

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 3/14/21

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 1-8

LESSON: Jesus is Better



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned about how the gospel, the good news of Jesus, is for everyone. This week we're going to learn about how Jesus is better than anything else.

What is the Best? Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Supplies: Have your kids collect a few items around the house (toys, household items, etc).

Show two items at a time and invite kids to vote which item they believe is the best. Keep going through all of the items until there is one item that is left. Consider creating a March Madness Bracket to track the winners!

Say - The things we own can be fun and useful and some are better than others, but Jesus is always better than those things. Today, we will see why Jesus is greater than anyone or anything. Because Jesus is better, we can trust Him.



LESSON - JESUS IS BETTER

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus is Better](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is better than the easy life. (Kids repeat!)

Many Jews who followed Jesus were being treated badly by other Jews who didn't believe Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting for. But Jesus didn't offer an easy life by following Him. In fact, He said, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart because I have overcome the world!"

Life is really hard sometimes. Sad things happen, bad things happen... but Jesus is always with us even in the hard things! The more we listen to Him and trust Him and follow Him, the more joy and peace we'll have in our hearts even when life gets hard. Having Jesus with us in a hard life is better than having an easy life without Him.

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is better than those who came before Him (Kids repeat!)

In the Old Testament, God had prophets that spoke for Him. Jesus is better than the prophets because He doesn't just speak *for* God...He *is* God!

God also had priests who helped people deal with their sin. But Jesus is the perfect priest who understands what it's like to be human, was tempted by sin, and paid for our sins once and for all in the cross!

God also had kings, judges and other leaders to lead His people. One in particular was Moses who led God's people out of slavery in Egypt. But guess what? Jesus is better than even Moses! He leads us out of slavery to sin! Moses brought God's people the law, but Jesus gives us grace and truth!

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is better than everything! (kids repeat)

There's nothing you can have that's better than having Jesus. Family, friends, yummy food, a comfy house, awesome leaders to follow...those can all be really good gifts that God gives us, but none of them are perfect. None of them can really satisfy our hearts. Even our favorite people that love us so much let us down sometimes. You could eat the best food ever, but you're just gonna get hungry again. You can have the nicest most expensive house and stuff ever but eventually it'll all just get old or stop working. Only Jesus is perfect. He never stops working. He never lets us down. He always fills us up completely. We could have everything we ever wanted, and it wouldn't be enough to make us feel satisfied if we didn't have Him. Jesus is better than everything!



RESPONSE

Sing: [Rejoice Be Glad](#) (Key Passage Song)
[James 1:5](#)

Pray: Jesus, thank you so much for all the great things that you give us. Help us to remember that even the great things in life aren't better than You. Help us not to look for other things to satisfy us. Help us remember that our hearts can only be satisfied by You. Thank you for everything you do for us. We love you. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What is one reason that some Jews didn't believe Jesus was the Messiah? *They still wanted a powerful king to come make their lives easier.*
- Why was Jesus better than a prophet? *He doesn't just speak for God. He is God so when He speaks He's speaking God's very words!*
- Moses led the Israelites; how does Jesus lead us? *He lives in our hearts and gave us His word. He is perfectly trustworthy!*
- When is it hard for you to trust and follow Jesus?
- What are some of your very favorite things? How is Jesus better than those things?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - Share about a time when your circumstances made it hard for you to trust and follow Jesus. What did you do?

Ping Pong Ball Catch - Get out those plastic red Solo cups and a few ping pong balls (or any small object that will fit in the cup) and have your kids toss the ball to a partner and try and catch it in the cup. Start out close together and then keep taking a step backwards to increase the challenge. For a single-player, they can simply throw the ball in the air and try to catch it.