

KIDS CHRONICLES

STORY POINTS

Big Picture Question: *Is Jesus God or human?*

As the eternal Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Oct 2nd: From Adam to Jesus (Matt 1; Luke 3; John 1)

The gospel writers took great care to accurately record genealogies. The account in Matthew (1:1-17) presents Jesus as the king of the Jews—the legal heir to the throne of David. The account in Luke (3:23-38) focuses on Jesus' descent from Adam. The account in John looks back to eternity past, showing the eternal existence and full deity of the Son (1:1-14). Yes, in His humanity, Jesus was born as a baby to earthly parents (Mary and Joseph), but His true Father is God. Therefore, Jesus is fully God and fully man. God had been working out His plan to send Jesus over hundreds of years—through Adam, Abraham, Isaac, David, and others—to save people from their sins.

Oct 9th: John Was Born (Luke 1)

The last words of the Lord recorded in the OT are found in Malachi. For centuries, Israel did not hear from Him and eventually became ruled by the Roman empire, who established King Herod as a ruler. Herod built a temple where Zechariah would serve the Lord as a priest. Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth were aging and did not have any children. An angel appeared to Zechariah in the temple sanctuary and delivered good news: "Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear a son" (Luke 1:13) The son to be born was John, who would prepare the way for Jesus (Isa 40:13). John would point people to Jesus, the Savior God promised.

Oct 16th: Jesus Was Born (Luke 2)

After the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and predicted the birth of John—the forerunner of the Messiah—he appeared to Mary and predicted that she too would have a baby. This baby would be named Jesus, and He would be God's Son (Luke 1:32-33). This Savior—the long-awaited deliverer and redeemer—had come. The purpose of Jesus' birth was to bring glory to God and to save from sin those who trust in Jesus' death and resurrection (Matt 1:21). Celebrating the birth of Jesus is about rejoicing over the greatest gift we could ever receive. God's own Son came to earth to save us from our sins.

Oct 23rd: Jesus Was Dedicated (Luke 2)

According to the law given to Moses, after a woman gave birth, she was "unclean" and would observe a period of purification. Then she would bring an offering to the priest (Lev 12:1-6) Jesus was weeks old when Mary and Joseph dedicated Him to the Lord and offered the required sacrifice. Simeon was also at the temple that day and had spent His life serving the Lord and looked forward to the day when God would keep His promise to comfort Israel (Isa 57:18) Simeon saw the baby Jesus, took Him in his arms, and praised God. "My eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:30). Jesus is the Savior!

Oct 30th: The Reformation

See *Every Moment Redeemed* (below)

GOSPEL TIP

Pray.

The salvation of your children, and any individual, is ultimately in the hands of the Lord. He is the Savior (Col 1:13), the Redeemer (Eph 1:7), the One who changes hearts from stone to flesh (Ezek 36:26). Cry out to the Lord for the souls of your children. Dear saints, no one has ever desired the salvation of His people more than God. So great was His desire to display His glory through the saving of sinners that He sent His only Son to suffer the wrath owed to them. (Rom 5:8-9). Pray to this great God of love.

GOD'S WORD IN MY HEART

Scripture Memory Challenge

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God— (Romans 3:23)

EVERY MOMENT REDEEMED

The Reformation

The Medieval Era was a dark period in Church history. Sacred tradition and the commands of religious leaders clouded the authority of Scripture. Ethics were formed on the basis of philosophy, rather than God's unchanging standard. Millions of souls were lost under a salvation by works, even attempting to purchase forgiveness from God.

It was in this darkness that God used ordinary men to restore His Word as the ultimate and final authority of His Church. God would rescue souls and bring them into His marvelous light. People were once again taught the good news that justification is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone for God's glory alone.

Of the many important aspects of the Reformation, the Five Solas are helpful to capture the doctrinal restoration. In preparation for October 31st, the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg Castle church in Germany, we are revising a 6-day family devotional about the Reformation (which will be sent mid-October).

The devotional is simple, and can be discussed at meal times, driving in the car to school, as a bedtime meditation, etc. We pray this devotional will lead your family to worship the King and to appreciate His providential grace throughout church history.

A worship song regarding the Reformation: [The Reformation Song by Sovereign Grace Music](#)

TECH CORNER

How do I disciple my children in this digital age?

[Twelve Tips for Parenting in the Digital Age by Tony Reinke](#)

What is helpful and different about this article is that Reinke talks about how to navigate technology without complete avoidance. He recognizes technology is not going anywhere and provides insight on how to use it for God's glory.