

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

## Lesson 23

Large Group Lesson Plan | All Ages



### LESSON 23: To Whom Do I Belong?

<p><b>Bible Story</b></p> <p>Jesus Is Preparing a Place for You and Me!</p> <p><i>John 14:1-7, New Living Translation</i></p>	<p><b>Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Bible</li><li>• A set of keys</li></ul>
<p><b>Bible Verse</b></p> <p>“When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.” <i>John 14:3, New Living Translation</i></p>	
<p><b>Who I Am In Christ</b></p> <p>I belong in the presence of God.</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.

**Let's review what we've learned so far. Jesus came from heaven to earth and lived life as a human being. While he was here, Jesus never did anything wrong, but he agreed to be punished in our place. This is because He loves us. He became a person and then took the punishment—death—that we deserve.**

**But Jesus didn't stay dead! Three days after he was killed, his actual body rose from the dead by the power of God! Jesus appeared to many people after rising from the**

dead, and his appearance was different, like his body and life had become supernaturally perfected. After about forty days of appearing to literally hundreds of people, his followers saw Jesus actually rise up to Heaven.

After that, his followers remembered the promise he had made to them: *“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”* We get to live forever in God’s House with him. Jesus proved it by appearing alive again as living proof that eternal life is real! Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can be sure that this life isn’t all there is. We can start our eternal life with Jesus as soon as we put our faith in Him.

Hold up a set of keys.

See these keys? What do you think this key is for? And this? I need these keys because they open doors into places I want to go. You become God’s child when you give your life to Jesus. And so, he has given you a key to get in, a key you don’t have to carry and you can’t lose. Knowing Jesus is the key! Jesus is the door! And, he will welcome you into the house—a safe and perfect house— that he has ready for you!

This can always be a deep source of hope for us who trust in Jesus. Our world often feels like it’s falling apart – or, at least, about to fall to pieces – but God’s promise to us in Jesus is that we don’t have to be troubled because an eternal life that is supernaturally perfected is waiting for us when Jesus returns. Are you ready to trust Him? And wait for Jesus to return and fix everything?

In our small groups today, we’re going to talk more about this.

Give directions and dismiss students to their small groups.