

Addressing Cultural Issues

Why Jesus?

Session One: What's the Big Deal about Jesus?

1. Christianity is a religion, but what is Christianity about, and how does it differ from religion?
2. What are the two kinds of sites in Israel? Describe them and give an example of each.
3. What are some prophecies Christ fulfilled by His birth?
4. Describe the Church of the Nativity.
5. What happened at the Southern Steps of Jerusalem leading to the temple?
6. Describe the front of the Southern Steps of Jerusalem.
7. Joseph and Mary were devout Jews. What rituals that Jews practice did Jesus fulfill?
8. What did God tell Simeon, and what did God show him?
9. What did Simeon prophesy about Christ, after seeing baby Jesus?
10. What are prophecies, and how does God deliver them?
11. How many prophecies did Jesus fulfill in the Bible?
12. What do prophecies fulfilled by Christ do for us today?

13. We heard two stories of people and how they came to believe in Jesus Christ; what is your story?

Session Two: Was Jesus God or Just a Good Man?

1. Whom do people say Jesus was or is?
2. What do other religions believe about Jesus?
3. Whom does Jesus say He is?
4. The video took us to Caesarea Philippi. What historical event occurred there?
5. Jesus uses many "I Am" statements. Give three examples of Jesus' statements. What does He claim in them?
6. Describe the Sermon on the Mount.
7. People today hear sermons about Jesus and what He taught, just like the people who listened to Him 2,000 years ago. Describe how hearers then and now receive these words.
8. Describe Lewis' Trilemma.
9. Who do you say Jesus is?
10. What are some questions you have about who Jesus is?

Session Three: Were Jesus' Miracles Just an Illusion?

1. What were some of the miracles Jesus performed at the Sea of Galilee?

2. What is a miracle?
3. Why did Jesus perform miracles?
4. What do the people say who believe Jesus “tricked” the people in doing His miracles?
5. Modern magicians have looked at Jesus’ miracles. What do they say He would have needed to create them as an illusion? Could someone recreate them today?
6. Jesus called the city of Capernaum His own city. What miracles did He perform in this city?
7. Jesus performed miracles in Capernaum so people would see what God can do and believe in Him. We in America have seen and heard of miracles, so there is no excuse as to why we don’t believe in God and what He can do. What miracles have you seen or heard of, and how do they point to God?
8. What miracle did Jesus perform at Bethsaida?
9. At Bethsaida, Jesus showed what He and God are capable of, what is one lesson about being obedient we can gain from this story?
10. The day after He fed the multitude at Bethsaida, Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.” What does He mean by that?
11. How are the miracles Jesus performed relevant today?

Session Four: Is Jesus the Only Way to Heaven?

1. Why did Jesus come to Earth? What is the big reason?

2. After Jesus was arrested, what was His "out" at the trial, and why couldn't He take it?
3. What did Isaiah foretell about Christ, and what He would have to endure, 600 years before Jesus was born?
4. At the time of Jesus' death on the cross, what truly crushed Christ the hardest?
5. What is the Via Dolorosa?
6. Why doesn't God let us know where specific events took place in the Holy Land, such as the exact building of Jesus' birth or His tomb?
7. What is the main difference separating Christianity from all other religions?
8. Why can we have eternal life?
9. Why did Jesus let Himself be seen before He ascended into Heaven?
10. Where does the Bible say Jesus is right now?
11. Jesus promised to do something that is yet to happen. What is that promise? What are Christians waiting for?
12. What is the Valley of Armageddon?
13. How do we get on the right side of the battle?