

Come and See

(Junior)

Lesson #1 The Lamb of God, Jesus of Nazareth

Scripture Reference Matt. 3:1-17, Jn. 1

Memory Verse “He saith unto them,
“Come and see.” They came and
saw where he dwelt, and abode with
him that day: for it was about the
tenth hour.” John 1:39

Theme Salvation, Witnessing

Character Trait Consistency

Aim of Lesson

To learn that Jesus is our sacrifice
for sin

To realize that salvation is a personal
matter

To know the importance of pointing
others to Him

Time Prior to and right at the beginning
of Christ’s early ministry

Place Bethabara, Jordan River, Galilee

Main Characters John the Baptist,
Jesus, Andrew, Simon, Philip,
Nathaniel

Method Storytelling, Songs

Materials Needed Betty Luken’s
flannelgraph (teacher’s manual,
p. 161, lesson 101)

S2 2 29 51 106

S3 8 31 59 106A

S4 21 32 87A 108

S18 23 37 88 185

S19 26 50 89

Salvation Songs Favorites

Wordless Book or Salvation chart

Map of Palestine in Christ’s time

Small pet in a cage (bird, pup, etc.)

Cardboard tube (from aluminum foil)

VBS flyers

Attendance Chart

Snack

Songs “Fishers of Men,” “Wordless
Book Chorus,” “Come and See”

OUTLINE

I. John the Baptist

A. A powerful preacher

B. A powerful message

C. A public baptism

D. A promised Messiah

II. The Sacrifice

A. The Old Testament lamb

B. The New Testament lamb

III. The Invitation

A. A question from Jesus

B. A visit with Jesus

IV. The Witnesses

A. Andrew finds Peter

B. Jesus finds Philip

C. Philip finds Nathaniel

V. The Conversation

A. Nathaniel’s hesitancy

B. Jesus’ omniscience

C. Nathaniel’s belief

D. Jesus’ prophecy

LESSON

Introduction

When someone says to you, “Come and see,” he has something important to show you like some baby kittens, or a new stuffed animal, or maybe some homemade cookies baked by your mother. Whatever it is, you have to go yourself to be able to see and understand and enjoy whatever it is. *(To provoke thought and interest, use something to get the attention of your students such as a small pet in a cage. Have each student or a small group of students “come and see” and then return to their seats.)*

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(Say: Each of you had to come and see for yourself what was in the box, didn't you?) This week, you must be here every day to "come and see" the most wonderful person of all ages and the best friend you could ever have. *(Sing, "Come and See," vs. 1, included with worksheets.)* You will be amazed at Who He is. He is the Creator of the universe and yet He was willing to humble Himself and come to earth to become our Savior. You will be excited as you learn what He can do! God is the only One Who can make a SAINT OUT OF A SINNER!

We are going to behold His power to raise a man who had been dead for four days. You will rejoice at His victory over death when He comes forth from the tomb, alive forevermore!



This week, each time you hear the words, "**come and see**," you will learn something wonderful concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what happened to some of the men who became Jesus' disciples in today's lesson.

(Add flannels at appropriate times in lesson.)

I. John the Baptist (John 1:6-34; Matt. 3:1-17)

John the Baptist was a man sent from God to preach and prepare the hearts of the people for the acceptance of the

Christ about to appear. John was not an ordinary preacher. His clothing was made of coarse camel's hair and he wore a leather girdle about his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. He was a powerful and fearless preacher. (John 1:6-34)



Though John could have served in the temple, he chose a desert place near Jordan for his sanctuary. His congregation was all the people of Judaea, of Jerusalem, and all the region around Jordan. His message to all was "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3:2b) He was not afraid to tell the people that they were sinners and needed to repent. The people did repent and were baptized to show that they were sorry for their sins.

John, knowing that he was the forerunner of the Lord Jesus Christ, was anxious for Him to appear. Before starting His public ministry, Jesus came to be baptized by John. John said that he should be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus told John that He needed to be baptized by John to fulfill all righteousness. So John baptized Jesus there in the Jordan River. (Matt. 3:15)

As Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended from heaven like a

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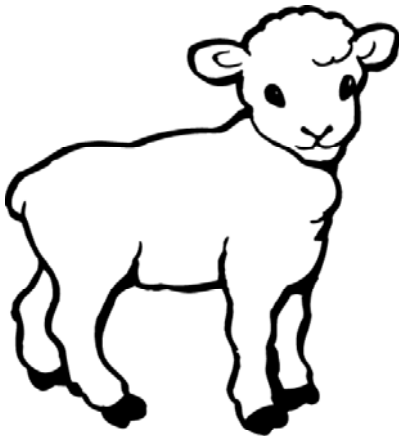
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dove, lighting upon the Lord Jesus, and remaining there. God, the Father, spoke from heaven saying, (*Speak through a cardboard tube for effect.*) “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matt. 3:17b) When all this happened, John knew that Jesus was the promised Messiah because God had told him that this would happen.

(Jn. 1:32-33)

II. The Sacrifice (Ex. 12:12-13; Jn. 1:35-37)

One day John was standing with two of his disciples when they saw Jesus walking, and he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” (Jn. 1:36)



We probably would not have understood those words for the first time, but the two men understood them.

For centuries, the Israelites had been bringing lambs to be slain on the altar for their sins. They knew that long ago when Abraham and Isaac were going up the mountain, Isaac turned to his father and said, “Father, here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb? Abraham said, “My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering.”

They knew then that when Israel was about to come out of Egypt, God had told them to take a lamb and kill it and

sprinkle the blood on the doorposts of their homes.



God said, “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; . . .and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. . .” (Ex. 12:12a-13b)

Also, in the temple service, every morning and every evening a lamb was placed upon the altar for a burnt offering. Isaiah had prophesied of the One who would be led as a lamb to the slaughter, in order to become a sacrifice for sins. (*Ask: Do you know who this is?*)

So when John said, “Behold the Lamb of God,” they knew that Jesus was the One who had come to be the sacrifice for sin. They had been looking for the coming of their Messiah. When they heard John say, “Behold the Lamb of God,” they followed Jesus.

III. The Invitation (Jn. 1:38-39)

About that time, Jesus turned around to the men following Him and said, “What are you looking for?” They were probably embarrassed and said to Him, “Rabbi, (which is like calling Him Master), where do you live?” Jesus had no real home on earth. At this time,