

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 16	We Believe in Jesus
Lesson 1	Jesus is the Son of God

AIMS

1. Children will know that Jesus is the Son of God.
2. They will know that Jesus taught and worked miracles so that everyone could believe in Him.

PREPARATION

Prepare a small wrapped box containing a small article, a toy perhaps.

STEP 1

1. Draw the children's attention to the special word "Believe" in their packs.
2. Ask them to explain what it means to believe in something.
3. Explain that it means that we accept something is true, even when we do not fully understand it.
4. All people today can believe in Jesus because they have been told about His miracles and heard His teaching. Because Jesus is the Son of God, we know that Jesus will always speak the truth.

STEP 2

Read the Special Paragraph in the children's pack aloud with the children.

STEP 2A

Then do the following to help the children grasp the concept of belief. Show the children the wrapped box and tell them what it contains. You can pass the box around and let the children hold and shake it etc.

Ask them if they believe you when you told them what the box contained. Why? - because you said so and you have never lied to them.

Unwrap the box and show them that they were right to believe you, because of what you said, because of what you did and because of what they saw.

But you are only a human teacher. How much more should we believe Jesus, Who is the divine teacher?

STEP 3

Explain that to trust in something or someone is to have faith. A person has faith if he believes. So a person has faith in Jesus if he believes in Him and in what He said and did.

STEP 4

Ask the children how they react if they believe in something. Their action should reflect what they believe. So if they believe in Jesus, they will do what He says we must do. They will trust Him. They will love Him because of His love for all of them. They will obey His teaching too.

STEP 5

Ask the children how they react:

- If Jesus says we must love one another?
- If Jesus says we must be kind to one another?
- If they believe in Jesus and do all that He tells them, what will be their reward? (Heaven)

STEP 6

Read with the children the special reading in their packs. Discuss both miracles with the children. Emphasise that it was each mans faith that Jesus looked for before He healed him or his servant. Jesus normally only heals those who believe in Him.

Tell the children that they must pray often for the gift of faith to be strengthened in their hearts.

REINFORCE

Have the children complete the exercise in their packs.

Divide the children into pairs to learn the catechism question in their packs.

Teach and sing with the children: "At the Name of Jesus," *Adoramus hymnal*, #602.

CONCLUDE

Say the prayer together in the children's pack.

Encourage the children to learn this prayer off by heart.

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will learn how the blind man showed his faith and how Jesus rewarded him.