

DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

Lesson 22

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



LESSON 22: Chosen, Not Rejected

Bible Story Review of Units 1-5	Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Bible
Bible Verse “The Lord will not reject his people; he will not abandon his special possession.” <i>Psalm 94:14, NLT</i>	
Who I Am In Christ Jesus is coming back for me, for I am his special possession.	

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.

You will illustrate today's Bible verse and key teaching point with the following game:

Instructions: Have the children spread out in a designated area and choose one child to be IT. The children will quickly hide and IT will begin finding the hiding children. Each time a child is found, the IT will bring them to a special "hideout" in the room and say, "I am coming back for you" and will continue to find all the players. When all the players have been found, the IT will bring them all

OUT of the "hideout" and back to a circle called HOME. If time allows, let other children seek for the hiding children.

Ask the children the following questions:

- **What did you feel like before you were found or discovered?**
- **In the special "hideout," was it hard to believe that {insert child's name} was coming back for you? What gave you the confidence that they would be coming back for you?**

Read today's Bible verse from Psalm 94:14, **"The Lord will not reject his people; he will not abandon his special possession."**

Ask, **"Over this past year, we've learned a lot about Jesus and about what God says about us because of what Jesus has done. What have you learned this past year about Jesus that gives you confidence that the Lord will not reject you?"**

God has gone to great lengths to bring us into his family, including sending his Son to die on a cross and raise him from the dead so that we could receive forgiveness and new life, and membership into his family, just like {insert child's name} went to great lengths to find those who were hiding.

Therefore we can have confidence that Jesus is coming back for us because of all that he's already done to bring us into his family. We are his special possession, and he's coming back for us!

Ask students, **"How does the hope of Jesus's return bring encouragement to you?"**

In our small groups today, we're going to talk more about the certain hope we can find in Jesus's return.

Give directions and dismiss students to their small groups.