



Family Conversation Guide

(May 23, 2021)

READ AND DISCUSS

Today, we will talk about who Jesus really is. **Is He really the Messiah, the Son of God?** Before listening to the sermon, ask family members to find **John 7:25-36** in their Bibles. Give them pens and paper so that they can take notes.

1. **How did the tradition of Santa Claus begin?** (*The Bishop of Myra did kind things for people. He dropped gold coins through a window to help his neighbors' daughters have money so that they could find husbands*) Over the years a legend grew about him that became what we think of as Santa Claus.

The dictionary says that "Legends are usually very old stories with little or no evidence to prove them. Legends are often passed on by word-of-mouth. They are very similar to myths. ... Some legends are stories about real people; others are not."

Review from last week:

2. In this scripture passage, Jesus was visiting Jerusalem during the Feast of the Tabernacles. **Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus?** (*He was performing miracles, even on the Sabbath, and claiming to be the Son of God*)
3. The people thought Jesus would come to the feast. **What were some of the things people were saying about Jesus?** (*He was a good man, a good teacher, He was a trickster, He was crazy- and some thought He actually was sent from God*)

4. The people were wondering and whispering about Jesus, but **they were afraid to speak out loud. Why?** *(They were afraid of the Jews- the Judeans)*
5. When Jesus finally appeared, He started teaching. **What were the people thinking?** *(In **John 7:15** everyone marveled that Jesus knew so much when He had not studied.)*
6. Jesus was a special kind of rabbi, one who had great knowledge and authority. (Read **Matthew 3:13-17**) **Who gave Jesus this authority?** *(God called Jesus His beloved Son, and John the Baptist- also a rabbi of great authority- gave Him authority as well.)*
7. But, **the rabbis who were in power did not want Jesus to be as powerful as they were. Why?** *(Jesus was not doing things the way that the rabbis thought they should be done.)*

This week: Read **John 7:25-36**

8. Read **John 7:25-27**. **What were the people wondering?** *(The people were wondering if this was really the Messiah. But, they thought He would come from another place, and they knew where Jesus had come from- so they thought Jesus must not be the Messiah)*
9. Read **Isaiah 53**. This is a prophecy about the Messiah. It was written 700 years before Jesus was born. **Did this prophecy fit Jesus?**
10. In the sermon, John Kasay points to **Mark 2**, where Jesus asks just three things of His followers. **What are the three things?** *(Repent, believe, follow Me. As simple as that!)*
11. In **Matthew 7:28-31**, Jesus tells the people who are wondering about Him that He was sent by God, and many believed Him. Read **Matthew 4:23-25**. Jesus had performed many miracles, and people saw them and heard His teaching,

and the news of Him traveled everywhere.

12. The Pharisees decided to have Jesus arrested because of what was being said about Jesus by the people. **Why did this bother them?** (*Because they felt threatened by Jesus*)

13. Read **verse 33-34**. **What did Jesus mean when He said that He was here for a short time, and then He would be going to the One who sent Him, to a place where they could not find Him?** (*That He would be going to heaven*)

14. In **verses 35-36**, the people continue to wonder about the things that Jesus is saying. It was hard for them to understand, but Jesus knew that He would die for us, and be raised from the dead so that we could be with Him forever. **In Matthew 11:28-30, who does Jesus say He has come to save, and who does He want to follow Him?**

Remember: Jesus asks us to believe in Him, repent of our sins, and follow Him.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Something to think about:

What is a legend? What are some legends or superheroes we have heard about? Do you believe Jesus is a legend or the Son of God who came to earth to die for us and save us from our sins? **If this is true, we have a choice to make.** We can continue to do things on our own, or give our lives to Him and follow Him.

Parents, this is a good time to check in with your kids about their faith walk. **Where are they now, and how can you help them to grow to be closer to Jesus and to follow Him?**

PRAYER

Jesus, You ask us to believe in You, repent of our sins, and follow You. Please show each one of us how we can KNOW You, GROW in You, and GO into the world to do good things for You. In Jesus' name, Amen

FOR YOUNGER KIDS

List these things for your Little Kids:

- Easter Bunny
- Santa Claus
- Paw Patrol
- Superman
- Jesus

Which one of these is different? Which one is sent to us by God and gave His life for us so we could be His friends forever? What do you know about Jesus? (*Jesus is God's Son, He came from heaven to help us, Jesus performed miracles, Jesus wants us to know God loves us, Jesus loves us, Jesus wants us to believe in Him and follow Him.*)

With your Little Kids, sing "Friend Forever."

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3b975x4hpgzFh0iCEDOXCo>