

Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

Second Sunday in Lent - Series B

Based on: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 5:1-11; and Mark 8:27-38.

Bible Story: Peter's Confession - Matthew 16:13-20.

FIRST and MOST IMPORTANTLY: There are many options that make this lesson adaptable to any SS and every leader. Read the lesson and copy and paste what you would like to use into a new document. Print this document as your guide.

The Objective of this Lesson is to:

Help generations confess Jesus to lead others to Him for faith that produces patience and endurance and salvation.

What You Will Need For This Lesson:

FG Helper's Guide: - Reproduce one or two copies of this Guide for each family group. **This is not a Teacher's Guide.** It is designed to help family groups teach each other. Include a copy of the craft instructions for this Lesson in this Guide.

Participant's Guide:

- Reproduce one copy of the Participant's Guide for every participant *except infants*.

Opening Activity: - One length of rope for each family group.

Activities To Keep Everyone Busy as They Learn:

- Check out the UIM SS Series Introduction for additional activity ideas from the internet.
- See suggestions for keeping all ages involved, especially preschoolers and any distracted, uninvolved, or disruptive members, given in the *Supplemental Leader Instructions*.
- Always have colors and/or markers and paper to draw and color with on hand.

God's Word Application Activity: - One pencil or marker and to reproduce one copy of maze found at the end of this lesson for each family group member.

Active Litany: - To reproduce one set of the words **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God** found at the end of this lesson and one scissors for each family group.

Interactive Bible Story: - One voice recorder for the large group and one copy of the Bible Story Parts found at the end of this lesson for each family group member. *See lesson for further instructions.*

Teachable Craft: - See materials listed for the Craft in this Lesson. Reproduce copies of the craft instructions for FG Helpers. **NOTE:** Please look ahead at all of the materials needed for each Craft in each Lesson. A few items in some of the last Crafts or Lessons will need to be collected by you and/or your congregation or if you desire, ordered from the internet or picked up locally as directed for each item.

Take Home Activity: - One copy of the Take Home Activity for every family represented.

WELCOME

Greet everyone warmly and by name.

See the Supplemental Leader Instructions for additional instructions on welcoming generations, caring for each other, breaking groups up into mixed-aged family, preschool, or adult groups, adapting UIM SS to every Sunday School, and more.

NOTE: If you need help preparing any activity for this lesson, be sure to ask members of your congregation or UIM SS to help you ahead of time. It's a great way to get more generations involved in UIM SS!

OPENING SONG

"Jesus is the Christ, Our Savior"

(2 minutes)

Sung to the tune of "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435/ TLH 149/ LW 96 *Tune: Public Domain!*
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See Supplemental Leader Instructions for additional help leading this song for preschoolers and/or to use it as an introduction to this lesson.

1. Jesus is the Christ, our Savior, the Son of the Living God,
Sent to us to save us ever; We confess His Name out loud,
So the world will hear of Him And people are saved from sin.
2. As more souls come to our Savior, He brings them to faith in Him.
Those with faith confess Him ever And grow strong in faith within,
Receive God's strength through and through, Patience and endurance too.

OPENING ACTIVITY or ICE BREAKER

"A Rope and Our Hope"

(10 minutes)

For Every Section of this Lesson: follow one of the two directives below.

1. **If you are leading one family group of 10 or less members,** follow all of the instructions given for FG helpers IN SMALL FAMILY GROUPS and for the large group leader IN A LARGE GROUP.
2. **If you have two or more family groups,** follow all instructions IN A LARGE GROUP, but make sure each group has a family group helper and verbally give all helpers the instructions printed under the section entitled IN SMALL FAMILY GROUPS. Also, point them to their Family Group Helper's Guide so they can read these instructions for their own clarity and help you by making them clear to their groups.

You Will Need: A length of rope for each family group.

IN SMALL FAMILY GROUPS: Instruct helpers to follow the instructions printed below in their Helper's Guides:

- First, lay the rope on the floor in a straight line and help your family group members line up in single file on one side of the rope.
- Next, using the list provided below, assign each member a different way to get to the other side of the rope.
- Then, one at a time, help each member use a different way to get to the other side of the rope..

1) lift the rope up and go under it. 2) Step over the rope 3) Jump over the rope. 4) Hop on one foot over the rope. 5) Skip over the rope. 6) Crawl over the rope. 7. Do a cartwheel over the rope. 8) Have someone hold your legs like a wheelbarrow as you walk over the rope with your hands. 9) Have two members each walk around the rope on

either side.10) Have two more members can run around the rope on either side, etc..

- Help your group try to remember the different ways they used to get to the other side and even think of more different ways to get back to the other side of the rope until the large group leader tells everyone to stop.
- Finally, listen to the large group leader to learn more about this activity and lesson.

IN A LARGE GROUP: Introduce the lesson.

- As time allows, invite member from each group to share how they got from one side of the rope to the other.
- Say: While there were a number of different ways to get from one side of the rope to the other, there is only one way that we can be as Colossians 1:11 (one of the verses our Spring UIM SS Series is based on) describes: *strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy* - and that one way is through Jesus our hope, the hope described in Romans 5:3-5, the second verse Spring UIM SS is based on that we will be learning more about during this Series.
- Add: Too many people living today are impatient and that often includes us. Generations, who are becoming more and more separated from God, lack the endurance that comes from faith in Christ. That's why this lesson is dedicated to helping us confess who Jesus is so others can be led to Him for faith that produces patience and endurance. A growing lack of patience and endurance and the problems that surround it are why our Spring SS Series has been created to help build patience and endurance in people around us and in the world for generations.

THE FIRST FEW WEEKS, A FEW TIMES DURING, AND AGAIN AT THE END OF EACH SERIES, SAY:
Before we move on, let's take time to look at the UIM theme for this year, as well as the theme for this UIM SS Series and the Bible verse that goes with it that can be found in the Supplemental Leader Instructions (page 5) for this Series.

OPTIONS: For preschoolers and members who are distracted, uninvolved, or disruptive.

See the Supplemental Leader Instructions for more information about how to use these options.

- ▶ Ask these questions even over and over again to gain attention and teach by repetition:
 - 1) **Who alone is able to strengthen us with all power for all endurance and patience with joy?** Answer: **Jesus.**
 - 2) **What can our confessing Jesus help to build in people around us and the world for generations?** Answer: **Patience and endurance.**
- ▶ Drawing and Coloring: Ask members to draw pictures they can use to tell others about or confess Christ like crosses, Bibles, church buildings, fellow Christians (stick people), smiling faces, praying hands, etc.
- ▶ If you choose to use pictures members drew to teach the lesson: invite some members to share their pictures and use each picture to remind everyone that too many people living today are impatient and that often includes us. Generations, who are becoming more and more separated from God, lack the endurance that comes from faith in Christ. That's why this lesson is dedicated to helping us confess who Jesus is so others can be led to Him for faith that produces patience and endurance. A growing lack of patience and endurance and the problems that surround are why our entire Spring SS Series has been created to help build patience and endurance in people around us and in the world for generations..

IN EVERY LESSON! Remind everyone that while the world desperately needs patience and endurance, it is not patience and endurance that saves souls. We are saved by God's grace through faith Christ and not through anything we do (Ephesians 2:8-9). ASK: "**How are we and all believers saved eternally?**" Teach everyone to repeat "**By grace through faith.**"

See the Supplemental Leader Instructions to share how we receive God's grace through faith.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

(2 minutes)

See the *Supplemental Leader Instructions* for special instructions to help you teach this passage by repetition UIM style and specifically to Preschoolers.

**But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8**

GOD'S WORD APPLICATION ACTIVITY

(3 minutes)

"God Demonstrates Great Love"

You Will Need: One pencil or marker and to reproduce one copy of the maze found at the end of this lesson for each family group member.

IN A SMALL FAMILY GROUP: Instruct helpers to follow the instructions printed below in their Helper's Guides:

For Preschoolers: Remind younger to listen and ask them to repeat answers they hear to keep them involved.

- Hand out one maze to each member.
- Help members find the one way through their maze by drawing a line from start to finish.

For Preschoolers: Remind members to those who may need help finding their way through their maze.

- Ask your members how God sending Jesus to save us while we were still sinners shows His love for us until the large group leader tells everyone to stop. If no one else does, share it is hard to love those who constantly hurt us and we constantly hurt God with our sins. Yet, He sent His Son whom He loved to save us. This means God's love for us is not just any kind of love it is great love.
- Then, help your group listen to the large group leader to learn more about this application and lesson.

LARGE GROUP MAZE OPTION:

- Turn this application into a competition. Announce that the first family group to have each member complete their maze will win.

For Preschoolers: Be sure to remind older to help younger draw their line from beginning to end.

- After the competition, announce that in UIM we are all winners in and through Christ and that everyone will receive a "Confess Christ Compass" for competing before they go home, which is the craft for this lesson so members will receive it after they make it.

IN A LARGE GROUP: Ask the following questions:

- **ASK: Whose demonstrated great love for us while we were still sinners?** Answer: God.
- Cue everyone to say Romans 5:6: "**But God shows...**"
- **ASK: How can sharing God's great love for us and all sinners lead other people to Christ?** If no one else does, share that people who hear of God's great love may desire His love and that gives us opportunity to confess Christ or tell them about Jesus through whom God's love comes to us.
- **ASK: How can our confessing Christ give people patience and endurance?** If no one else does, share how confessing Christ can lead people to Him for faith that produces patience and endurance.

Please join me in the following litany that will help us confess who Jesus is.

ACTIVE LITANY

"Jesus Is The Christ"

(3 minutes)

Ahead of Time: Reproduce one set of the words **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God** found at the end of this lesson for each family group.

Hand Out: One set of word pieces and one scissors to each family group helper.

IN SMALL FAMILY GROUPS: Instruct helpers to follow the instructions printed below in their Helper's Guides:

- First, cut the words **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God** apart so that each family group member has one or more words of the Litany.
- Then, read the words of the litany and help your members lay down the words you gave them when they hear you read them.

For Preschoolers: Remind those sitting near them to help those who cannot read to lay down their words when they hear them read.

- Finally, help your group listen to the large group leader to conclude this litany.

The Words of this Litany: **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

IN A LARGE GROUP: After all words of this litany have been laid down, read the words of this litany one final time and ask the large group to repeat them after you to confess Christ.

CONCLUSION: Say: We can feel afraid or embarrassed or like we simply don't know what to say to confess Christ. The truth is that because we are sinners, we can fail miserably at confessing Christ. That is exactly why we need to hear and read and study our Bible Story and all of God's Word. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's Word strengthens us to believe in our hearts that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. And, faith to believe is all we need to both confess Christ just like Peter in our story and receive the patience and endurance of Christ to continue His ministry one earth.

AN INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY FOR EVERY GENERATION

Peter's Confession

Based on: Matthew 16:13-20

(10 minutes)

To Teach Adults Separately: See the *Supplemental Leader Instructions* for teaching Adult Bible Study.

To Teach Preschoolers Separately: It is best for preschoolers to hear this story in the main UIM SS group, but to present it to them separately, you can read the Bible Story parts, but stop and call out one of their names until all of their names are called. Ask them each to listen and repeat the words you read. Record your voice along with theirs. It is best to only read the story once and record it because preschoolers have a shorter attention span. To hold their attention, remind them to listen for their name and they will hear their voice. Then, play the recording to give preschoolers a chance to hear their own voice and the story one more time. Conclude with the conclusion at the end of the Bible Story. Don't hesitate to ask preschoolers a few of the questions at the end of the story that review points you have taught from the story. If they do not know the answer, repeat the question and the answer and help them repeat the answer. See instructions below for presenting this story to preschoolers along with the main UIM SS.

To Teach the main UIM SS Group: USE THESE BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL GENERATIONS: Remind generations that Bible Stories come from the Bible, which is God's Word. In each story, God, Himself, is speaking to us. God is the most wonderful story teller on earth, and He tells the greatest stories ever told.

You Will Need: One voice recording device for the large group or for each small group as needed, one copy of the Bible Story Parts found at the end of this lesson for each family group member, and one pencil for each family group helper.

INSTRUCTIONS for the Main UIM SS Large Group or SMALL FAMILY GROUPS:

- First, assign some words to each member by having them underline them on their copy of the Bible story.

NOTE: Large SS's may need to do this Bible Story reading in small groups to assure that each member will have some words of the story to read.

- Next, give members or groups time to practice reading their words in numerical order as they are printed to hear the story one time.
- Then, ask everyone to be very quiet as parts are being read a second time because you are going to record them for fun and for learning.

NOTE: Give each family group a recording device if necessary and make sure they are located a distance from each other, perhaps even in another area or room.

- Record the parts as they are being read.
- Finally, play the recording and ask members to listen and raise their hands when they hear their voices or their words read. This UIM teaching method helps members to listen closely for the fun of hearing their voices and learn because they hear the story as they listen.

BEFORE YOU PLAY THE RECORDING:

- Explain that it may be hard to recognize our voices so listen for the words you read to be read.
- It is also important for everyone to listen quietly because we are not used to hearing our voice and may not recognize it if there are other noises or voices heard in the room at the same time.

NOTE: This UIM teaching method provides opportunity for the story to be read three times to teach it by repetition.

Bible Story Parts

Part 1: One day, Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” His disciples answered, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Part 2: [Jesus asked,] “But what about you? Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Part 3: Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, [Peter], for this was revealed to you by My Father in heaven. And I tell you, Peter, you are the rock on which I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Part 4: [Jesus also told Peter,] “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Part 5: Finally, [Jesus] strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Bible Story Conclusion Say: As we heard ourselves read this story, we not only heard the story again, but we heard ourselves confessing Christ. The words were God’s, but they came from our mouths. If you listened closely, you heard what God wants each one of us to do and that is confess Christ - tell people “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.” From Christ comes faith that produces patience and endurance in us and through us in the world.

The Bible Story in Matthew 16:13-20 is printed below FYI only. For Adult Bible Study, read or ask volunteers to read these verses directly from the Bible 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

As time allows, ask the following questions:

- See the *Supplemental Leader Instructions* for age specific instructions for asking these questions.
- For more Bible background, see the Adult Bible Study Guide for this lesson.

1. **Who asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”** Part 1 and Matthew 16:13
Answer: Jesus. When Jesus said the words “The Son of Man,” He was proclaiming Himself to be the Messiah. Confessing who Christ is was critical to the ministry His disciples would perform after His death, resurrection, and ascension. *Discuss why it was critical for the disciples to decide for themselves who Jesus was.*
2. **Whom did people say Jesus was?** Part 1 and Matthew 16:14. Answer: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. The idea that Jesus was John the Baptist came from Herod who announced Jesus must be John returned from the dead (Matthew 14:2; Luke 9:7). Elijah was expected as the forerunner of the Messiah (Malachi 4:5) and Jeremiah foretold the coming of the Lord our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6;31:31).The problem was the people did not believe He was the Messiah. They needed to be convinced. *Discuss why people thought Jesus was John, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.*
3. **Who confessed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the Living God?** Part 2 and Matthew 16:16. Answer: Peter. Peter confessed Christ because He believed Him to be the Son of the Living God. However, Peter’s confession also firmed up faith in those who heard him because Peter spoke with conviction. *Discuss how our believing that Jesus is the Son of the Living God and the only One who can save us helps lead others to Christ.*
4. **Who revealed the knowledge of who Jesus is to Peter?** Part 3 and Matthew 16:17. Answer: God, the Father. Jesus revealed that Peter was led through the veil of our Lord’s human nature to recognize the divine. This was Peter’s defining moment. Today, God through His Word reveals the knowledge of who Jesus is to us and what we believe becomes our defining moment - the wow factor in our faith and life. *Discuss how God revealing who Jesus is in His Word is far more awesome than we understand it to be.*
5. **Who do you say Jesus is?** Allow for personal answers. Help everyone repeat: “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. But then, add that we have to do more than say Jesus is the Son of God, we have to believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God in our souls so that people will believe what we say. *Discuss how having patience and endurance can tell people we know who Jesus is.*
6. **What object did Jesus use to describe the faith on which He would build His Church?** Part 3 and Matthew 16:18 Answer: A rock. A rock is strong and Jesus knew the strong faith His Church needed to be founded. *Discuss how rock solid faith helps us to have patience, endurance, confess Christ, and grow His Church.*
7. **To whom did Jesus say, “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven?”** Part 4 and Matthew 16:19. Answer: Peter. Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom of heaven to the Apostle marked strong - a rock. Christ gives His Church these keys that open the doors of heaven to us and all believers by forgiving us when we repent and not forgiving us if we fail to repent. *Discuss how the Church on earth having the power to forgive or not forgive sins can lead people who repent and those who refuse to repent to repentance, forgiveness, and salvation.*
8. **Discuss ways of sharing who Christ is with others.** Encourage answers. Share your fears or fears people in general may have about sharing Christ and how to get rid of our fears like not listening to our fears, but listening to our faith and God’s promise to help us, prayer, confession, asking God for compassion, wisdom, and by surrendering our will to His will, etc..
9. **What can we read to confess Jesus as firmly as Peter did?** Answer: God’s Word. God teaches us who Jesus is and about His love through Bible Stories and passages like our God’s Word For Us Today passage. Cue everyone to say it:“**But God shows...**” We can also confess our faith in Christ by going to church, forgiving others, being honest, being kind, etc. *Review ways to confess Christ to lead others to Him for faith that produces patience and endurance.*
10. **Who strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ?** Part 5 and Matthew 16:20.

Answer: Jesus. Jesus needed His disciples to learn how to confess Him so people would believe them. He needed them be eyewitnesses of His glory. He knew His ardent followers would try to stop His crucifixion and, thereby, prevent the salvation of the world. *Discuss why Jesus had to stop believers from preventing His crucifixion.*

BIBLE STORY Review/Application

“Confess Christ for Faith and Life”

(3 minutes)

IN SMALL FAMILY GROUPS: Instruct helpers to follow the instructions printed below in their Helper’s Guides:

- Help each member think of and go home with at least one way they can confess or share Christ.
- Then help your members listen to the large group leader to learn more about this review/application.

IN A LARGE GROUP:

- Say: “God’s Word is filled with passages and stories just like our God’s Word For Us Today passage that help us confess Christ.” Cue everyone to say it: **“But God shows...”**
- Add: As people hear God sent Jesus “while we were still sinners,” they can see His great love for them and be drawn to Him for faith that produces patience and endurance and saves us. Another passage our current UIM SS Series is based on, Romans 5:3-5, teaches us to rejoice in our sufferings, *knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.* The more we study God’s Word, the more patience and endurance and forgiveness and certain hope of salvation we will receive for our faith and lives.

LESSON CONCLUSION: Say: As we hear, read, study, and memorize God’s Word, His Holy Spirit reveals to us who Jesus is and gives us the power and words we need to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and our Savior. Through our confession, others can come to know Him and receive faith through Him. By faith, they will be able to confess Christ like Peter so others believe, and by that same faith receive patience and endurance on earth and salvation in heaven.

TEACHABLE CRAFT

(15 minutes)

Refer to Craft Instructions at the end of this Lesson.

HAND OUT TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

- Make one copy for every family represented.
- See the Supplemental Leader Instructions for information about how to use this Take Home Activity.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray in a large group.

(2 minutes)

See the *Supplemental Leader Instructions* for additional help to lead this closing prayer.

IN A LARGE GROUP:

- Divide the large group into four groups. Assign one petition to each group to say in numerical order.
- Help groups practice their assigned petition first, and help them say it in numerical order.

For Preschoolers: Read each petition to preschoolers or those with vision or reading challenges so they can repeat it after you.

Petition 1: Lord, help us confess Your love; Sent to us from up above.

Petition 2: Help us confess Christ Your Son; Tell the world all He has done.

Petition 3: Help us lead others to Christ; To confess Him all our life.

Petition 4: Lord, teach us the words to say As we read Your Word each day..

You or family group helpers may close this Prayer with: **“And all God’s people said:**

Encourage every generation to shout: **AMEN!**

It may seem silly to encourage and take the time to get every generation to shout “Amen”. However, this type of activity does reunite generations in a fun, playful, and enthusiastic way. The more you use it the more generations will love doing it. It’s simple and easy to remember. The youngest and oldest tend to appreciate it the most.

Take Home Activity

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IMPORTANT: This Take Home Activity is just as important as the lesson. Everything taught in UIM SS, but especially the Bible Story, needs to be talked about again at home so that lessons can take root and be of greater help and strength to the faith and lives of all generations. Please feel free to make copies and share it with others to help them in their faith and lives. In this difficult world, faith is a powerful gift to pass on to help and strengthen others now and for generations.

LESSON ONE

Confess God's Love Through Christ

This week, if you have not already done so as part of your UIM congregational memory work program, inwardly digest the God's Word For Us Today passage for this Lesson. Read it every day. Read it to those who cannot read. Recite it to each other. Type or print it out, and place it in your purse, wallet, on your desk, kitchen table, refrigerator door, night stand, anywhere and everywhere you will see it and read it constantly. Discuss with family and friends how these words from God strengthen you in faith and help you in your everyday lives.

**But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8**

Read and discuss the Bible Story for this lesson personally and with your family, especially the small children. With older family members, study the biblical account of this story in Matthew 16:13-20 and read the accompanying study verses: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 5:1-11; and Mark 8:27-38. Discuss how these accompanying verses lead to Christ for faith that produces patience, endurance, and salvation.

Practice what this lesson teaches by doing the following:

- Discuss ways you and your family can hear, read, study, and memorize God's Word so that you can confess Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and your Savior.
- **Activity:**
 - You will need to purchase or use a 3-ring binder you already have. Punch 3 holes into each Take Home Activity for this Series and place them all in a 3-ring binder as you receive them.
 - Write down your discussion points from each Take Home Activity on the blank backs of each Take Home Activity.
 - Review these Take Home Activities to help yourself and your family carry them out faithfully.

As we hear, read, study, and memorize God's Word, His Holy Spirit reveals to us who Jesus is and gives us the power and words we need to confess Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and our Savior. Through our confession, others can come to know Him and receive faith through Him. By faith, they will be able to confess Christ like Peter so others believe, and by that same faith receive patience and endurance on earth and salvation in heaven.

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"Confess Christ Compass"

LESSON ONE

OBJECTIVE: Remind generations to confess Christ everywhere they go - north, south, east, and west.

Supplies:

Compass pattern (two circles) found at the end of the lesson.

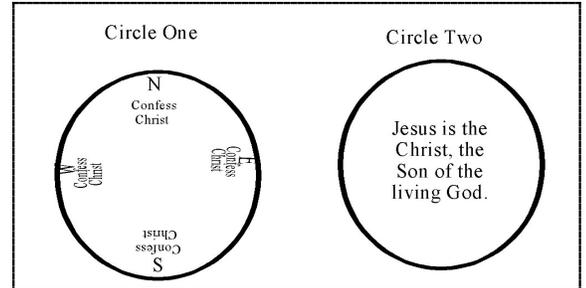
Paper

Laminating paper

Marker or crayons

Glue

Scissors for those who can cut safely.



Instructions:

Ahead of Time:

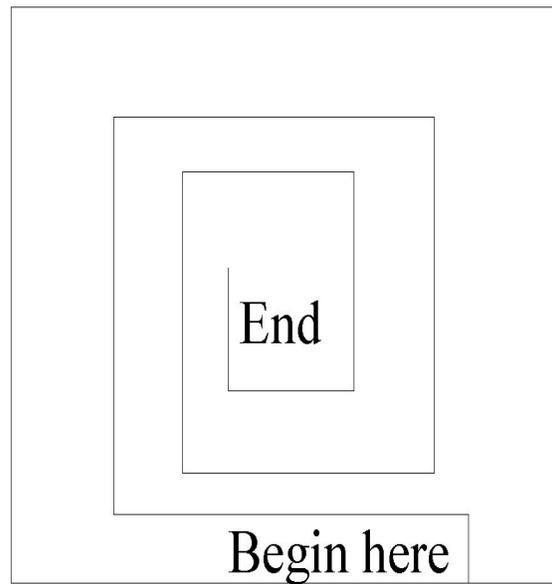
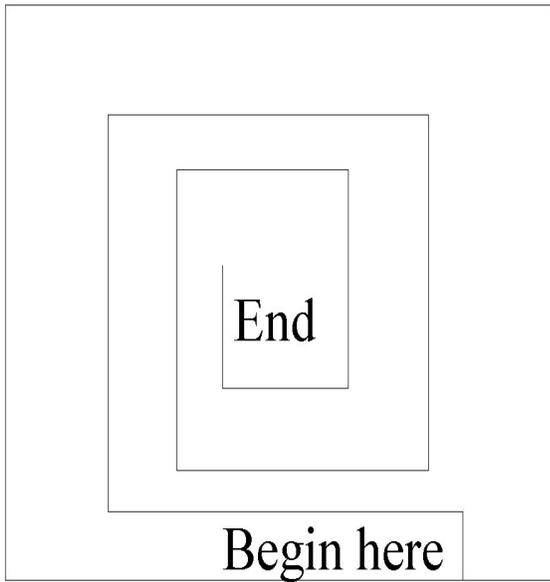
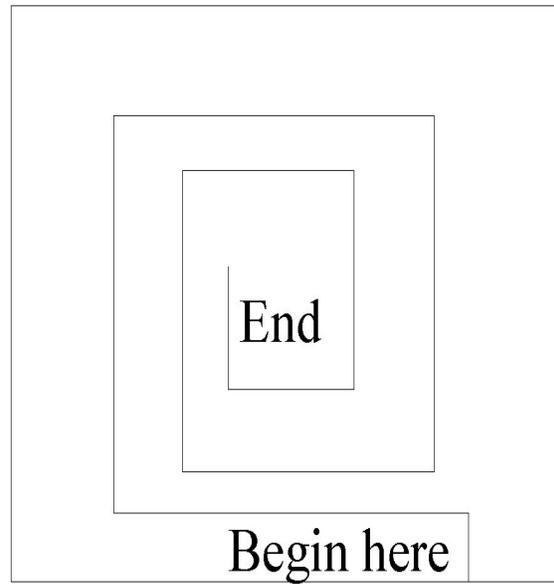
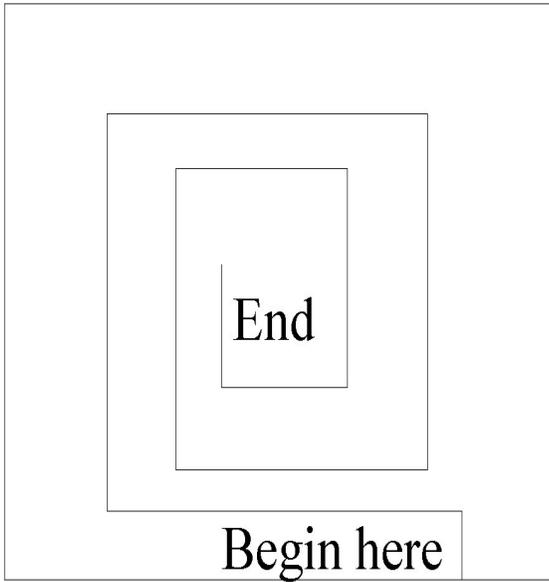
Reproduce one compass pattern (Circle One and Circle Two) found at the end of this lesson for each participant. You may want to cut a few sets of circles out for those who may have difficulty cutting. Cut one piece of laminating paper to cover circle compasses for each participant.

1. Instruct those who can cut safely to begin to cut out the two circles for their "Confess Christ Compass" provided for them and to also cut out the circles of those who may need help cutting. Ask older to cut out circles for younger before they do their own so younger can begin with number two below.
2. Those who cannot cut safely can draw a cross on the center of Circle One that says to confess Christ everywhere - north, south, east, and west. Everyone else can do this after their circles are cut out.
3. Then, glue Circle One and Circle Two together back to back. Remind everyone that Circle Two tells us what to confess: **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.**
4. Finally, place the two circles glued back to back into laminating paper to make them more durable.

CONCLUSION: Invite generations to place their compass where it can remind them confess Christ everywhere they go - north, south, east, and west. Then, remind generations one more time that as we hear, read, study, and memorize God's Word, His Holy Spirit reveals to us who Jesus is and gives us the power and words we need to confess Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and our Savior. Through our confession, others can come to know Him and receive faith through Him. By faith, they will be able to confess Christ like Peter so others believe, and by that same faith receive patience and endurance on earth and salvation in heaven.

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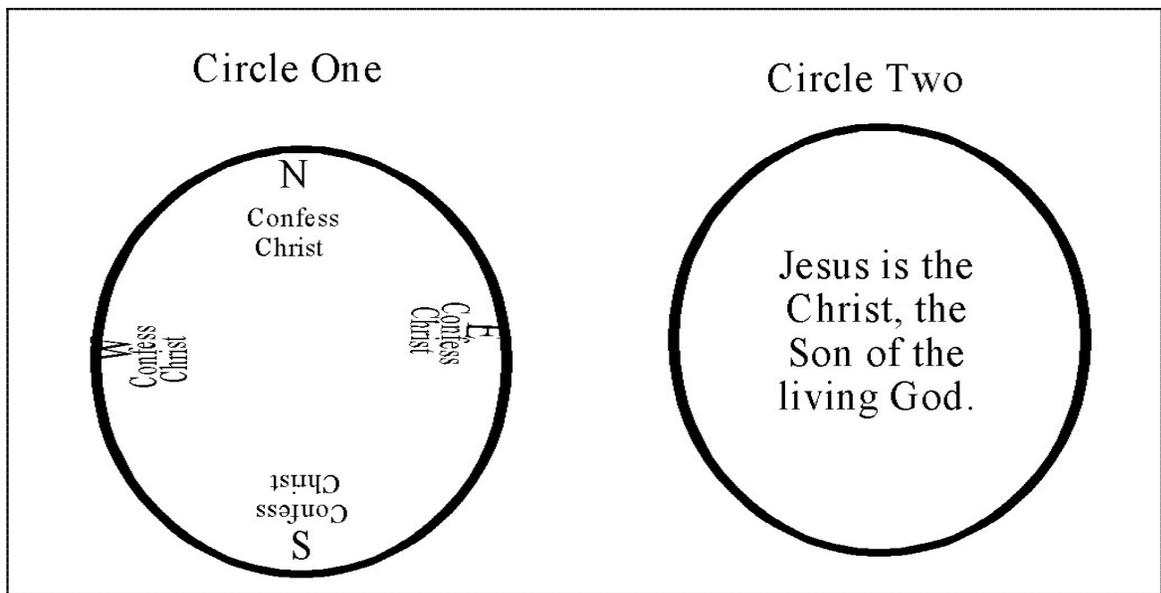
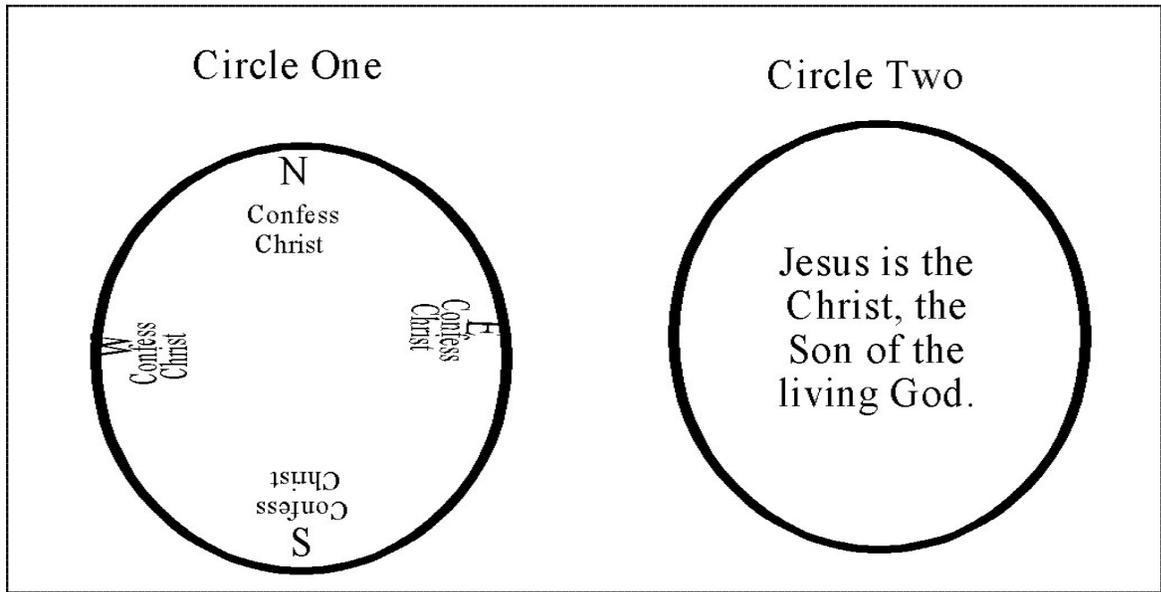
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