

## Discussion points:

## 1. Jesus Christ God's Son Savior.

Read 1 John 4:1-3

Walk your children through the 4 truths:

1. Jesus--the name given Him, as the angel told Joseph to call Him
2. Christ = Messiah. Jesus is the One appointed by God. The whole Old Testament speaks of Him.
3. God's Son--reminds us that Jesus is God.
4. Savior--there is no other name, under heaven, whereby you must be saved.

Together, these four truths spell ICHTHUS in Greek, the word for fish. The very earliest church began to use ICHTHUS as a way to remember truths about Jesus. It even became a common sign with others, to know whether they truly loved Jesus. Eventually, Christians began to make the image of a fish in the sand to identify another Christian.

## 2. Jesus.

Read Matthew 1:21 (Matthew 1:18-21 if you want to include the context)

Ask children the following:

1. Why did the angel speak to Joseph?
2. How did Joseph know Mary would have a boy?
3. What name was Joseph to give Him?
4. What did the angel say Jesus would do?

Take the opportunity to teach your children about Jesus' name. His name was given to Him by the angel. It was a Greek for of Joshua (pronounced Yeshua in Hebrew). His name means "Jehovah is salvation."

## 3. Christ.

Read Matthew 26:63-64

Ask children the following:

1. What does the High Priest ask Jesus?
2. How does Jesus answer Him?
3. Where does Jesus tell them He will sit?
4. How does Jesus say He'll return?

Take the opportunity to teach your children the meaning of Christ. It means Messiah, or Anointed One. The High Priest was upset to think that Jesus would say He is the One set apart by God to save the world. But Jesus not only admitted He was the Messiah, He also told them of the day He would return!

## 4. God's Son.

Read John 10:30-31

Ask children the following:

1. What does Jesus call God?
2. What does Jesus say about His relationship with God?
3. Why did the Jews pick up stones?
4. According to this verse, had they done that before?

Take the opportunity to encourage your children that Jesus clearly stated He is God. He is not God the Father, but He is God. He told people this and they were so angry they wanted to kill Him.

## 5. Savior

Read Acts 4:12

Ask children the following:

1. According to the disciples, can salvation come from anyone else?
2. Could an angel, or someone else in heaven, save you?
3. Who's name is the only name that brings salvation?

Take the opportunity to encourage your children that Jesus is the only One who can give them salvation. It is only by trusting Him that someone can be saved!

# Table Talk

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

-Deuteronomy 6:7

