

## PRAYER

- Thank God for giving you the right to become His child. Pray that your relationship with God will grow deeper each day as you spend time with Him.
- Pray for God to reveal His power and love to You. Ask Him to show you a family member or friend that you can encourage with this experience.
- Pray for God to open doors for you to share the power, love, and grace of Jesus. Pray that it would open people's eyes and lead them to also accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

## NOTES

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## REDISCOVERING CHRISTMAS

WEEK 3

## Jesus the God-Man

### WARM-UP

- When you hear the word power, what comes to mind? Why do you associate this with power?
- Do you know a person who has a strong personality but is loving? How were these traits demonstrated?
- What was your most memorable experience with your parents? What happened?

### WORD

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. JOHN 1:14*

(Read also **JOHN 1:1-5**.)

The Gospel of John opened with the announcement that Jesus is the Word that became flesh and lived with people. He was not only the Christ the Jews had been waiting for; He is God Himself in human form. Jesus is both God and man. As the only Son from the Father, He came so that we could see the glory of the Father. Today we will look at some characteristics of Jesus as both God and man.



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## 1 A Powerful God

*<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. JOHN 1:1-3*

John showed us that Jesus, the Word, is eternal and the Creator of all things. He existed in the beginning, and through His mighty power all things were made. How was this power seen in Jesus' ministry and works? How have you experienced the power of Jesus?

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## 2 A Loving God

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. JOHN 1:14*

Jesus, the Son of God, became flesh and lived on earth as one of us, in spite of the discomfort and pain. His death on the cross was the ultimate demonstration of love (John 3:16). How did Jesus demonstrate His love for us by becoming human? How have you experienced Jesus' love for you?

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## 3 A God Who Redeems

*<sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God . . . <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*

**JOHN 1:12,13,16**

Jesus not only saves those who believe in Him, but also gives them the right to become children of God. He redeemed us and gave us an identity as His children. What does it mean to be a child of God? How can we embrace this identity in faith?

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## APPLICATION

- Have you already accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Would you like to receive Him now?
- How has God shown you that He is full of grace and truth? How will this change the way you see and interact with those around you?
- How would knowing that you are a child of God affect the way you live your life? What are two things you would do differently starting this week because of this?