

Lesson #10
Hebrews 4:14
December 3, 2014

**Before class, print out a picture from the Internet showing how a high priest dressed in Bible times. Don't show it to the children until indicated below.*

When you were born your parents named you. Most people have at least three names—a first, middle and last name. Did you know that all of us have names that mean something? For example, the name Esther means “Star” and Sophia means “Wisdom.” John means “God is gracious” and Isaac means “He laughs.” Some of us have nicknames or people call us by our middle names. Can you tell us some of your names? *(Give the kids a few minutes to share their nickname, middle name or last name. You can share with them some of your names and what they mean.)*

Did you know that Jesus (remember, we spell it J-E-S-U-S) has many names? For example, He is called “Savior,” “Messiah,” “Son of God,” “Prince of Peace,” “King of Kings,” “Bread of Life,” and “Creator” to name just a few! He is also called, “High Priest.”

At first, in Bible times, God appointed men to be high priests. These men served God and offered sacrifices for their sins and the sins of the people. They carried out God’s commands—most of the time—but they weren’t perfect because they were just men.

God wanted His people to recognize that they were to respect the high priests that He appointed. So, one of the rules He gave the high priests was how they were to dress. He wanted them to wear certain clothes that were decorated in a special, meaningful way. This would be a sign that the high priests were important in God’s eyes and should be important to the people as well. Let me show you an example of what a high priest looked like. **Show the children a picture of a high priest printed from the Internet. Point out to them the headpiece, sash, ephod and the jewels decorating it, representing the 12 tribes of Israel.*

The Bible tells us that at the right time God appointed for His people a new high priest. This One was different because He came down from Heaven for us. He is perfect in all that He is and in all that He does. He is a wise and holy leader. He is forever. It’s Jesus! And He is not just a high priest, but He is called the great High Priest. When God gave us His son Jesus, we were given a savior. Remember? “Savior” is another one of Jesus’ names! It means He died as a sacrifice for our sins. And because of Jesus—our great High Priest and Savior—our sins can be forgiven and we can live forever with Him in Heaven if we believe in Him.

So today, we follow Jesus our Great High Priest. He is far better than any high priest who ever lived and who ever wore special “high priest” clothes. Our Great High Priest is Jesus, God’s perfect Son and our Savior.

Bible Verse: “So then, since we have a great high priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.” Hebrews 4:14

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Today the children learned this God fact:

- There are many names for Jesus. One of His names is “High Priest.”

Live It Out:

There are many names for Jesus, including: “Savior,” “Prince of Peace,” “King of Kings,” “Creator,” “Son of God,” and “High Priest.” All of His names tell us something about Him. As “High Priest,” God appointed Jesus to us. Jesus came from Heaven and offered Himself as a sacrifice for us so we can have a relationship with God the Father.

Sit down with your child and look up “names for Jesus” on the Internet or use some other reference material. Read several of the names aloud and talk about what they mean. Then chose one together and during the day, when you pray at a meal or at bedtime, for example, use that name for Jesus in your prayer.

Prayer: Dear great High Priest, please help us to be strong in our faith and always follow you.

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