

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 13	Jesus Begins His Work
Lesson 1	Jesus Taught by Word and Deed

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1. Children will learn that Jesus was called "Rabbi."
2. They will learn that Jesus went from town to town of teaching people.
3. They will be able to explain that Our Lord taught about God, by His words and by His actions.

STEP 1

Draw the children's attention to the word "Rabbi" in their packs and say it with the children. Explain that the word "Rabbi" is a Hebrew word for Jewish teachers. They were men who taught people about God and they were considered to be very wise and holy. Today, the children will learn why Our Lord was called "Rabbi" when he lived on this earth.

STEP 2

Read the three special paragraphs in the children's pack with the children. Then help the children to imagine what it would have been like to walk from town to town in Jesus' day. Draw their attention to the pictures of the dry, arid landscape of the Holy Land in their packs. Direct their attention to the painting Our Lord by the Sea of Galilee in their packs. Have noticed that Our Lord is wearing only sandals on his feet, and that the men with him a barefoot. Help them to appreciate the difficulties involved when walking from town to town: heat, dust, blisters, insects, etc.

STEP 3

Emphasise that Jesus went from town to town teaching people about God. Remind the children that through the prophets and holy men and women, God had already told the Jewish people some things about Himself and how wanted people to live their lives. But Jesus told them much more: he told them about God's great love for them and God's desire that they love him in return.

STEP 4

Because Jesus was teaching people about God, some of them called him "Rabbi", and this was a good name for him. He was, however, different from every other Rabbi, because Jesus is God and, therefore, the best teacher of all. Who could better teach man about God than God himself?

STEP 5

Explain to the children that Jesus did not only teach with the words, but also by his actions. By his perfect example of love, Jesus taught how people should behave towards one another. Explain about how Jesus, a Jew, spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well, even though the Jews and Samaritans hated one another (John 4:1-30). Other examples: Jesus' tender care for Mary Madeleine, a notorious sinner shunned by all respectable people (Luke 8:2; Mark 14:3-9), and his friendship with Matthew, I hated tax collector (Matthew 9:9).

STEP 6

Have the children answer the questions in the quiz in their pack. These questions are covered by the three special paragraphs in their pack. You may have to assist the children with this exercise..

CONCLUDE

1. Sing "to Jesus Christ's, our sov'reign King," *Adoremus hymnal*, # 480

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will learn about Jesus' special love for children

ADDITIONAL VIDEOS

"The Story of Jesus and His Miracles," The Beginner's Bible series, available through Ignatius Press: 30 min.

"The Miracles of Jesus," Hanna-Barbera's Greatest Adventures: Stories from the Bible series, available through Ignatius press; 30 min.