

Wonderful Counselor

Objective: The students will learn that Jesus is a wonderful counselor.

Link:

We all have problems. Life is full of problems, and we can grow and change as we meet different problems. But nobody really likes problems. When we meet a problem, we want to find a way to overcome it, we want to make it go away, we want to find a solution. (Write on board: problem -> solution)

How do you find solutions to your problems? (give students time to think and respond. You want to go from here to the idea of getting advice. Expect that talking it over with someone will be mentioned. Ask the students “Who do you talk to?” about their problems. These people are giving advice. They are acting as counselors. Write ‘counselors’ and ‘advice’ on the board.)

Background.

Today we are going to learn that Jesus is a counselor. We will see that there is much good advice in the Bible.

Questions.

- Who has God given? (a son, a child)
- What is his name? (Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father who lives forever, Prince of Peace)

Read Isaiah 9:6.

Answer the questions.

Go on.

This verse is a prophecy about Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that Jesus is God who became a man. He was born as a little baby, and he was called ‘the Son of God.’ So Jesus is God. This is impossible to understand. No one understands it, but Christians believe it because that is what the Bible teaches. This is an example of faith.

Last week we talked about God’s power – the All-Powerful God. Here we see the name Powerful God. We have also talked about God as a Father, as ‘Abba.’

Now, what kind of counselor is Jesus? (a wonderful counselor) He is a wonderful counselor. He is wise, and He can give us wonderful advice through His Word, the Bible. The Bible is full of good advice. Let’s get some good advice now.

(Teachers, take the students to the book of Proverbs. Have these references written on slips of paper. Give a slip to each student. The students will find their verses, read them silently, and then share the advice with the class.)

Proverbs

11:14 – Japan is looking for a new leader now. Are the politicians getting good advice?

11:15 – about not being a guarantee for a loan

12:1 – We all want to love learning. Nobody wants to be stupid. How do we feel when we are corrected? Do we hate it? This teaches us that it is stupid to hate being corrected.

12:10 – caring for our animals, thinking of their needs. Dogs need companionship, but many dogs are tied up alone all day.

12:11 – about working hard, not day-dreaming

12:15 – Nobody want to be a fool. The wise listen to advice, fools do whatever they want.

12:16 – Again, about the fool and the wise. It is wise to ignore an insult.

12:18 – being careful about what we say. Our words can hurt other people very much, but wise words can bring healing.

(Teachers: These verses are suggestions. I have tried to cull verses that are easy to understand and give practical advice. You may want to choose your own verses, but make sure that they can be readily understood, and that you think through what you want to say about them.)