


# DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

## Lesson 10

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



### LESSON 10: The Great Trade

<p><b>Bible Story</b></p> <p>The Suffering Servant <i>Isaiah 53</i></p>	<p><b>Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Bible</li><li>• Fourteen sheets of construction paper (Have seven different colors, two sheets of paper in each color.)</li><li>• A black permanent marker</li></ul>
<p><b>Bible Verse</b></p> <p>“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” <i>Galatians 2:20, NLT</i></p>	
<p> <b>Identity   Who God Says I Am</b></p> <p>Christ lives his life in me!</p>	

## Large Group Lesson 15 Minutes

To get everyone's attention, ask loudly, **"Who Is Jesus?"**

- **Jesus is the Son of God.**
  - Point one finger to the sky.
- **Jesus came from heaven to earth.**
  - Point two fingers to the sky, and then slowly bring them down to your sides to make a giant circle.
- **He lived a perfect life.**
  - Give two thumbs up.
- **He died on the cross to pay for our sin.**
  - Hold both arms out horizontally, forming a cross.
- **His body was buried in the ground.**
  - Hold up both arms high above your head, and then bending low, bring your arms down to hold your knees.
- **Three days later, he rose from the dead victorious!**
  - Hold up the number three. Use both hands and slowly lift them up, and then wave both hands above your head in celebration.
- **He is in heaven now preparing a place for you and me! Preparing a place for you and me!**
  - Point one finger toward heaven. Then, with two fists, tap one fist on top of the other fist twice, and then switch the fist that is on top and do it again. You will do this repetition twice.
- **Right now he sits on a throne in heavenly places.**
  - Tap your wrist like a watch. Then pretend to sit down while standing.
- **There he prays to the Father for each and every one,**
  - Make praying hands. Then, with those praying hands, gesture toward others around you.
- **...and sends the Holy Spirit to all God's children.**
  - Slide one hand across the palm of the other away from your body.
- **One day he will come again as the eternal king**
  - Hold up the number one. Then make a crown with your hands atop your head.
- **...and he will turn every wrong thing, right!**
  - Turn around in a circle once with two thumbs down, and when you finish, give two thumbs up.

**Long before Jesus was born, God made promises about him. A prophet, Isaiah, heard many of these promises and wrote them down.**

**Isaiah described the Messiah as a servant who would suffer to redeem his people. The Messiah would not be handsome. He would be hated by men and rejected. People would not love him. Isaiah continued by saying that the Messiah would know**

**suffering. He would be pierced for our transgressions and crushed because of our iniquities. That was Isaiah's way of saying that Jesus would be hurt because of our sin. Jesus would take our punishment for our sin so that we could have peace with God.**

**We would be healed by His wounds. We are like sheep who wander away, but the Messiah would be punished for our sin. His suffering would result in death even though He had done nothing wrong. We would be able to have a relationship with God because the Messiah would pay the price for our sin.**

**God promised these things about Jesus more than 700 years before Jesus was born. Every promise God made about Jesus is true. Later, after Jesus died on the cross for our sin, people understood that Isaiah's promises about Jesus had come true.**

Read Isaiah 53:1-12 from the *New Living Translation*.

**Suffering is when we experience pain, illness, injury, or loss. The Bible tells us that Jesus suffered for us.**

Explain that we have all probably experienced different kinds of suffering. Some suffering isn't too bad (*like getting a cut or a bruise*), while other suffering is very difficult (*like being sick or someone we love dying*).

**The kind of suffering that Jesus experienced was the worst kind that anyone has ever experienced because He took all of our sins on himself, even though he never did anything wrong. He willingly took the punishment for our sins because He loves us.**

Before club, you will need fourteen sheets of construction paper. If possible, have seven different colors, two sheets of paper in each color. With a black marker, write the following:

Sheet One:

1. Jesus was hated and rejected by people... (red)
2. Jesus carried our weaknesses on the cross... (orange)
3. Jesus faced God's punishment for sin... (yellow)
4. Jesus was pierced in his hands, his feet, his side, and his head for our rebellion... (green)
5. Jesus was beaten and whipped... (blue)
6. Jesus was treated harshly, but he did not fight to defend himself... (purple)
7. Jesus was wrongfully treated like a criminal... (pink)

Sheet Two:

1. ...so we can be accepted by God. (red)
2. ...so that God could make us strong even in our weaknesses. (orange)
3. ...so there would no longer be any punishment for our own sins. (yellow)
4. ...so that we could return back to God. (green)
5. ...so we could be healed of our sin and made whole. (blue)
6. ...so that Jesus can defend us. (purple)
7. ...so we could be treated as those who have done no wrong. (pink)

Ask for seven children to volunteer to stand up front. Give each child a description of what Jesus, the suffering servant, experienced (Sheet One). All seven colors should be represented.

Ask several adult leaders to help pass out the remaining seven sheets of construction paper to seven children sitting with the rest of the large group. Have the adult leaders read what is written on the sheet of paper to each child before passing it to them.

As you read each of the lines below, two children will make a trade depending on what is written on their sheet of construction paper and go back to where they were (either standing up front or sitting with the large group.)

- **Jesus was hated and rejected by men... (Pause.) so we can be accepted by God.**
- **Jesus carried our weaknesses on the cross... (Pause.) so that God could make us strong even in our weaknesses.**
- **Jesus faced God's punishment for the sin of the world... (Pause.) so there would no longer be any punishment for our own sins.**
- **Jesus was pierced in his hands, his feet, his side, and his head for our rebellion... (Pause.) so that we could return back to God.**
- **Jesus was beaten and whipped...(Pause.) so we could be healed of our sin and made whole.**
- **Jesus was treated harshly, but he did not fight to defend himself... (Pause.) so that Jesus could defend us.**
- **Jesus was wrongfully treated like a criminal... (Pause.) so we could be treated like those who have done no wrong.**

Take a moment to review what Jesus has done for us. (For example, "Because Jesus suffered for us, we can be accepted by God. God can strengthen us in our weaknesses...etc.")

**Jesus died in our place so that we could receive the gift of his life that brings healing, wholeness, friendship with God and freedom from guilt and condemnation so that we can live for what's right! We'll talk about this more in small groups.**

Then, give directions and dismiss students to their small groups.