WEEK 1 : JESUS IS …. THE SON

AIM: To show the children that Jesus is a person in the Godhead. He has always existed, was Creator, and came down to earth in the form of a human baby.

NOTE FOR TEACHERS: By calling Jesus, ‘Son’, God was using a human experience of life and relationships to help us understand something of the depth of relationship within the Godhead. It is by no means an adequate definition, yet we all, including children, can relate to this.

OPENING IDEA: FATHER/SON, MOTHER/SON MATCH-UP
Write names of Bible father/son and mother/son combinations on separate pieces of paper, eg David/Solomon, Eunice/Timothy, Abraham/Isaac, Rebekah/Jacob, Jesse/David, Mary/Jesus, Hannah/Samuel, Elizabeth/John, Eve/Cain (or Abel), Adam/Cain (or Abel). Pin them onto the children who then have to find their partner.

MEMORY VERSE:
MATTHEW 16:15-16: Then He asked them, ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘The Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.’
or
MATTHEW 3:17: And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, and I am wonderfully pleased with Him.’

STORY:
This can take the form of a Bible Search.

Have scriptures written on diamond shapes and hand them to the children with Bibles. Explain that the Bible is like a treasure chest with lots of valuable information about Jesus in it. Write the corresponding information on cards. Ask each child to look up the verse, read it aloud, and then choose the information that matches the verse, eg:

(1) John 17:5 Jesus lived with the Father before the beginning of the world

(2) John 13:1 Jesus knows everything
As each one of these references and explanations are displayed, discuss each one fully.

For the fourth example, it is important that children understand that Jesus could have come to earth as a King or Ruler with everything He wanted, but He chose to be born as a child into a family just like everyone else. You may like to include the point that as a Son, Jesus was obedient to his earthly father (re the incident in the temple as a boy) and to His heavenly Father.
Thank you for sending your Son to be the Saviour of the world.
When Jesus was 12 years old, he went with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. They travelled in a caravan with friends and relatives from Nazareth to Jerusalem. On the way home, the children walked, laughed and sang together. So a full day passed before Mary and Joseph discovered Jesus was not with the other boys. They searched Jerusalem and on the third day found Jesus in the Temple, talking with the wise men. "You have worried us," Mary told him. But Jesus asked her why. Didn’t she know he had to do the work of the Lord?

Write the memory verse here - Matthew 16:15-16 ....

Who do you say Jesus is?
Jesus Christ is God the S __ who came down from h __ __ to e __ __ as a human b __ __.

God called Jesus His S __ to help us understand how we are to love one another, and how much God loves us as His children. Jesus lived with God the Father before the b __ __ __ of the world.

Jesus could have come to earth as a great k __ __ or ruler with everything he wanted, but He chose to be born as a child into a f __ __ __ just like everyone else.

Jesus o __ __ __ his heavenly Father as well as his earthly father.
Twelve year old Jesus loved to visit Jerusalem and its big temple.
Help May to follow the tiles on the temple floor to find Jesus (Luke 2:41-51)
Jesus Is Born

Collect-a-Craft

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MAKE A MANGER SCENE

1. Colour the pictures.

2. Cut out the large square and fold on the horizontal and vertical dotted lines.

3. Open the page, and cut along the solid black line from the corner to the centre of the square.

4. Overlap the two blank triangles and glue or staple them in place.

5. Cut some yellow cellophane paper into think strips, scrunch up, and glue onto floor to make hay.

6. Cut out the picture at the bottom of the A4 sheet, fold on dotted line and attach the stand up figure to the Bible scene.
Who is this baby (Matthew 16:16)? _____________________________________________

What was special about his conception (Luke 1:26-38) and birth (Luke 2:1-20)? ______________
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Why is this important? ________________________________________________________
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As God the Son in the Godhead with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, where was Jesus before He came to earth as a human being and what was He doing? (Genesis 1:26, John 1:1-14)
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Why did Jesus give up everything to come to earth? ________________________________
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