



December 4th, 2011

Mystery 3

I. Synopsis *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

Three guests check into the Snowy Hill Inn, each of whom are stranded there because of a big snowstorm! After someone sneaks into the rooms of each of the guests and leaves a mysterious clue, they must follow the clues before anything else goes missing! And along the way, the guests will have to face some of the biggest mysteries of the Christian faith and investigate their own doubts.

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at: <http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-81/Week-3>. It will be helpful to watch this segment before talking about it with your child. Or, you all can watch it together as a family – it's only about 15 minutes long!

II. Hook: *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

Try and guess the answer to some of the riddles located at <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/funny-riddles-for-kids-riddles-answers.html>. Point out that riddles are somewhat like a mystery – they give us clues that, if we think about them hard enough, can lead us to the answer!

III. Book *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read John 14:9, or read it yourself: "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!" Then read the phrase for this week: "Jesus' time on earth's a clue so I can see that God is true."

IV. Look *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that after the guests check into the Snowy Hill Inn, during the night

someone sneaks into each of the guests' rooms and leaves a clue, threatening to take more items unless each of the guests obeys the instructions. The guests all follow the instructions, then return to the library to find another clue. Their searching turns up an envelope in a picture frame, and following its directions, the guests all share what they learned about who Jesus is and who He claimed to be.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- How is Jesus unique from everyone else who has ever lived?
- What are some of the facts that support Jesus' claim to be the Son of God?
- Which of these facts helps you the most to believe that Jesus is who He claimed to be?
- How does the account of the lives and behavior of Jesus' disciples also support the fact that Jesus was indeed the Son of God?

V. Took *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. Jesus was unique in history. There has never been a human that claimed to be God that then had the kind of evidence that Jesus gave for His claims.
2. There are several things that make Jesus unique and support His claim to be the Son of God: His miraculous birth, his sinless life, the miracles He performed, His resurrection from death, and His ability to make us right with God.
3. The fact that the disciples and other followers all kept their stories straight and went to their death refusing to deny it is pretty tough evidence to explain any other way.

VI. The Next Step *(what your child can do to get a deeper understanding of these concepts)*

Help your child complete the question on the Take Home Card and work on memorizing the week's verse and phrase. If your child can recite them to his or her teacher the following week, he or she will earn an extra point for his or her team!

VII. Close with Prayer

VIII. Christmas Reboot Tie-In

If your family is using the *Christmas Reboot* family devotionals, Sunday's devotional is on pg. 4 and entitled "The Meantime." You can discuss how the guests might have felt stuck in their own "meantime" as they were stranded in the inn and dealing with the mysterious person who kept leaving clues and stealing things. Talk about how what they learned about Jesus might help them cope with this difficult situation.