

<p style="text-align: center;">Christ the Light Cathedral The Many Titles for Christ (Grades 6 – 8)</p>

Topic: Identifying the sacredness and powerfulness of the titles given to Christ.

Standards Addressed:

- Expectation #1: *The student will demonstrate the ability to read and reflect on Scripture and its meaning for life today.*
- Expectation #2: *The student will demonstrate an understanding of the history of the Church.*
- Expectation #3: *The student will demonstrate an understanding that each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts.*
- Expectation #9: *The student will demonstrate a knowledge of and ability to participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.*

General Goal(s): Students will identify and reflect on the titles used for Christ and how these titles express their individual belief in Him.

Specific Objectives:

- To discuss what we profess about Jesus when we call him the Christ and the Son of God
- Through reading Scripture to identify titles given to Christ
- To reflect on what the different titles of Christ mean to one's self
- To identify the prayer form of mantra
- To create a mantra that can be printed and decorated on a piece of sturdy art paper

Required Materials:

- Student copies of the song "Wonderful Counselor" (John Michael Talbot)
- Recorded copy of song "Wonderful Counselor" performed by John Michael Talbot
- Class set of Bibles
- Writing instruments
- Art supplies such as markers, pastels, colored pencils, paints and brushes
- Sturdy art paper cut to measure 6" X 18"

Anticipatory Set (Lead-In):

Teacher will ask students to share nicknames that have been given to them and how they received these names. They will then brainstorm nicknames of famous people and how they propose these people got that name (example “The King” for Elvis).

Step-By-Step Procedures:

1. Together the class will read Isaiah 9: 1 – 6 and identify names that were assigned to Christ.
2. Teacher will teach the background meaning of the words Christ and Son of God. Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word *messiah* which means “anointed one”. In the Old Testament the authors used the term *Son of God* to refer to heavenly beings and to describe the faithful and devout Israelite who had a special relationship to God. As Christians we use it to describe the very special relationship Jesus has with God the Father.
3. In small groups students will brainstorm other titles that they are familiar with for Christ. They may use their bibles to help with their search. One person in the group will be the recorder. After a given amount of time titles will be shared with whole class.
4. Teacher will introduce the prayer form of mantra – a short phrase or simple chant filled with energy and prayerful intent used to enhance one’s spiritual life. The mantra is then repeated, chanted, over and over and creates a spiritual peacefulness.
5. Distribute copies of the song “Wonderful Counselor”.
6. Distribute art paper.
7. Each student will chose a title for Christ that has special significance to him/her and create a mantra poster using art supplies and art paper. Offer the suggestion that the mantra be taken home and put in a prominent place as a reminder to pray often.
8. While students are creating their mantra the song “Wonderful Counselor” can be played.
9. When all are finished gather class together, teacher reads Isaiah 9: 1 – 6 and then each student will pray the mantra they have created.

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

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For unto us a child is born, a son is given.
Come Holy Spirit come Father this child.
The virgin Mary shall be his Mother
And His name shall be called Emmanuel.

CHORUS:

Sing Hallelujah to the Wonderful Counselor
Sing Hallelujah to the Mighty God
Sing Hallelujah to the Father forever
Sing Hallelujah to the true Prince of Peace.

Understanding He will come, come with
compassion.

Come to forgive all of the world of sin.
And He will save all of the weak and tenderhearted
And the meek forever shall dwell in their land.

Chorus

So let us beat all of our swords into plowshares.
Come let the wolf be the guest of the lamb.
And let the song of the world's nations be peaceful.
Worship the child come to the world in Bethlehem.

Chorus

For unto us a child is born a Son is given

