

Jesus - A Spiritual Concept for a Semester



A spiritual program for a semester featuring 8 devotionals on the life and ministry of Jesus.

The Life and Ministry of Jesus—More Than Just Stories from a Box

Jesus as a 12-Year-Old in the Temple

John and the Baptism of Jesus

Jesus Turns Water into Wine

Main Message of the Passage - Bible Verses Related to the Story

- With God, nothing is impossible. / He makes the impossible possible!
- God gives in abundance!!
- Illustrate the devotional with comparisons. For example, explain how large the jars were—80-120 bottles—or use something that holds exactly that amount and that the children are familiar with. Bring pictures and jars.

Possible Activities

- Game ideas: Relay race with water and syrup.
- Afternoon snack: e.g., grape juice for those who want it, syrup for the others. Various fruits or small rolls, like at a wedding
- e.g., create a festive atmosphere with music and dancing

Jesus Calls the First Disciples Matthew 4:18-21; 9:9-13

Main Message - Bible Passages Related to the Story

- Jesus is calling you, too. Will you follow him?
- Jesus calls fishermen and tax collectors—no matter what you can do, Jesus wants to use you.
- (No matter who you are, Jesus always wants to be with you.)
- Jesus needs “ordinary” people, like you and me.
- The disciples put Jesus first (above family and work). How about you?
- (Song: Absolutely No. 1)
- It’s worth trusting Jesus, just as the disciples did. (They didn’t know what lay ahead.)

Jesus and Nicodemus John 2:13 – John 3:1-21

Main Message - Bible Passages Related to the Story

- Nicodemus has a genuine interest in Jesus.
- Do you?
- Let’s not listen to the negative things others say—just like Nicodemus. John 3:16

Jesus and the Rich Young Man Luke 18:18-27

Main Message - Bible Passages Related to the Story

- Wealth on earth means nothing to me before God or in heaven.
- The rich man: He kept all the commandments, but since he had a lot of money, he found it hard to give it away. Key verse: Verse 25

Possible Activities

Teacher’s Note: Memorize John 3:16—Light in the Darkness (Bunker); dress up as a rabbi

Jesus and the Centurion of Capernaum Matthew 8:5–13

Main Message - Bible Passages Related to the Story

- Jesus is the Supreme Lord!
- (Do you believe that Jesus still performs miracles today?)

The Crucifixion of Jesus Mark 15:21–41, Matthew 26:36–56, John 20:1–10

Prov. Main Message - Bible Passages Related to the Story

- Jesus bridges the gap to God so that we can have fellowship with Him.
- God wants to have fellowship with us. The temple curtain has been torn.
- Jesus was innocent; He bore—and continues to bear—the guilt of all humanity from yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
- God sees beyond just this one day; He sees tomorrow—He has a plan.

Ascension / Jesus Today / Possible Second Coming Matthew 28:1–10 / 16–20, Mark 16

Main Message - Bible Passages Related to the Story

- An angel opens the gate to heaven.
- Now go and make disciples of all nations (invite the children to join the youth group).

A Spiritual Series for a Semester on Jesus, 8 Devotions

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