

Sunday School Lesson: One Gospel, One Savior

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: God has always saved His people through Jesus, the one Savior.

Memory verse: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." - Hebrews 13:8, 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: there is one gospel and one Savior. People before the cross and after the cross are saved the same way: by God's grace through Jesus. Long ago people trusted God's promise of the coming Savior. Now we trust Jesus who has come, died, and risen again. Children should learn that Jesus is the one Savior for all God's people.

Supplies

- A Bible
- Two picture cards: promise and fulfillment
- A simple cross picture
- A lamb picture
- Coloring supplies
- A simple "one Savior" craft sheet

Opening Question

Ask: "Have you ever waited for a promise to come true?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn that God promised a Savior long ago, and Jesus is that Savior."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God's way of saving people has always been through Jesus."

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." - Hebrews 13:8, KJV

Explain: "Jesus does not change. Long ago people trusted God's promise of the Savior. Today we trust Jesus who came. It is one gospel and one Savior."

Repeat-after-me phrase: "One gospel. One Savior."

Simple Teaching

1. God Promised a Savior

Teacher say: "Long ago, God promised to send the Savior. His people trusted that promise."

Child repeat: "God promised a Savior."

2. Jesus Came to Save

Teacher say: "Jesus came, died on the cross, and rose again. He is the Savior God promised."

Child repeat: "Jesus is the Savior."

3. We Trust Jesus by Faith

Teacher say: "People are not saved by being good enough. We trust Jesus, and God saves by grace."

Child repeat: "Trust Jesus."

Object Lesson

Use the promise and fulfillment picture cards.

Show the promise card and say: "This means something good is coming."

Show the fulfillment card and say: "This means the promise came true."

Hold up the lamb and cross pictures and say: "Long ago God's people saw pictures and promises that pointed to Jesus. Now we know Jesus came. The promise is fulfilled. It is still the same Savior."

Movement Activity

- "God made a promise." Reach hands forward.
- "People trusted God's Word." Put hand on heart.
- "Jesus came." Take a step forward.
- "Jesus died for sinners." Make a gentle cross with arms.
- "Jesus rose again." Lift hands upward.
- "We trust one Savior." Fold hands in prayer.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Ethan's grandma promised she would bring him a red ball. While he waited, Ethan trusted her word because she always told the truth.

When Grandma arrived, she gave him the red ball. The promise had come true.

At church, Ethan learned that God promised a Savior long ago. Then Jesus came. God's promise came true. Ethan smiled and said, "One gospel. One Savior."

Discussion Questions

1. Did God promise a Savior long ago? Expected answer: Yes.
2. Who is the Savior God promised? Expected answer: Jesus.
3. Are people saved by being good enough? Expected answer: No.
4. Do we trust many saviors or one Savior? Expected answer: One Savior.
5. What can we say about God's way of salvation? Expected answer: One gospel. One Savior.

Craft or Table Activity

Make a "promise and fulfillment" fold card.

On the front write: "God promised." Inside write: "Jesus came." Let children decorate with stars, lambs, crosses, and hearts.

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for keeping Your promises. Thank You for sending Jesus, the one Savior. Help us trust Him, love Him, and rejoice in Your gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

God has always saved His people through Jesus, the one Savior.