

Sunday School Lesson: Jesus Is Lord and Savior

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: Jesus is the true Lord and Savior, so we worship Him and trust Him.

Memory verse: "My Lord and my God." - John 20:28, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay has adult-level details, but for ages 3-6 the main lesson should focus on this simple truth: Jesus is not only a good teacher. Jesus is the true Lord, God the Son, and the Savior King. He has power to forgive sins, He is worthy of worship, and He rose again. Children should learn to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God," and respond with trust, worship, prayer, and obedience.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A paper crown
- A simple cross picture
- A wrapped gift box
- Three picture cards: crown, cross, empty tomb
- Coloring supplies
- Paper crowns or crown outlines for the table activity

Opening Question

Ask: "Who is in charge at home or in class?"

Let children answer. Then say: "God has given parents and teachers to help us. But Jesus is Lord over everyone. Jesus is the true King. Today we will learn that Jesus is Lord and Savior."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "The Bible tells us who Jesus is. After Jesus rose again, Thomas saw Him and said something very important."

Read slowly:

"My Lord and my God." - John 20:28, KJV

Explain: "Thomas was talking to Jesus. He called Jesus Lord. He called Jesus God. Jesus did not say, 'No, Thomas.' Jesus received Thomas's worship because Jesus really is Lord and God."

Repeat-after-me phrase: "Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Savior."

Simple Teaching

1. Jesus Is More Than a Teacher

Teacher say: "Jesus teaches us true words. But Jesus is more than a teacher. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is King over everything."

Child repeat: "Jesus is Lord."

2. Jesus Can Forgive Sins

Teacher say: "Only God can forgive sins. Jesus has power to forgive sins because Jesus is God the Son. We can come to Him and ask for mercy."

Child repeat: "Jesus forgives sinners."

3. Jesus Rose Again

Teacher say: "Jesus died on the cross and rose again. The empty tomb shows that Jesus is the living Savior. We worship Him with glad hearts."

Child repeat: "Jesus is alive."

Object Lesson

Use the paper crown and the wrapped gift box.

Hold up the crown and say: "A crown reminds us of a king. Jesus is the true King. He is Lord over all."

Hold up the gift box and say: "A gift is something we receive. We cannot earn salvation. Jesus gives grace to His people. He died and rose again to save sinners."

Put the crown beside the cross picture and say: "Jesus is the King who saves. We trust Him. We worship Him. We listen to His Word."

Movement Activity

Say each line and lead the motion:

- "Jesus teaches true words." Hold hands like an open book.
- "Jesus is the King." Put hands on head like a crown.
- "Jesus died for sinners." Gently make a cross with arms.
- "Jesus rose again." Lift hands upward.
- "Jesus is Lord." Point upward.
- "We worship Him." Fold hands in prayer.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Eli liked to play king with a paper crown. He would sit in a chair and say, "I am the king!" Everyone laughed because Eli was pretending.

At Sunday school, his teacher showed him a Bible and said, "Jesus is not a pretend King. Jesus is the true King. He is Lord over all. He died on the cross and rose again to save His people."

Eli looked at the Bible and whispered, "Jesus is Lord." Then he prayed, "Jesus, help me trust You."

Discussion Questions

1. Is Jesus only a teacher, or is He Lord? Expected answer: He is Lord.
2. Who can forgive sins? Expected answer: God / Jesus can forgive sins.
3. What did Thomas call Jesus? Expected answer: My Lord and my God.
4. Did Jesus stay dead? Expected answer: No, Jesus rose again.
5. How can we respond to Jesus? Expected answer: Trust Him, worship Him, pray to Him, obey Him.

Craft or Table Activity

Make a "Jesus Is Lord" crown.

Give each child a paper crown outline. Write "Jesus Is Lord" on the front. Let children decorate with simple crosses, hearts, open Bibles, and light rays. As they work, say: "This crown reminds us that Jesus is the true King. We do not worship the paper crown. We worship Jesus."

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Help us trust Him, worship Him, listen to His Word, and obey Him with thankful hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

Jesus is not only a teacher; He is Lord, God the Son, and the Savior King.