



**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS**

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## **Jesus Claims to Be God's Son**

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### **READ**

John 10

### **BUILD A SHEEP PEN AND LISTEN FOR JESUS' VOICE**

Set up a "pen" with chairs and/or pillows, leaving an opening for the gate.

**SAY:** Jesus said "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." Jesus was telling a story about sheep to help people know that they can know he is God's Son if they listen to him and follow him.

Choose one person to be Jesus. Everyone else is a sheep and gathers in the pen. Blindfold the sheep or have them close their eyes and don't peek. "Jesus" stands at the gate and says "Come here, my child" until all the sheep have found the gate. The sheep can "baa" as they find the gate. Repeat and let someone else be Jesus.

**SAY:** You did a good job listening. Remember to always listen to Jesus and follow his voice.

### **JESUS CHARADES**

**SAY:** We want to listen to Jesus because he is God's Son. We can believe like the people who followed Jesus did. Remember, Jesus said we can know that *Jesus is God's Son* (clap it) by the amazing things he's done. Let's act out some of the things Jesus did that show us *Jesus is God's Son* (clap it).

Take turns acting out some of the following things Jesus did while others guess what it is. Feel free to add your own ideas of things Jesus did.

- Healing sick people
- Bringing people back to life
- Feeding people
- Helping his friends catch a lot of fish
- Helping blind people see
- Help lame people walk

**SAY:** Jesus did so many amazing things. In the Bible story, Jesus told us to look at the things he's done to see that *Jesus is God's Son* (clap it).

## TWO THINGS IN ONE

YOU'LL NEED:

- 2 different colors of Play Dough or other clay

**SAY:** In the Bible Story today, we heard about a time Jesus was at a big church party. And some of the people there wanted to know who Jesus is. Jesus told them, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me." Jesus had told them that *He's God's Son* (clap it). And Jesus told the people they could know for sure that *He's God's Son* (clap it) because of the amazing things he's done –like healing sick people and even bringing them back to life! Jesus told people this about God: The Father and I are one...The Father is in me and I am in the Father. That sounds a little bit confusing. Let's try something to see if we can understand that better.

Give each child a piece of each color of Play Dough. Instruct them to squish the Play Dough but **DO NOT** mix the colors.

**SAY:** Since Jesus and God are one, let's each make something to represent this.

Encourage the kids to make their own formation using both colors. For example a person with a body of one color and arms and legs of another. Or a house with walls of one color and a roof of another. (**Don't mix the colors yet!**)

**SAY:** God and Jesus are like your two portions of Play Dough. In some ways they are different – like the dough is two different colors. God the Father (hold up one color of Play Dough) and God the Son (hold up the second color of Play Dough). But at the same time, Jesus says that he and God are one.

Now everyone squish and mix the two different colors. Combine the colors just enough so that that the two colors are well mixed, but you can still see two unique colors.

**SAY:** Now you have one big clump of dough. You have **one** clump with **two** different colors in it. You can still see each of the two colors, but they are also mixed together and can't be separated. That's like God and Jesus. They are different, because God is the Father and *Jesus is God's Son* (clap it). But they're also one – God is in Jesus and Jesus is in God.

You can even expand this conversation to talk about how Jesus was both human and God at the same time. Don't worry if you can't explain this. (Who can?) Just take time to sit with the idea and wonder about that God is in Jesus and Jesus is in Go and that Jesus was both human and God at the same time.