jesus is...

Priest

Jesus is a new Melchizedek, redeeming us through a new covenant.

SERIES SUMMARY

In ancient Israel, prophets, priests, and kings were each anointed—set apart to speak for God, minister to God's people, and lead them in righteousness.

The title Messiah means "Anointed One," and Jesus uniquely fulfills all three roles. He is the voice of truth in a world of confusion, the mediator who brings us near to God, and the sovereign King who leads us with compassion and power.

In this series leading to Easter, we'll explore how Jesus embodies these roles—and what that means for those who follow Him.

ICEBREAKER

Who has the most unique name in your Community Group?

SCRIPTURE

Read about Melchizedek in **Genesis 14:17-24**.

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LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. What are some of the unanswered questions that come to your mind about this mysterious figure, Melchizedek?
2. What's the significance of Abraham giving a tenth of everything, and what do you know/believe about the concept of tithing?
3. How would you describe the role of a priest to someone unfamiliar?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. Why do we sometimes feel a need for someone to stand between us and God?
5. When you think about approaching God, do you feel confidence, hesitation, or something else? Why?
6. In what ways have you sought to make your own way to God through performance or something similar?
7. If Jesus is our priest and we have free access to the Father through Him, why don't we take greater advantage of it?

WRITING A NEW STORY

8. In what ways should the free forgiveness of Jesus set us free?
9. In what ways should we guard against abusing that forgiveness?
10. What can we practice to grow in confidence of our salvation, and to help our kids do the same?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Father, thank you for redeeming us through our Great High Priest, Jesus, who still to this day intercedes on our behalf at your right hand. Teach us to both enjoy & extend your forgiveness. Amen.

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