Back To School Sun Am KZ Lesson Sun Am 8/8/2021

# Memory Verse:

# Philippians 4:13 NKJV

# 13I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

# Target Thought:

# 1 Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

# 16For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

It's back to school time again! Some of you are probably feeling excited. Some of you may be a little sad that summer is over. You may feel nervous or a little scared about going back to school because of all the new things that you will have to face. You will have new teachers, some new friends, a new school.

On the first day of school, the teacher will probably ask some questions to see how much you already know. When the teacher asks a question to which you know the answer, you might wave your hand excitedly in the air and say, "I know! I know!" It is a great feeling when you know the answer, isn't it? It sure helps to take away those "Back to School Jitters."

In our Bible lesson today, the disciples are going "back to school." Can you guess who their teacher is? Right! Jesus is their teacher. Jesus often took his disciples aside to teach them important lessons about the Kingdom of God. This was one of those days.Jesus teaches us about Father God 1. so that we will know how much we are loved. Jesus began his lesson that day by asking his disciples a question.

"Who do men say that I am?" Jesus asked.

I imagine that one of the disciples raised his hand and said, "I know! I know! Some people say that you are John the Baptist."

Then another of the disciples raised his hand and said, "I know! I know! Some people say you are Elijah."

A third disciple raised his hand and said, "Some people say that you are Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

"Very good," Jesus said, "that is what other people are saying, but who do you say that I am?"

You know, I think that Peter was so excited that he forgot to raise his hand. I think he just called out to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said, "You are right, Peter. You didn't learn that from listening to other people. It was taught to you by my Father in heaven."

The lesson that the disciples learned that day is just as important today as it was then. Many people in our world today still do not know who Jesus is.

You and I need to be ready with the answer, "He is the Christ, the Son of the living God." We all like knowing and having the answers don’t we? What we learn in school is important but so is what we learn about Jesus and His Kingdom. Even if it seems difficult sometimes to learn all these new things, we are able to do it because we can do all things through Jesus who strengthens us and we have the mind of Christ.

Let’s review our target thought. How do we have the mind of Christ? 2. because we have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of us, He came to live in our heart when we ask Jesus to be our Savior. Let’s read:

# 1 John 4:4 NKJV

# 4You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

# Jesus also told us that He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother and that He will never leave us or forsake us. 3. That means the He is always with us no matter what. We can trust and depend on Jesus.

Dear Father, when people are searching for the answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?" help us to be ready with the answer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

1. Why does Jesus teach us?
2. How do we have the mind of Christ?
3. Is Jesus’ always with us?