

Student Guide
Title: Born to Make a Greater Impact

John 14:12

¹² Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father

Introduction:

After completing this Sunday school lesson, we will learn that God had a plan for the life of Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus Christ impacted the world and provided an opportunity for all of mankind to change. Within the lesson we will learn that God has greater purpose for all of us, as well. Our lives were created to carry out His purpose and make an impact on this world.

December symbolizes the beginning of winter and Christmas season. For Christians it is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to solve a problem.

1. Born to answer a problem – What Is Greater Impact?

Since Adam and Eve there has been a problem with mankind. Even though they were placed in such a perfect and beautiful environment with everything they could think to want for – they had it all. But because of their disobedience, their sin, all of mankind suffered. Although, in the old testament we see the sacrifices and offerings that were rendered unto God. There was still a need for Jesus to be born for the penalty of sin could not be erased.

Hebrews 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Therefore, we ALL needed a Savior. Otherwise, we would be lost forever – cut off from God and without hope.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Some reasons Jesus was born to answer a problem:

1. For the sins of mankind – Timothy 1:15
2. To do the Will of His Father – John 6:38
3. To Bear Witness to the Truth – John 18:37
4. To bring light to a dark World – John 12:46
5. To give Eternal Life – John 6:51
6. To reveal His love – John 3:16

2. Born with Purpose/Intent – What is Purpose?

Jesus came to earth with a purpose. When God planned Jesus to come to earth, he had an overall purpose along with the problems Jesus came to solve. The purpose is God's master plan for your life. It includes all the things that will happen along the way.

Purpose, according to the dictionary, is defined as the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.

John 3:16 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hebrews 10:3-4 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.⁴ For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

The Bible makes it clear that God created man and that He created him for His glory. God's purpose for each of us is simple, we were born to glorify God. What may not be so simple is what does it look like to glorify God?

3. Born to grow into Gods Image – How do you fulfil God's will?

We are born to solve problems with our gifts and talents. We have an overall purpose for which God has assigned us, but the only way we can fulfil our assignment is if we grow into God's image. We have to grow from one level to the next. The same way that Jesus grew from a baby in the manger to being used mightily to do God's will, is the same way we need to grow.

Romans 1.17: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.



December Theme: Born to Change the World

God desires for others to see Him through our lives. If we are up one day and down the next, that is not a good representation of God. As Christians, redeemed from the penalty of sin, our lives should reflect what God would be like if He were walking on earth and others were able to see Him.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Some character traits that God wants to reveal to others (from Victory Now):

- Integrity
- Selflessness
- Continual Growth and Development
- Humility
- Love
- Self-control
- Perseverance
- Kindness
- Pure
- Holy

If you put these qualities in place, it will help others to see God. Also if you do it consistently it will allow you to grow into God's image.