## **Every Day with Jesus Sample**

Month 1

Baby Jesus to the Nazareth Years

## **DOES GOD LOVE YOU AND ME?**

Day 1

1. God Becomes a Human Being John 1:1-18

"The Word was God. The Word became a human being (flesh). / No one has ever seen God at any time. The uniquely begotten Son, who came from the bosom of the Father, has brought him out into the open where he can be seen." /

Phillip said, "Lord, show us the Father" and Jesus answered. 'Philip, have I been with you all this time and you do not know me? The Father and I are one. if you have seen me, you have seen the Father." (Jn. 14)

That is quite a mouthful but it means this: If we want to know what God is like, the kind of person He is, we can open our Bible and look at Jesus.

Creation (1-3) God lets us know some things through the universe. It tells us He EXISTS (Row. 1:18-20). The atheist has not been born yet Who can convince us that the laughter of a baby and the love of a mother are the products of time and slime.

Hebrews 11 says we take it **by faith**. When we think about God and the Universe He created, we are overwhelmed. Reason and logic go out the window. The atheist believes in an uncreated <u>creation</u> (universe); and we believe in an uncreated <u>Creator</u> and logically, both are absurd. Logic says somebody has to make them.

Augustine said, "arguments for the existence of for the believer are <u>unnecessary</u> and for the unbeliever are <u>unconvincing</u>." The Bible dismisses atheism with one verse,

"The fool has said in his heart, there is no God." Herschel Hobbs says, "He said it in His heart; his head knew better".

Creation tells us He is POWERFUL and WISE. He has the power to create a billion blazing suns (Isa. 40); and the wisdom to put our star, the sun just the right distance from us, to sustain life. Psalm 19 adds all this up and uses the untranslatable term "GLORY". The heavens (universe), he says, "declare the glory of God."

Romans 2:1-16

Day 2

Conscience 4-6 Our "life" created in His image (Gen. 1) has the inner "light" of conscience - "His laws written on our hearts" (Rom. 12). We know instinctively that some things are right and some are wrong. If a dog kills its puppy that is SAD but if a man beats a puppy to death for the fun of it that is BAD and we instinctively feel he should be punished.

One glory of being human is that we cannot do bad without feeling bad. No animal feels bad about the food it has stolen and brings it back. It can be trained to do it but never feels it "ought" to do it. That is a human trait.

Years ago, a man was to be executed for rape and murder and the week of the execution another man walked in, confessed to committing the crime and gave enough details to let them know he was telling the truth.

When asked why, he said he learned that the man to be executed was an ex-Marine who served in Vietnam, and he was an ex-Marine who served in Vietnam, and he said I could not let a fellow Marine to die for something I did.

The universe says nothing about God's love or willingness to forgive us. Some talk about seeing God's love in the beauty of flowers and the spring rains. But those same rains can wash a busload of children off the road to their death. To know if God loves us and will forgive us, we must open our Bibles and look at Jesus.