

# Who is Jesus? (Let's Start at the Beginning)

**Opening Prayer** Heavenly Father, guide our conversation tonight and the thoughts we may have. Help us to see Your bigger picture and appreciate the work you've accomplished in Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray. Amen.

## Fill in the Blank/Questions—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- True or False (Circle One):
  - Jesus was present at creation. True False
  - God the Son is created by the Father. True False
- \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ is where we find the “first gospel,” which is the first place where God makes a promise that He will redeem creation.
- The name Jesus means “the \_\_\_\_\_.” The name Christ means \_\_\_\_\_ or “the Anointed.”
- Draw out the five symbols that help explain the life of Jesus:

He \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ He's \_\_\_\_\_

## What Does This Mean? (Catechism Time)

Open up your catechism to page 121. Fill in the following blanks with the words that are missing from the answer to question #117, which says: 117. *What does it mean when you confess, “I believe in Jesus Christ”?*

It means that I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ as my \_\_\_\_\_ Savior from sin, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ and believe that He gives me \_\_\_\_\_.

## Situation Time

*Talk about the following situations with your group. Take notes on what you discuss!*

*Situation #1:* You're walking with your parents in the city and a man stops your family. He seems nice enough and it turns out he's a student at a local Christian university. He says to your family, “This is a pretty Christian area and for one of my classes, we're asking questions about Jesus.” Your family isn't bothered and they're open to answering his questions. The man then says, “Jesus is very important for Christians—obviously. But when you come to think of it, why wasn't Jesus a part of the picture then until thousands of years after Creation?” Knowing what we know after tonight, how might you contribute to the conversation?

*Situation #2:* Your friend Thomas went to church when he was in elementary school but hasn't really been since. He overhears you talking with some friends about having something at church this weekend and enters into the conversation. He says, "You're still going there? Why? All you need to know is that Jesus lived, Jesus died—that's it. All they want you to do is be a good person anyway—I learned all I needed to know already, why are you wasting your time still going?" Keeping in mind the life of Jesus that we learned tonight, how might you explain to Thomas that saying, "Jesus lived, Jesus died," is an incomplete picture of Jesus?

*Situation #3:* A group of your friends just came back from a church retreat and a few of them were baptized. On Instagram, they're posting a lot about how "Jesus is Lord," which is awesome! Your friend Ellie doesn't quite get it, though—her family has never really gone to church. She knows you go to church and asks you, "What is all this stuff about Jesus being 'Lord'? Is that like Lord of the Rings or something? The only other time I've heard that term is with King Arthur's knights or something." She wants to know what it means that Jesus is your Lord. What do you say?

### **Share Highs and Lows**

**Closing Prayer** Heavenly Father, help us to glorify the name of Jesus in our words, our thoughts, and our actions. Help us to honor Him as both our Lord and our Savior and that we wouldn't take that lightly. Increase in us Your Spirit that we might be comforted and strengthened to live in such a way that we honor Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.