LESSON 1

Jesus, our Teacher



Aim: **To show the children that Jesus, when he walked this earth, was a great teacher and that his words and stories can still teach us today.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:1; 6:24-34; Mark 1:21-22; 6:1-3**

Memory Verse: **Mark 1:22**
[Jesus] taught them as one who had authority …

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Tell the children about a good teacher you had at school. Say why you liked him or her. Possible reasons: He/she was a fair person and made the lessons interesting. Do you have a favourite teacher?

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Jesus was a great teacher. **Show Picture 1.** One day he went a little way up a hill so the people could see him well. He taught hundreds that day. This picture shows just a few of them. **Discuss the details of the picture with the class.** There are people of different ages, do you see? Some look like educated people. This one may be a religious leader. Look at the expressions on their faces.
2. At other times Jesus taught people in the synagogue. A synagogue is the place where people of the Jewish faith gather to worship God. **Tell the story of Mark 6:1-3.** This happened in the town where Jesus grew up. Those people had known him as a boy. They were surprised that, when Jesus spoke about God, he knew so much more than their learned religious teachers. Jesus spoke with authority about God and his kingdom.

Instil the Memory Verse

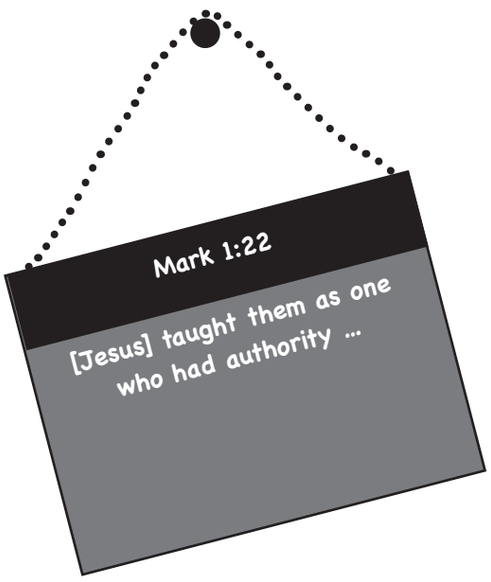
3. Jesus taught people by telling them stories. Everyone loves stories. In the next few weeks we are going to hear some of the stories Jesus told that were meant as lessons.
4. Jesus also used things people saw around them every day to explain the things of God. Let me give you an example: Look at this flower; see its colour and beauty. **Point to the flowers in the picture. If it's possible, bring along a flower to class.** Once there was a very rich and clever king of Israel, called Solomon. He wore the most beautiful clothes made of expensive, coloured material. But, Jesus taught us, wild flowers are more beautiful than Solomon when he was dressed up in his kingly robes. If God takes so much trouble with the flowers in the fields and cares for them so well, God will certainly take care of his children, too.

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Our Response to the Story

I want every one of you to try to find a wild flower or a few leaves and put it somewhere in your house where you will notice it. This week, when you look at the flower or the leaves, let it remind you of what Jesus taught. This will also give you an opportunity to witness to other members of your family when they ask about it.



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