

First Family Foundations

Building a foundation of Faith for Families.

Unit 5 — Jesus

Lesson 1 — Jesus is God.

Introduction —

We learned earlier that the Bible points to Jesus Christ as "true north" for people who've lost their way. Why Jesus? Because He is not just another wise religious teacher. He is the Creator himself, who became a man and entered this world to pull off an astonishing rescue by dying in our place. As a family, talk about how the world is always trying to come up with another false idea about Jesus, in the hope that Christianity isn't true. One of the latest attempts comes in a popular novel called *The Da Vinci Code*, where the church is portrayed as an institution that is hiding the "real story" about Jesus.

Here's the Activity:

Gather

You'll need a bathrobe and a list of bad deeds family members have committed during the week. (List infractions small and large, including things such as not doing chores, arguing, slamming doors and so on.)

Go

Place chairs in a row facing the judge's table and chair. Put on a bathrobe (as your courtly attire) and pull out your list of bad deeds.

Call the room to order and announce that court is in session.

Ask everyone to be seated and call up each child one at a time.

Read the child's wrongdoings and ask how he pleads. Allow children to use other family members as witnesses in their defense and to explain their actions. When all cases have been heard, announce which parties are guilty and which (if any) are innocent.

Name the punishment each family member will receive. This may be a fine to be paid, loss of privileges, extra chores and so on.

Tell family members the fines must be paid immediately. As they are about to begin their punishments, stand up and take off your robe.

Share

Tell your family that because you love them so much, you're going to take their punishments for them. Agree to pay the appropriate fine, do the extra chores or whatever was decided. You, the judge, must actually take the punishment, not just waive it. (You might want to consider this as you're planning what punishments to inflict!)

Read Romans 6:23, John 3:16 and Romans 5:8-9. Share that God loves us so much that even though we deserve to be punished by death, He sent Jesus to take the punishment for us. Even though we'll die someday, we'll be able to go to heaven and be with God. We won't be punished for all the sins we've done. Jesus took the punishment we deserve.