## Lesson 2

# Jesus, Our Special Leader and Savior

Alright kiddo, let's talk about something super special: how much Jesus loves us and helps us!

#### **Heavenly Father's Plan**

Did you know that a long time ago, Heavenly Father had a plan? He knew we would sometimes do things that aren't so good, and He wanted to help us. So, He chose Jesus to be our Savior, to save us from our mistakes (John 3:16).

#### Jesus' Love for Us

Jesus loves us a whole lot! He was so happy to help us that He came to Earth to pay for our mistakes Himself (John 10:11). That's how much He cares about us!

#### Teaching Us to Be Happy

When Jesus was here on Earth, He taught us lots of amazing things. He showed us how to be kind, how to love each other, and how to make good choices so we can be happy forever (Matthew 5:1-12).

#### **Believe and Follow Jesus**

You know what makes Jesus really happy? When we believe in Him and follow His teachings. He wants us to be happy, so He shows us the way (John 14:6). If we stick with Him, we'll be super duper happy!

So, my friend, always remember that Jesus loves you bunches and wants you to be happy. Just believe in Him and follow His lead, and you'll have a life full of joy!

### **Additional Scriptures:**

- John 6:38, 40 (Jesus came to do Heavenly Father's will)
- Revelation 12:11 (Jesus' followers (You) won the war in heaven and are here now)

\*\*Story: The Lost Toy\*\*

In a cozy neighborhood filled with laughter and play, there lived a young girl named Sarah. Sarah cherished her favorite toy—a cuddly teddy bear named Brownie. They were inseparable companions, sharing countless adventures together.

One sunny afternoon, as Sarah and Brownie played in the backyard, disaster struck. Brownie slipped from Sarah's grasp and tumbled into a nearby bush. Frantically searching, Sarah soon realized that Brownie was nowhere to be found.

Tears welled up in Sarah's eyes as she called out for her beloved toy. Her parents rushed to her side, comforting her with hugs and assurances that they would find Brownie. But despite their best efforts, Brownie remained missing.

That night, as Sarah lay in bed, her heart heavy with sadness, her parents sat beside her, offering words of comfort. "Sarah," her mother said gently, "let me tell you a story about a lost sheep and a loving shepherd."

With curiosity piqued, Sarah listened as her mother recounted the parable of the Lost Sheep from the Bible. "Long ago," her mother explained, "Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. But when one of them wandered off, he left the ninety-nine to search for the lost one until he found it."

Sarah's eyes widened with wonder as she listened to her mother's words. "Just like the shepherd never gave up until he found his lost sheep," her mother continued, "Jesus never gives up on us. He loves us so much that He will always search for us, no matter how lost we may feel."

With newfound hope in her heart, Sarah wiped away her tears. "Do you think Jesus will help me find Brownie?" she asked, her voice trembling with emotion.

Her parents smiled tenderly and nodded. "Yes, my dear," her father replied, "because Jesus loves you even more than you love Brownie. He will guide us in finding him, just as He guides us in every aspect of our lives."

Encouraged by her parents' words, Sarah drifted off to sleep, comforted by the knowledge that she was never truly alone. And sure enough, the next morning, with Jesus as their guiding light, Sarah and her parents embarked on a search that would lead them straight to Brownie, reunited at last.