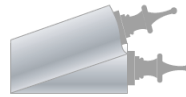




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

LESSON TITLE

Jesus, God's Son

UNIT 3 - Jesus Christ - Ministry and Salvation

GRADES 4-6

HOLY BIBLE

Matthew 3: 16,17, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

THE BOOK OF MORMON

3 Nephi 11:14, "Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world."

OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Explain how we know that Jesus is God's Son.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Can you describe one or more clues given for people to recognize God's Son?
- Can you recall a piece of evidence showing that Jesus is God's Son?
- Can you name someone that God used to reveal His son?
- Can you describe a piece of hard evidence (sign in heaven or on earth) that Jesus is God's son?
- Can you name an eyewitness of Jesus being God's son?

MATERIALS

Holy Bible and Book of Mormon

Task: Clues and Evidence cards printed on cardstock and cut out. 1-Sheet of posterboard. Marker. Tape

TEACHER NOTES

45-minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in page 3 .

Q = Teacher asks question

Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church

Definitions:

Clue - something that helps a person find something or solve a mystery.

Detective - someone whose job is to discover what has happened in a crime or other situation

Evidence - something that furnishes proof

Hard Evidence - something that is definitely true and does not need to be questioned.

Mystery - Something that is difficult to understand or explain

Witness - a person who sees an event happening

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (3 minutes)

1. Engage students in a discussion about detective work.

Q: Who can tell us what a detective is? What does a detective do?

Q: What does a detective use to solve a mystery?

Q: What are the best types of evidence to solve a mystery? (Eye witnesses, hard evidence)

2. Assess students' understandings of the terms: Clue, Evidence, and Witness. Define terms as needed. See definitions, page 1.

Goal: Explain how we know that Jesus is God's Son.

Lesson Development (35-40 minutes)

1. **Prior to class:** Print the Clue and Proof cards on cardstock, using two different colors - one for Clues and the other for Proofs. Cut out the cards.
2. On a sheet of poster paper, write "**Jesus Christ - God's Son**" at the top center. Make 2 columns and label them CLUES and PROOFS as shown on page 3. Leave blank for now.

In Class, Explain: Imagine living in the world before Jesus is born. For thousands of years, people were told that God's son would come to earth and would save them.

Rhetorical questions:

How would people recognize God's son? What would he look like?

When would He come?

God gave people Clues to be able to recognize His Son. (e.g. Angels and prophets foretold signs. God displayed signs in heaven and on earth).

Today we will pretend to be detectives, examining the clues that God gave, and looking for evidence of His Son.

1. Task: Identifying God's Son

Teacher guides students through an exercise to match scriptural clues and proofs of Jesus being God's Son.

- a. Hand each student one or more Proof cards. Tell them to read the cards silently. Give time to do this.
 - b. Teacher selects a Clue card and slowly reads it aloud. Teacher leads students in a discussion to identify the Clues.
 - c. Students examine their Proof cards to find evidence of the event/clue. Students raise their hands if they have a card that relates to the clue(s). Teacher invites those student(s) to read aloud their Proof card(s). Teacher leads students to identify the proofs in the text that relate the clue(s) given.
 - d. Tape the Clue and Proof cards onto the poster board in the appropriate column and row. See page 3.
 - e. Continue in like manner until all Clue and Proof cards have been matched.
 - f. There will be 2 remaining Proof cards - Year 34 Resurrected Christ seen by hundreds. Tell the students holding those cards to read them aloud and tape them under the Proofs column.
2. Discuss Essential Questions
 3. Ask students to share their favorite evidence that Jesus is God's Son.

Key words: Jesus Christ, ministry, salvation, divinity, God, Son

JESUS CHRIST - GOD'S SON

DATE	CLUES	DATE	PROOFS
600 BC	A virgin from Nazareth named Mary will be the mother of God's son. 1 Nephi 11:13,18,20,21	Year 1	Luke 1:26,27,31,32
5 BC	Many signs and wonders in heaven will appear the night before God's son is born. Helaman 14:2-6	Year 1	3 Nephi 1:13,15,19
124 BC	God's son will be called Jesus Christ. Mosiah 3:8	Year 1	Matthew 1:20,21,24,25
600 BC	The prophet who prepared the way will baptize God's son. The Holy Ghost will descend like a dove. 1 Nephi 11:27	Year 30	Matthew 3:13,16,17
124 BC	God's son will perform mighty miracles. Mosiah 3:5,6	Years 30-33	Mark 1:23-26, Matthew 9:2,6,7, Matthew 9:18-25
600 BC	God's son will be judged by the world and crucified. 1 Nephi 11:32,33	Year 34	Mark 15:12,13,24,25,42
5 BC	Great storms and destruction will occur when God's son is crucified. Helaman 14:21-24	Year 34	3 Nephi 8:5-7, 10,13,14,18
5 BC	Three days of darkness will occur in the Americas when God's son is crucified. Helaman 14:27	Year 34	3 Nephi 8:20,21,23
124 BC	God's son will rise on the third day. Mosiah 3:10	Year 34	Matthew 28:1,2,5-7
5BC	Graves will open when God's son resurrects Helaman 14:25	Year 34	3 Nephi 23: 9,10, Matthew 27:52

CLUE 600 BC - Nephi's vision and conversation with the Holy Spirit CLUE
(A Virgin in Nazareth will be Mother of God's Son)

...I beheld the city of Nazareth; and in the city of Nazareth I beheld a virgin.... And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.

And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father!

1 NEPHI 11:13,18, 20, 21

CLUE 124 BC - King Benjamin's conversation with an angel CLUE
(God's Son will be named Jesus Christ, His Mother's name will be Mary)

And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary.

Mosiah 3: 8

CLUE

5 BC - Samuel the Lamanite's Prophecy

CLUE

(Many signs and wonders in heaven the night before His birth)

...I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh,...then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name. ...this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming;...there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness,... Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; ...there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you. ...there shall be many signs and wonders in heaven.

Helaman 14:2- 6

CLUE

600 BC - Nephi's vision and conversation with the Holy Spirit

CLUE

(The prophet Will Baptize Jesus, Holy Ghost will Confirm His Identity)

And I looked and beheld the Redeemer of the world,... and I also beheld the prophet who should prepare the way before him. And the Lamb of God went forth and was baptized of him; and after he was baptized, I beheld the heavens open, and the Holy Ghost come down out of heaven and abide upon him in the form of a dove.

1 Nephi 11:27

CLUE

124 BC - King Benjamin's conversation with an angel

CLUE

(Jesus Will Perform Miracles)

... the Lord Omnipotent... shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay, and shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of diseases.

And he shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits which dwell in the hearts of the children of men.

Mosiah 3:5,6

CLUE

600 BC - Nephi's Vision and conversation with the Holy Spirit

CLUE

(Jesus Will Be Judged and Crucified)

...the angel spake unto me again, saying: Look! And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God, that he was taken by the people; yea, the Son of the everlasting God was judged of the world; and I saw and bear record.

And I, Nephi, saw that he was lifted up upon the cross and slain for the sins of the world.

1 Nephi 11:32,33

CLUE **5 BC - Samuel the Lamanite's prophecy and angel visit** **CLUE**
(Three Days of darkness at Jesus's crucifixion will occur in America)

And he said unto me that while the thunder and the lightning lasted, and the tempest, that these things should be, and that darkness should cover the face of the whole earth for the space of three days.

Helaman 14:27

CLUE **124 BC - King Benjamin's visit by an angel** **CLUE**
(Jesus will rise on 3rd day)

And he shall rise the third day from the dead;...

Mosiah 3:10

CLUE

5 BC - Samuel the Lamanite's prophecy and angel visit

CLUE

(Graves will open when Jesus resurrects)

And many graves shall be opened, and shall yield up many of their dead; and many saints shall appear unto many.

Helaman 14:25

PROOF CARDS:

PROOF Year 1- Virgin Mary learns she will be the mother of God's Son

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph,... and the virgin's name was Mary.

...thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:

Luke 1: 26,27,31,32

PROOF Year 1 - Joseph named Mary's child Jesus

...the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Matthew 1:20,21,24,25

PROOF

Year 1 - No Darkness Night Before Jesus's Birth

Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets.

... at the going down of the sun there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came.

And it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night, but it was as light as though it was mid-day. And it came to pass that the sun did rise in the morning again, according to its proper order; and they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given.

3 Nephi 1:13,15,19

PROOF**A new star in the sky at Jesus' birth - Year 1**

And it came to pass also that a new star did appear, according to the word.

3 Nephi 1:21

PROOF**Year 1 - A virgin, Mary, gives birth to a son**

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem;... with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ... while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2: 4-7

PROOF Year 1 - Angels Tell Shepherds where to find the Christ child

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:8-14,16

PROOF Year 30 - John baptizes Jesus, Holy Ghost descends, God speaks

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:13,16,17

PROOF Year 30 - Jesus Casts out a evil spirit

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, **Hold thy peace, and come out of him.** And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mark 1:23-26

PROOF

Years 30 - 33 - Jesus heals a man with palsy

And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; **Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.**

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) **Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.** And he arose, and departed to his house.

Matthew 9: 2,6,7

PROOF**Years 30-33 - Jesus raises the dead**

...there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

... he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

Matthew 9:18,25

PROOF**Year 34 - Jesus is judged and crucified**

And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him.

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

And now when the even was come,...the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

PROOF

Year 34 - Signs when Jesus was crucified

...in the thirty and fourth year, in the first month, on the fourth day of the month, there arose a great storm, such an one as never had been known in all the land. And there was also a great and terrible tempest; and there was terrible thunder, insomuch that it did shake the whole earth as if it was about to divide asunder. And there were exceedingly sharp lightnings, such as never had been known in all the land.

And the earth was carried up upon the city of Moronihah that in the place of the city there became a great mountain.

And the highways were broken up, and the level roads were spoiled....

...the rocks were rent in twain; they were broken up upon the face of the whole earth,
...

3 Nephi 8:5-7, 10,13,14,18

PROOF Year 34 - Three days of darkness in America at Jesus's crucifixion

And it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon all the face of the land, insomuch that the inhabitants thereof who had not fallen could feel the vapor of darkness; And there could be no light, because of the darkness, neither candles, neither torches; neither could there be fire kindled with their fine and exceedingly dry wood, so that there could not be any light at all;

And it came to pass that it did last for the space of three days that there was no light seen;...

3 Nephi 8:20,21,23

PROOF Year 34 - Dead are raised and seen after Jesus' resurrection

...I commanded my servant Samuel, the Lamanite, that he should testify unto this people, that at the day that the Father should glorify his name in me that there were many saints who should arise from the dead, and should appear unto many, and should minister unto them. And he said unto them: **Was it not so?** And his disciples answered him and said: Yea, Lord, Samuel did prophesy according to thy words, and they were all fulfilled.

3 Nephi 23: 9,10

PROOF Year 34 - Dead are raised and seen after Jesus' resurrection

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Matthew 27:52

PROOF**Year 34 - Jesus resurrects on third day**

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Matthew 28:1,2,5-7

PROOF**Year 34 - Resurrected Christ is seen by hundreds in Jerusalem**

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:4-6

PROOF Year 34 - Resurrected Christ is seen by hundreds In America

Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.
Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.

And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come.

3 Nephi 11:10,14,15