Lesson #1 Hebrews 1:1-3 Sept. 17, 2014

*Before you begin the lesson, write "JESUS" on the board. Teach the kids this short song or turn it into a cheer. (The original song is by Leon Patillo and it's found on YouTube, but you can make up your own tune. Spell the word JESUS when you sing/cheer it.):

"J-E-S-U-S, You're my Lord and King

J-E-S-U-S, He's my Everything."

Point to the letters on the board as you sing. Go over it with the kids several times, breaking it down so they can memorize at least some of the words.

I'm going to ask you some questions and I want you to give me some answers. Ready?

- 1. What do we need: food or air? (We are in need of both)
- 2. What is better: to be kind or to be helpful? (Both are equally good.)
- 3. Who is more powerful: God or Jesus? (The Bible tells us that God and Jesus are equally powerful.)

The Bible tells us some amazing things about God (the Father) and Jesus (the Son). In the book of Hebrews it says this:

"...God gave His Son (Jesus) everything."

"It was by (or through) His Son that God made the world."

"The Son shines with the shining-greatness of the Father."

"The Son is as God is in every way."

"It is the Son Who holds up the whole world by the power of His Word."

"The Son gave His own life so we could be clean from all sin."

"After He had done that, He sat down on the right side of God in Heaven." (Heb. 1:1-3 New Life Version)

Wow! Did you hear that? God and Jesus are equally powerful. By His Son God made the whole world! Think of what makes up the world—people, plants, animals, water, land, etc. God and Jesus were together creating our world because "The Son is as God is in every way." And God is powerful. God is Creator...Jesus is, too.

Gather the kids in a circle, or from where they're sitting, and have them share one or two things they are thankful for that God and Jesus created. (You could start things off with your own answer.) Thank the children for their answers and then tell them to give God and Jesus a round of applause, praising The Father and The Son for their great love and power.

Bible Verse: "It was by His Son that God made the world." Heb. 1:2b New Life Version.

Craft idea: make collages from pictures of created things (animals, people, food, plants...).

Grow At Home #1 Hebrews 1:1-3, Col. 1:15 & 16 Sept. 17, 2014

Today the children learned these God facts:

- Jesus is as God is in every way
- It was through His Son that God made the world

Live It Out:

Who is more powerful—God or Jesus? Our Bible lesson taught us today that both have equal power.

Sit down at a table with your child, a piece of paper (at least 8 ½" x 11") and crayons. Take turns naming created things and having the other person draw what you name. Begin each turn by saying, "Jesus and God were together when they created..." For example: You say, "Jesus and God were together when they created the sky." Your child takes a crayon and colors a sky on the paper. Then, it's your child's turn to name a created thing. He might say: "Jesus and God were together when they created birds." Now it's your turn to draw some birds. Keep naming and coloring until the two of you fill the paper with pictures of created things. When you're done, you can start again. There is an endless amount of pictures you can draw!

Prayer: "Dear Lord, it's not always easy to understand Your greatness, Your power! We see it all around us, though, and we thank You for it."

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