

## Eleventh Grade- God the Son

*In this session, we want to continue to explore the nature of God by looking at the second member of the Trinity, God the Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Just as our understanding of the Person of the Father impacts the way we relate to God, so does our understanding of the Person of the Son. We want to spend time together in this session unpacking the unique roles God the Son fulfills, and what those roles mean for us as followers of this holy Triune God.*

### Introducing the Topic

*As we begin to unpack this topic, we want to give students space to reflect on what they learned about the nature of God, the Person of God the Father, as well as give them space to talk about what they already know and believe about God the Son. Encourage as much sharing as possible!*

-As you learned about the nature of God, what are some aspects of who He is that stuck out to you or challenged you? Why do you think those aspects in particular stuck out?

-After having talked about it for a few sessions, how would you define the Trinity to someone? What does it mean for our understanding of who He is and what He's like that He is Triune?

-How would you describe God the Father to someone, as the first person of the Trinity? Which of the roles God the Father fills stuck out to you the most?

-How would you describe God the Son to someone? What roles do you think God the Son fills?

### Scripture Study

*As you transition to the Scripture Study portion of this session, remind students that Scripture is where we turn for truth. We want to continually reiterate that we study Scripture not just for the "Christian take" on a matter, but God's revealed word, given to us out of love for our good.*

-First, let's look at what Scripture has to say about who the Son of God is. Read John 1: 1-4 together with your group.

-What stuck out to you?

-What does this passage claim about who Jesus is?

-What does this passage say Jesus did?

-Now, let's look at the more specific roles of the Son. Remind students that God is Three Persons Who all share the exact same Divine Nature, but fulfill different roles. In this session we are going to look at the specific roles of the Son.

-Read Colossians 1:15-20 together as a group.

-What stuck out to you? What did you hear this passage saying?

-What different things does this passage say Jesus did? (*Encourage your group to share as much as possible, and as they compile answers, help point them to these three main roles we see defined in this passage: creator, head of the church, and savior.*)

-What do you think it means that Jesus is “firstborn over all creation”? What is this passage saying by saying that? (If your group is struggling to understand this figurative term, read Psalm 89:27 together. If your group is wanting further explanation, refer to this article: <https://www.crossway.org/articles/was-christ-the-first-and-greatest-creation-of-god-colossians-1/>)

-What do you think verse 18 means? What does it mean that Christ is the head of the Church? Read Ephesians 5:22-25 together to help unpack this idea further.

-What do you think verse 20 means? What does it mean that Jesus has made peace by the blood of his cross? Read 1 Timothy 1:15 and Luke 19:10 together to dive deeper into this concept.

### Practical Application

*In this practical application, we want to help students internalize what they heard from Scripture today. We especially want to help them see how God is fulfilling these rolls in their own lives, and let that be a reason for them to give Him glory.*

-How would you summarize who the Son of God is and what He does for someone?

-The passage we looked at today said that Jesus was the firstborn over all creation, that all things were by him and for him. Do you ever find yourself thinking of yourself as the “center” of your own life? How does that sentiment play out in your life? What does the nature of God say to that idea?

-How would your life change if you truly regarded God the Son as “preeminent” over all creation? How would that change the way you think about your life? Make decisions? Treat others? Relate to God?

-Scripture calls Jesus the head of the Church. What do you think that means for how He feels about the Church? How should that impact the way we treat the Church and its members?

-Scripture teaches us that Jesus died on the cross to reconcile the lost to Himself- in this we have our salvation. Do you have a hard time trusting that what Jesus did for you was enough? Do you find yourself trying to justify yourself to others?

-The creator of all things sacrificed Himself to make sure you could be intimate with Him again, because in Him is life. Since that is true, what do you think He wants from us now, as “saved”

people? *(Help students understand that what He wants is for us to make use of the gift He died for us to have, He wants us to draw near to Him and enjoy the abundant life that is in Him. Us striving to appear "perfect" doesn't honor His sacrifice, it actually just indicates that we don't trust that His sacrifice was enough for us.)*

-What would change in your life if you actually trusted that Jesus' sacrifice was enough for you?