

TIPS for parents and teachers



Ask the kids to imagine the kid sitting next to them, or maybe even their own sibling, claiming to be God! Would you believe them? Why or why not? Why was it so hard for the people of Nazareth, and even the brothers of Jesus to believe that He was the Messiah? How would you feel to know that you had such a big job ahead of you, even at age twelve? In what ways do you think Jesus was different than the other kids, in what ways do you think He was the same?

In what ways are we to be like Jesus? If you were God, would you have used this method to reach humanity, or would you have done something different?

PROBABILITY

If you have time, describe some of the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled and how. To help the kids understand the probability of that happening, give them each a coin to flip and have them keep track of how many heads they flip **in a row**. The probability of Jesus matching any eight of the major messianic prophecies is like flipping heads 57 times in a row!

WANT TO READ WHAT I READ?

JESUS THE CHRIST p. 1

Unger, Merrill F.. "Messiah." Unger's Bible Dictionary. 2005.

PROPHECIES FULFILLED p. 2

Rydellnik, Robert. "What does the Hebrew Bible Say About the Coming Messiah?." The Apologetics Study Bible. 2007.

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST

My kids love to play the backward game. You know, where yes means no and up means down. Jesus really challenges us to think in ways that are backward. Like the first shall be last, and those who lose their life will save it. Have a race or contest and award a prize to the loser, or is that the winner? What did Jesus mean?

Answer to names of Jesus Puzzle – M3W1



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