

Sunday School Lesson: Jesus Fulfilled the Shadows

Source essay: `Why I Am Not a Messianic Jew.md`

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: Jesus fulfilled the old shadows, so we hold fast to Him.

Memory verse: "Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." - Colossians 2:17, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay argues that old covenant ceremonies were shadows fulfilled in Christ. For little children, we keep the lesson clear: old signs pointed ahead, Jesus is the real Savior, and we do not go backward when Jesus has come.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A flashlight
- A simple toy figure
- A cross picture
- Coloring supplies
- Paper sun cutout

Opening Question

Ask: "Have you seen your shadow on a sunny day?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn this truth: Jesus fulfilled the old shadows, so we hold fast to Him."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God's Word tells us the truth about Jesus and His saving work."

"Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." - Colossians 2:17, KJV

Explain: "Jesus fulfilled the old shadows, so we hold fast to Him."

Repeat-after-me phrase:

"The shadow points to Jesus."

Simple Teaching

1. Shadows Point to Something Real

Teacher say: "A shadow tells you something is coming, but it is not the whole thing."

Child repeat: "A shadow points ahead."

2. God Gave Signs in the Bible

Teacher say: "God used old signs and pictures to point to the Savior."

Child repeat: "God gave signs."

3. Jesus Is the Real Savior

Teacher say: "Jesus came, so we trust Him and not the old shadows."

Child repeat: "Jesus is the real Savior."

Object Lesson

Use a flashlight to make a toy's shadow on the wall.

Say: "The shadow tells us something real is here."

Hold up the toy figure and then the cross picture and say: "The old signs pointed ahead, but Jesus is the real Savior we trust."

Movement Activity

- "A shadow points ahead." Point to the wall.
- "God gave signs." Hold hands open like a book.
- "Jesus came." Step forward.
- "Jesus is the real Savior." Make a gentle cross with arms.
- "Trust Jesus." Place hands on heart.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Eli saw his mom's shadow coming down the hallway before she walked into the room.

The shadow helped him know she was near, but the shadow was not his mom. He ran to the real person.

At church Eli learned that some things in the Old Testament were shadows pointing to Jesus. When Jesus came, God's people held fast to Him.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main truth today?

Expected answer: Jesus fulfilled the old shadows, so we hold fast to Him.

2. What should we remember?

Expected answer: The shadow points to Jesus.

3. Who helps God's people?

Expected answer: Jesus.

4. Is God's Word true?

Expected answer: Yes.

5. What should we do?

Expected answer: Trust and obey the Lord.

Craft or Table Activity

Trace a simple shadow shape on paper and glue a cross above it. Tell the children the shadow points to Jesus.

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your true Word and for the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us believe Your promises, love what is true, and walk in faith and obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

Old shadows pointed ahead, but Jesus is the real Savior we trust now.