

KIDMUNITY | This I Believe

Lesson 04: God The Son

Small Group Guide

Bottom Line:

Jesus is fully God and fully man – our Redeemer, Intercessor, and Lord.

Memory Verse:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14

Activity: Paid in Full

Supplies

- 1 spinner per group (6 sections labeled)
- Tokens (at least 5 per student)
- Extra tokens for leader (enough to “rescue” 2–3 students)

Spinner Setup (6 Sections)

You can label the spinner like this:

+2 Tokens

+3 Tokens

+5 Tokens (Really Good)

-2 Tokens

-3 Tokens

Lose All Tokens (Really Bad)

Each student begins with 5 tokens. The leader also has a stack of tokens, but does not spin.

How to Play

Kids take turns spinning. Whatever the spinner lands on, they gain or lose tokens.

If someone loses all their tokens, they are out of the game.

Play normally for a few rounds.

When the first student lands on “Lose All Tokens” (or drops to zero), pause the game.

Say clearly: “According to the rules, you lost all your tokens. That means you’re out of the game.”

Let that sit for a moment.

Then say: “But I have tokens. And I’m willing to give you mine so you can keep playing.”

Give the student enough of your tokens to continue.

Say clearly: “You don’t get to ignore the loss. The penalty still has to be paid. I’m giving you my tokens so you can stay in the game.”

Continue playing. If another student loses everything, repeat the process. Allow the group to see this happen 2–3 times.

Process the Game

Have everyone sit down.

Ask:

1. What did the rules say when someone lost all their tokens?
2. Did I ignore the rules?
3. Whose tokens paid the penalty?

Teaching Moment: What Is an Intercessor?

Say: This game illustrates what the Bible means when it says Jesus is our Intercessor.

An intercessor is someone who speaks up for you and stands in your place.

Last week, we learned that God the Father is a just Judge. When He created the world, He set real rules. And part of those rules is this: sin has a penalty.

The Bible says the penalty of sin is death and separation from God.

Every one of us has sinned. That means when our case comes before God, the verdict is guilty.

But here is what makes Christianity different.

Instead of telling us to try harder or earn our way back, Jesus steps in.

He doesn't argue that we are innocent.

He declares that the penalty has already been paid.

He never sinned. He never disobeyed. But He chose to take our penalty on Himself.

Just like I gave up my tokens so you could stay in the game, Jesus gave up His life so we could have life.

The rules weren't ignored. The penalty was paid.

That is what it means for Jesus to be our Intercessor.

Discussion Questions

K-1st

1. What happened when you lost all your tokens?
2. Who gave up their tokens so you could keep playing?
3. How is that like what Jesus did for us?

2nd-3rd

1. Why couldn't we just pretend the rules didn't matter?
2. What does it mean that Jesus speaks up for us?
3. How does it make you feel knowing Jesus paid your penalty?

4th-5th

1. Why is it important that God is a just Judge?
2. Why couldn't we pay our own penalty?
3. What does it mean that Jesus didn't ignore justice but satisfied it?
4. How should that change the way we live?

Activity: The Impossible Jump

Leader Setup

Tell the group: “We’re going to play a quick game called The Impossible Jump. The goal is simple: you have to jump across the ravine.”

Mark two lines on the floor (tape, cones, shoes, etc.).

Start with a short distance that everyone can jump. Then move the line back farther. Then move it farther again. Each round gets harder.

Final round: “Alright. This is the ultimate round. The winner of this round wins all the glory. You must jump all the way across the ravine. If you don’t make it to the other side, you lose.”

Make it clearly impossible (10–12 feet). No running jumps; they jump from a standing position.

Let them try. Let them fail. Celebrate the person who made it the furthest.

The Turn

Say: “Okay, everyone, come back to our small group area and sit down.”

Ask:

1. Who won?
2. The rule was clear — if you made it to the other side, you won. Who actually made it across?
3. Under normal circumstances, was this challenge possible?

Then say: “We played this game because it perfectly illustrates what religion in our world often looks like.”

Most religions say there is a gap between God and us. The solution? Jump harder. Try more. Be better. Follow more rules. Do enough good to make it across.

But no matter how far you jump, you still don’t make it. Christianity says something different.

It says the gap is real. Sin separates us from a holy God. But instead of standing on the other side and telling us to try harder, God looked at the gap and said, ‘They can’t make it. So I will.’

Read Scripture Together

Have students open their Bibles and read Philippians 2:5–8.

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own
advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross.”

Say: Jesus did not stop being God. He didn't give up His power. He didn't subtract His deity. He added humanity. He made Himself low. The supreme God of the universe stepped into His own creation in order to rescue us.

We couldn't cross the gap. So he crossed it for us.

Discussion Questions

Kindergarten / 1st Grade

- Could anyone jump across the ravine?
- What did God do when we couldn't reach Him?
- How does it make you feel that Jesus came down for you?

2nd / 3rd Grade

- Why do you think God didn't just tell us to try harder?
- What does it mean that Jesus is fully God and fully man?
- Why is it important that Jesus chose to humble Himself?

4th / 5th Grade

- Why is it impossible for people to “earn” their way to God?
- What does Philippians 2 teach us about Jesus' humility?
- How is Christianity different from other religions because of this?