you?

Say:

Jesus is SO wonderful! And if we open our hearts and minds, Jesus will fill us with wonder this Christmas Season!

Pray:

Pray with your children a prayer of worship and thanksgiving to Jesus for His wonderful miracles, wonderful love, and for being such a wonderful Savior.

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