



# I Wonder...

## LESSON 7: LARGE-GROUP

### How can Jesus be God and human at the same time?

#### MAIN IDEA

Jesus is totally God and totally human at the same time. He is unique from other religious leaders because he claimed to be God and rose from the dead to back up his claim.

#### BIBLE PASSAGES

- John 8:58b
- Mark 9:28
- Matthew 8:23-27
- Hebrews 1:3
- Hebrews 2:14-18
- John 1:14, suggested Bible verse (Optional)

#### BIBLE VERSE

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

John 1:14, NLT



Prepare your heart to teach.  
Plan for the lesson.



Introduce the story of the Gospel.  
(10 – 15 minutes)



Play large-group games.  
(25 minutes)

## Prepare



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### QUESTIONS

- How can you be praying for the students this week? Are there any specific students or requests you can pray for?
- Are any changes and additions needed for the Large-Group Lesson?
- Is there anything specific you need to communicate to the small-group leaders?

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- ❑ 2 identical balloons, 1 filled with helium and one with regular air

## Large Group



Introduce the story of the Gospel.  
(10 – 15 minutes)

### REVIEW

Quickly review last week's lesson and Bible verse:

- Jesus is God. He came from heaven and became human.
- Jesus came to rescue us from our sins.
- Consider going through Who is Jesus motions.
- Review 1 John 1:9.

### JESUS IS UNIQUE BECAUSE HE CLAIMED TO BE GOD

Say, **Throughout, history the world has known many different religious leaders. What are some of their names?** (Moses, Elijah, Jesus, Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha, etc.)

**We have been talking about Jesus. What makes Jesus different from all these other leaders?**

**Only Jesus claimed to be God (John 8:58b). Is Jesus really God?**

**In today's lesson, we are going to look at a very important reason to believe that Jesus is who he claimed to be—God.**

### OBJECT LESSON: TWO BALLOONS CAN BE THE SAME YET DIFFERENT

Hold the two balloons at the base so that the students can see them but cannot tell that one has helium in it. Ask the students to observe the two balloons, noticing the size, shape, texture, and color of them.

Ask, **Do you see any differences in these two balloons?** (No, they appear identical so far.)

Now let the balloons go so that one flies up to the ceiling while the other drops to the floor.

Ask, **How about now? Do you notice any differences now?** (Yes, one floats and one sinks. What is inside is completely different, and the results are completely different.)

Ask, **What do you think these balloons have to do with comparing Jesus to other religious leaders?** (They may look similar on the outside, but Jesus claimed to be God. He is completely different on the inside.)

## JESUS PROVED THAT HE WAS GOD

Say, **Jesus proved he is unique by predicting that he would die and rise again from the dead—and then he did it!**

Ask, **Does anyone know anything else that Jesus did that showed that he is God?** (He raised the dead. He calmed a storm. He shone brightly at the transfiguration. He healed the sick.)

**We are going to talk about two stories from Jesus' life on earth that show his tremendous power and authority as God.**

Read and discuss the story of the transfiguration in Mark 9:2-8.

Read and discuss the story of Jesus calming the storm in Matthew 8:23-27.

### WRAP IT UP

Introduce the (optional) Bible verse for the day: Hebrews 1:3.

Say, **This verse tells us that Jesus sustains the entire world through the power of his word. This makes him unique among all other prophets and holy people that have lived. He is both God and human at the same time.**

You may wish to play some Bible verse games to help the students remember the verse, if time allows.

Pray with the students and dismiss them into small groups.