

PNW Kids Camp, 2026

Junior Workbook

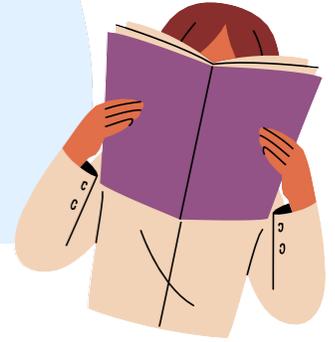
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# Dear Kids Camper,

It is so great that you are planning on coming to Kids Camp, God Willing. Whether this is your first year or you are a regular, we hope you have a fantastic time.

This year, we will spend the week studying the early life and ministry of Jesus Christ. He was God's son, sent to do God's will on earth.

God was with Jesus right from the very beginning, molding and shaping him for the important work he was going to do. When Jesus was just 12 years old, people sat and listened to him and were amazed at how well he knew the bible, and how excited he was to share it with others. When Jesus started his ministry when he was 30 years old, people soon came from all over to hear what he had to say about the kingdom of God. He performed amazing miracles, told parables, and showed compassion to all. Some people were jealous of him and sought to hurt him, others were amazed and followed him.

We can learn so much from God's son! We can learn so much from his example. We hope that by learning more about Jesus and his ministry you too will want to have the kind of faith and excitement for the truth that he did.

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May God Bless you in your studies of the life of Jesus.

**REMEMBER!**

Always start your studies with a prayer to God for guidance!

# WELCOME TO YOUR STUDY OF THE EARLY LIFE OF JESUS

Here's what you'll need to complete this workbook:

- Your Bible (All fill in the blanks are from King James Version)
- Bible Dictionary
- Bible Atlas

Other resources that may come in useful:

- Story of the Bible Vol. 4
- Story of the Bible Vol 5.
- Enhanced Strong's Concordance

## Tips for a successful study



### Tip # 1: Pray

In this study we'll learn how important prayer was to Jesus, and if we can see so clearly how important God's guidance was to Jesus, maybe it'll help us see how important prayer should be in our daily lives too.



### Tip # 2: Set goals

Sometimes big projects can be overwhelming. However, if you divide a big project up into smaller easy-to-achieve tasks, then suddenly, your big, daunting project is done! The same goes for your Kids Camp workbook.

**MAKE A PLAN.** Use the goal chart on the next page to help you.



### Tip # 3: Write in pencil

That way you can correct mistakes!



### Tip # 4: Have fun!

God's Word is truly amazing. Enjoy your study, and if you get stuck on a question, make sure to ask someone for help.





## FOLLOWING JESUS FOOTSTEPS

See map of Israel at back of workbook:

As we go through this workbook and learn about Jesus and his ministry, each place he went will be listed with a picture and some details of this place at the start of each new section..

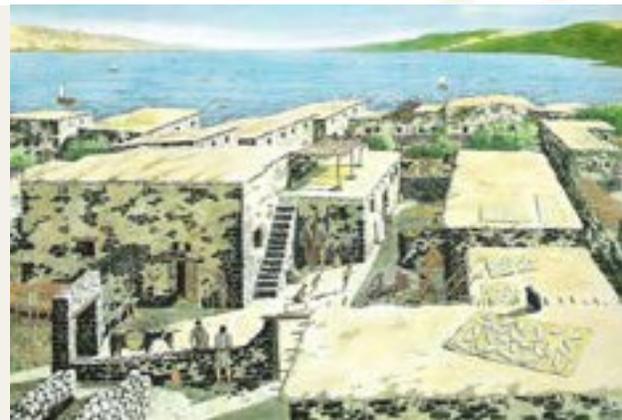
When you see the footsteps symbol next to the name of a place, it means Jesus visited a new area. Use a Bible atlas to find and mark that place on the map. By the end of the workbook, our map will show a lot of the places Jesus went.

Each section will look a bit like this.

When you see the footsteps above the name of the place - that is your sign to mark it on your map.

### About:

- Synagogue
- Jesus' headquarters
- Next to the Sea of Galilee
- Fishing town - lots of fishermen
- Busy marketplace
- Part of the Roman Empire, you might have seen Roman soldiers and important Roman people walking around.



CAPERNAUM

Let's begin.....

## SECTION 1: God's purpose with the earth and His plan with Jesus

The life of the man named Jesus is remarkable and important for us to understand. To really understand the mission and the purpose of Jesus, we need to start at the very beginning!

Why did the world need Jesus?

Why was he born?

What was God's plan with him?

When God created the earth, He had a wonderful plan in mind. He wanted the earth to be full of men and women who were **like Him**. People who **loved Him**. People who **loved His word**. People who **followed His ways**.



1. Genesis 1:1 - *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth..."*  
Why did God create the earth? Have you ever thought about that? He didn't need to. WHY did He create people? God tells us what His whole plan with people was, and still is! Look up Numbers 14v21. What is God's plan for this earth?

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2. Now we understand what God's plan with the earth is. He wants to fill it with His glory. But what is God's glory? Did you know that God showed His glory to a faithful man named Moses! Let's look up Ex 34v5-7 and Ex 33v18-19 - write down what these verses say God is like.

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**GOD'S**

**GLORY**

So God's glory is all the wonderful things about God that make Him so special and great.

And this is what God's plan is. God made people to be **like Him**.

He created us to live in a way that **other people can see God living in us**. And he wanted the **whole world to be like that**.

In the Garden of Eden, God made the first man and woman. Their names were Adam and Eve and they were made to be like God. God was pleased because everything that He created was very good. Nothing was wrong. Nothing was bad. Nobody disobeyed God.

**Everything was very good.**

## until ....

One sad day, instead of listening to God's words, Adam and Eve did the ONE thing that God told them NOT TO DO. God was very sad and punished Adam and Eve and he made them leave the garden and told them that life would be hard for them now. This was the first lie and Adam and Eve felt very bad.



3. Look up Genesis 3v15-19. What was life outside the garden of Eden like? Was it easy?

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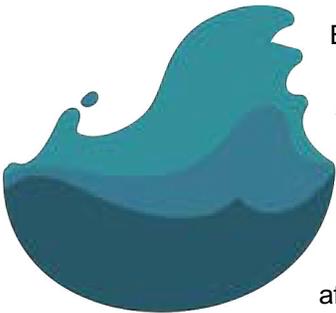
## however ....

On this sad day, God also gave Adam and Eve **some good news**. Before sending them out of the garden, God made them a **promise**. In Genesis 3v15, God says that there will be a man who would get rid of sin completely. Right here, after the very first sin, God gives people a chance **to be forgiven**. This way of forgiveness all revolves around the man God promised would someday come, **His son, Jesus**.

Outside the garden, Adam and Eve had children, and their children had children, and soon there were LOTS of people. They were sometimes good and loved God, but then they were sometimes bad and didn't listen to God. And this cycle continued. The world wasn't how God planned for it to be.

**Nothing was very good now.**

## SO ....



Because God loves His people, He tried to help them: He sent a flood to start fresh with His plan, He gave special promises to special people about the future and about a savior, He sent judges, He even sent prophets to warn and encourage them! But the people still disobeyed God's Word. So then He punished his people and sent them into captivity for 70 years! While the people were in captivity, God showed the prophets some of His plans for the future. The prophets passed on God's message to his people, telling them about the coming of the Messiah "the anointed" of God. When they returned home to Israel after the captivity, the people were happy, but longed for the coming of the Messiah who would save them.

4. Micah was one of the prophets God sent. Read Micah 5v2. Where would the Messiah, their soon-coming ruler, be born?

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5. Jeremiah was another prophet sent to teach and encourage people. Read Jeremiah 23v5-6. What kind of man would Jesus be to the people? What family line would he be from?

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6. Read Luke 4v43. What would Jesus' work be?

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7. Read John 3v16-17. Jesus showed God's character to the world. What will happen if people believed in him?

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<b>GOD'S NAME</b>	God's plan is so important to Him, that it is a part of His name. <b>His name is "Yahweh" which means, "He who will be".</b> This means, God would be shown to the world. We will soon see throughout our studies that <b>He did this through His son Jesus.</b> Jesus would show God's character to the world. <b>He did God's works, spoke God's words and did God's will.</b>
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We only have to live on this earth for one day to realize that the earth is NOT following God.

**God knew that this would happen, and from the beginning of creation He had a plan.**

After the death of the last prophets, the nation of Israel slowly became less important in the world. Other nations became great - strong nations, powerful nations, whose kings ruled over God's people. They longed to be free. If only they realized that God had brought these nations against them to punish them for their disobedience. He hoped that in their suffering they might learn to humble themselves and turn back to Him and love Him.

As always, there were a few faithful in Israel who still read the Law and the prophets. These men and women waited anxiously for **the coming of the Messiah, the "anointed" of God.** They believed that the Messiah would come and set them free and **bring God close to His people.** They looked at things happening in the world around them for signs that their Messiah would come and set them free.

**It was into this world that the life of the man we're studying, Jesus, begins.**

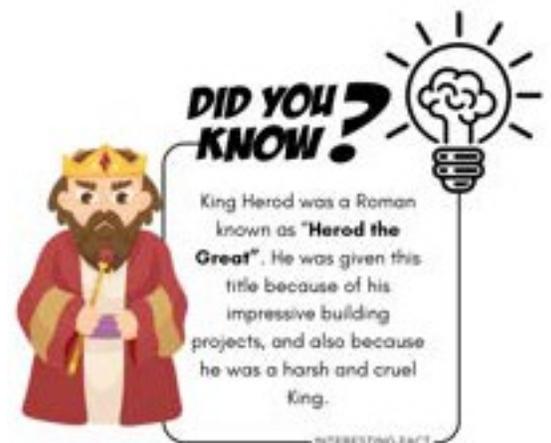
## SECTION 2: The birth and early life of Jesus

Israel was still part of the Roman Empire, and Roman law and customs were being forced on the Jewish people. The Jews didn't like the Romans and there was always lots of tension between them. The Roman Emperor was called Caesar and he lived in Rome. He had Roman governors and kings throughout his empire.

8. Read Luke 1v5. Who was the Roman king in Judea at the time?

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### About:

- Synagogue
- Jesus' hometown - he spent his childhood and early adulthood here
- Small Jewish farming town of around 300 people.
- Most people were farmers, tradesman, carpenters etc
- Not a busy place or a place that would have had many visitors



### Read Luke 1v26-38.

In a tiny village called Nazareth lived a young Jewish girl. She believed in God and believed in the promises He had given to His people, but it had been about 2,500 years since God had promised Abraham that he would send a Savior.

God sent an angel to tell her a special message. **The time had come for God to send His son and she would be a part of God's plan in doing this.**

9. What was the name of the angel?

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This was the same angel who appeared to Daniel a long time ago. He told Daniel of the coming of "Messiah the Prince" at the end of a certain period that was even then coming to fulfillment (Daniel 8v16, 9v21).

10. What were the names of the young couple who were about to be married?

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11. What family line were they from?

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12. Read verse 28 and 30, what was Mary's character like?

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13. What did the angel say would happen to Mary?

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14. What would be the name of her son?

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15. Read verses 32-33, and fill in the blanks. "He shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and shall be called the

\_\_\_\_\_ ; and the Lord God shall give him the throne of his Father \_\_\_\_\_ ; and he shall reign over the house of \_\_\_\_\_ for ever; and of his \_\_\_\_\_ there shall be no \_\_\_\_\_ .



Jesus was both the Son of Man, being raised by Joseph and Mary like any human child, and the Son of God, being conceived by the Holy Spirit.

16. In verse 35, it says that the Holy Spirit would come upon Mary and that she would become pregnant. **The Holy Spirit is God's special power.** God has the power to create and change things as he wishes. Who would be this baby's Father?

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The first person that Mary shared this exciting news with was her cousin Elisabeth. Just like Mary, an angel had appeared to Elizabeth's husband Zacharias, with a special message that his wife would soon have a son. They were old and didn't have any children yet, so this was amazing news. **The angel said that their baby would be named John and that he would be given a special mission - to announce the good news to everyone that the Messiah, that everyone had been waiting for, was coming!** The hearts of the people must be made ready to welcome him. For the last 400 years they had lived without a prophet of God in their midst. So they needed someone to put them in the right frame of mind to receive their Messiah. What an incredible mission! His work was so important that he would be filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth.



**Jesus and John were cousins. What a powerful pair of cousins they would be! God would be with both of these boys from the womb, through their childhood, and throughout their adulthood, guiding them and preparing them in every aspect for their very important missions.**



#### About:

- Located in the hill country right outside Jerusalem.
- A cozy little town with friendly people and lots of sheep. Rolling hills and open spaces where shepherds would watch over their flocks.
- A great farming area - mild climate and lots of rain made sure that orchards, vineyards, wheat and barley grew very well and always produced a bountiful harvest.

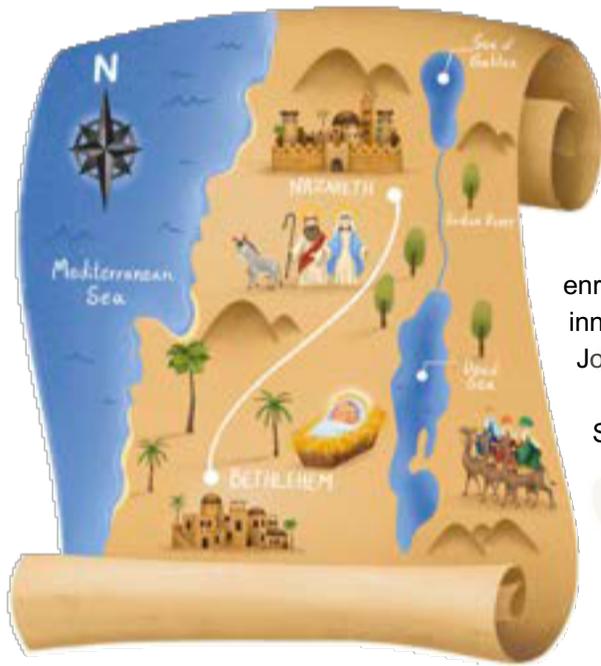


**Read Luke 2v1-21.**

The prophet Micah wrote that **Bethlehem** would be the birthplace of Jesus, but Joseph and Mary lived in **Nazareth!** So how would this happen?

**GOD'S WORDS NEVER FAIL**

Caesar Augustus, the emperor of Rome made a decree over all the people he ruled over, that everyone should go back to their own city to be enrolled for taxing. So, Mary and Joseph had to travel from **Nazareth** to **Bethlehem**, as they were both from the family line David, who was born in **Bethlehem**.



The journey was hard and over 60 miles long! It was nearly time for their baby to be born. Lots of people had traveled to Bethlehem to be enrolled, so when they arrived at the inn, it was full and there was no room for Joseph and Mary to stay.



So where would this special baby be born? In a nice, big home? In a clean hotel? NO!

God's son would be born in a stable, a place for animals.

**No-one in that small town was aware that the most wonderful event in history was about to take place!**

17. What happened while they were in the manger? v7

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18. There were shepherds in the nearby fields. An angel appeared to them. What did the angel say to the shepherds? v10-12

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19. Suddenly, a multitude of the heavenly host started praising God! What were they singing? v14

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20. Where did the shepherds go after all of this? v15

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**The shepherds told everyone what had happened and that Christ the Messiah was born in Bethlehem. All who heard the shepherds story were amazed! The shepherds then went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard.**



21. What did they name their son? v21

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22. Who chose this name? v21

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23. Look up Matthew 1v21. What would Jesus save the people from?

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24. Look up Luke 19v10. Who would Jesus save?

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The name "Jesus" is the Hebrew name "Yeshua" (ישוע).

"Yeshua" means "Yahweh saves."

Yahweh is the name of our God.

Through Jesus. Yahweh would save the people!

**About:**

- Located on a mountain that was well protected.
- A busy and important city. Markets, streets filled with people, a big beautiful temple where people went to worship.
- There were many different kinds of people there, and everyone had their own beliefs and ways of living.
- Jesus visited and ministered in Jerusalem at least 10 times during His ministry years.

**Read Luke 2v22-39.**

When Jesus was 8 days old, Joseph and Mary took him to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God.

25. There was an old man in Jerusalem who was just and devout. What was his name?

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26. Where did the Holy Sprit lead him? v27

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27. Simeon was promised that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. When he saw baby Jesus at the temple he was filled with joy and awe. What things did he say as he held baby Jesus and blessed God?

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28. There was also an old prophetess sitting in the temple, what was her name? v36

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29. She was a widow and never left the temple, what did she do every day?

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30. What did she do when she saw Jesus?

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## BETHLEHEM

### Read Matthew 2v1-18.

Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem, where they lived for some time. Meanwhile, far away in a land to the east, wise men looked for a sign which would tell of the birth of the Messiah! When they saw a new star in the

heavens, they knew by calculations that the time had come. Immediately, they set off on the long journey to Jerusalem.



31. When they arrived to Jerusalem, what did they ask?

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32. When king Herod heard these things, how did he feel?

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33. Herod gathered all the chief priests and scribes together to find out where Jesus was born. What did they tell him?

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Commentators often say there were three wise men, but the Bible doesn't specify a number. We assume this based on the three gifts they brought—one gift per wise man.

How important it is to read the Bible carefully. Have a look again at Matthew 2v11.

Herod then called for the wise men, and told them to find the child Jesus and then report back to him so he could go and worship the child as well! But he was lying! Herod only wanted to find Jesus, so that he could kill him.

34. The wise men left Jerusalem, found Jesus and worshipped him. Jesus was a few years old at this time. What gifts did the wise men bring for Jesus?

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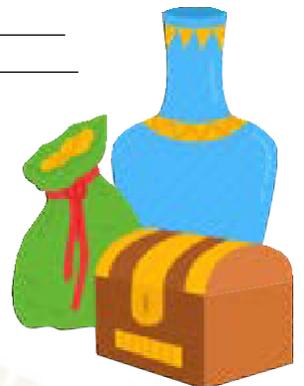
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35. What were the wise men warned of by God in a dream?

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36. After the wise men left, an angel appeared to Joseph. What did the angel tell Joseph to do?

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Herod soon realized the the wise men had tricked him and had not retuned to tell him where Jesus was! He became mad and filled with anger.



**About:**

- Jesus lived here for a little while to escape Herod's evil decree.
- A rich area in the Roman Empire with fertile land and strong farming.
- We aren't told many details about their time in Egypt - Alexandria had a large Jewish population, and it's possible that Joseph could have found work there as a carpenter.



37. What terrible decree did Herod make? Matthew 2v16

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38. How long did Joseph, Mary and Jesus have to stay in Egypt for? Matthew 2v15

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It was not long before Herod died, and the angel of God once again appeared to Joseph in a dream. It was now safe for them to return to Israel. They did not go back to Bethlehem, but returned to Nazareth, where Jesus spent his childhood.

**NAZARETH**

**Read Luke 2v39,40.**

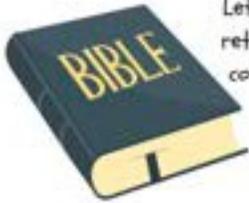
Finally, after their journey from Nazareth - to Bethlehem - to Jerusalem - to Egypt; they were able to return to their home in Nazareth.

39. Fill in the blanks: "And the child grew, and waxed strong in \_\_\_\_\_, filled with \_\_\_\_\_: and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was upon him".



## LESSON FOR US

The birth of Jesus Christ was the most thrilling event in the whole of history. His birth was a time of great rejoicing. We are now living at a time close to the return of Jesus. When Jesus returns it will bring even greater joy, especially to those who have been watching and waiting for him.



Let us read our Bibles every day to find out all we can about his return and talk with our parents about what will happen when he comes. The Kingdom of God will then become very real to us and we will enthusiastically look forward to it.

## JERUSALEM

### Read Luke 2v41-50.

Every year, Joseph and Mary would travel to Jerusalem at the feast of Passover. The Jewish people were slaves in Egypt a long time ago. God helped them to escape from slavery and Passover is a time to remember that. During Passover, they ate special food, sung songs, and said prayers. It was a time for families to be together and be thankful for their freedom.

40. How old was Jesus during this trip to Jerusalem?

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41. When the feast of Passover had ended, Jesus stayed in Jerusalem (his parents thought he was with the other travelers going back to Nazareth). How long did it take to find Jesus? v46

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42. Where did they find him? v46

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43. What was he doing there? v46

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"AND ALL THAT HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS UNDERSTANDING AND ANSWERS"

44. When Joseph and Mary found Jesus, they said to him, "we were worried about you and have been searching for you, why did you do this to us?" What did Jesus say to them? v49

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45. Did they understand what he meant? v50

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## WILDERNESS OF JUDEA

### About:

- Judea's wilderness gets less than 2 inches of rain yearly.
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- Water is rare, so finding it is tough. The land has little vegetation because of the scarce water and bad soil. It's rough and desolate, with dry rocks and few plants. The weather is severe, with hot days and cold nights.



## NAZARETH

### Read Luke 2v52.

Jesus went back to Nazareth with Joseph and Mary and was obedient unto them.

In Nazareth, Joseph worked as a carpenter, supporting their busy family. It is likely that Jesus learned from Joseph and worked as a carpenter too. Over time, Mary and Joseph had other children, including: James, Joses, Simon, Judah, and several sisters. Jesus was the eldest in the house, and he stood out as someone special. He had a special connection to spiritual matters which he inherited from his Heavenly Father. This allowed him to understand scripture with amazing depth and insight.



46. Fill in the blanks. "Jesus grew in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_  
and in \_\_\_\_\_ with God and all the people"



**As Jesus grew older, he was curious and eager to learn about God, his Father, and the teachings of the Old Testament. Just like Jesus, we can follow his example by exploring and asking questions to understand more about God and his ways.**



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30 years passed, and Jesus grew into a man.

30 years passed, and the world still had not heard the message that the angels had sung to the shepherds when Jesus was born.

30 years passed, and so far no one had become a follower of Jesus.

Do you know how God told his people they should follow His son Jesus?

God didn't use angels this time. Instead, **God used a man**.

This man was already teaching people about God's Kingdom. This man lived in the desert, and his name was...John! He was also Jesus' cousin.



### Read Luke 3v1-18.

John had a special mission from God. He prepared himself in the wilderness for the great work God had chosen for him to do.

47. Read Luke 1v76-77. What was John's mission?

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People listened to John and believed what he was saying. **"Get ready"** he called out to the people. **"Get ready for the Messiah who is coming"**.

**"What should we do to get ready"?** the people asked.

**"Search your hearts, turn back to God and change your lives"**.

The people did what John said and knelt down in the river to be baptized.



48. Who was the governor of Judea at this time? v1

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49. Who were the high priests at this time? v2

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50. John went into all the country around the Jordan river. What was he preaching? v3

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51. What types of people came to be baptized of John? See verse 12,14

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52. Who did all the people think that John might be? v15

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53. Look up Mark 1v6. What did John the baptist wear? What did he eat?

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John preached, “**repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**”.

It was time for the people to acknowledge their sins and change their ways.

If they agreed to do this, they would be ready to listen to their Messiah’s message when he came.



**About:**

- Its total winding length is about 125 miles.
- It was clean and provided water for people and animals in the area. The riverbanks were probably green and full of plants because of the water.
- People also used the Jordan River for baptisms.
- Interesting events: The Israelites crossed the Jordan River on dry ground as God miraculously parted the waters. Naaman, the Leper, was healed in the Jordan River by the Prophet Elisha.



**Read Luke 3v21-23.**

**The time had now come for him to begin his special work for God, his Father.** John had prepared the people. He had taught them that the Messiah was coming, although they did not know who the Messiah actually was yet.

One day, as John was baptizing people, a man stepped forward out of the crowd and came to John. It was his cousin Jesus. John knew what kind of man he was. He did not know anyone more upright and Godly than Jesus. This was not the kind of person he was preaching to. His message was for the wicked and sinners, telling them to repent and be baptized. This man was not a sinner.



54. What did Jesus ask John to do? See Matthew 3v13.

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55. When Jesus was baptized, what wonderful thing happened when he came up out of the water?

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56. What did the voice from heaven say?

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57. How old was Jesus when he was baptized?

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58. Have you ever seen someone be baptized? Ask a parent, grandparent or aunty/uncle why they got baptized, what happens and how did they feel?

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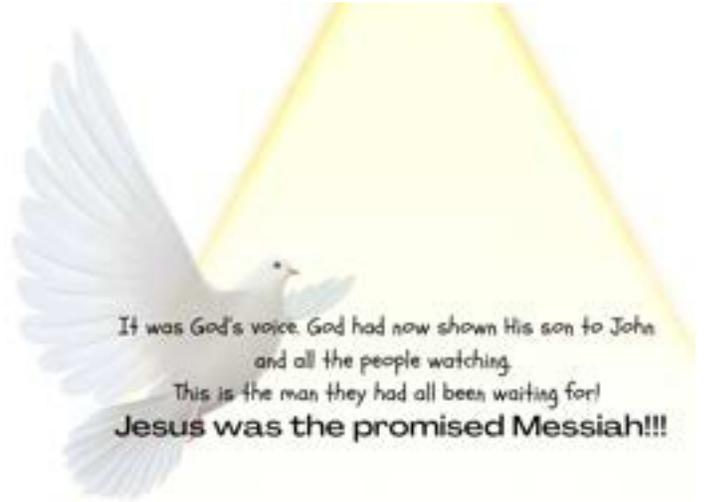
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59. What are some things we can do now to help us prepare for baptism?

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**God gave Jesus His special power, called the Holy spirit, to help him in all the things that God wanted him to do.** Jesus was going to show the people wonderful miracles - he could heal sick people, make blind people see, and provide food for thousands of hungry people.

## GOD'S WAYS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT

**Jesus knew this and always obeyed his Father.** He read the Bible every day and understood what God wanted him to do. **By being baptized, Jesus showed the people that his life was given to God and set an example for all those who wanted to change their ways.**

### Why baptism? What does it do?

Read the following verses and write down what you learn about baptism.

60. Luke 3v3

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61. Mark 16v15-16

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62. 1 Peter 3v21

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**Read Luke 4v1-13.**

Jesus was 30 years old when he started his ministry. **It was now time for him to begin doing God's work and preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God.**

63. Where did Jesus go straight after his baptism?

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64. What led him into the wilderness?

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65. How long did Jesus stay in the wilderness? verse 2

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66. How did Jesus feel at the end of 40 days in the wilderness? verse 2

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**Colour the Picture on the next page**



This is my  
beloved son in  
whom I am well  
pleased



While Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tested 3 times.

**Fill in the chart on the next page** - what were the 3 things the tempter challenged Jesus to do, and what did Jesus say back?

Tempter's Question	Jesus' Response
verse 3:	verse 4:
verse 5-7:	verse 8:
verse 9-11:	verse 12:



67. Read verse 3 and 9 again. What was the tempter trying to prove?

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He came to put Jesus to the test, to see how he would use the power God had given him. Jesus knew that God was his Father and that the power he had been given was to be used for God's glory, not his own.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Every time Jesus was tested, he had an answer ready from the word of God! All his answers came from Moses's words to Israel in Deuteronomy. You can read them in chapter 8v3, 6v16, 6v13.

God's words kept him strong under trial.

68. In everything we do, we must think about what would please God. We must think about the choices we make and do our best to please God, just as Jesus did. What are some ways we can be strong enough to do what God wants, just like Jesus did?

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# JORDAN RIVER

## Read John 1v19-51.

John the baptist had lots of disciples, or “followers”, who listened closely to his words and followed him.

At this time, the Pharisees had sent priests and levites to question John - “who are you John, are you Christ, Elijah or a prophet”?

69. What did John reply back to them? Was he the Christ, or Elijah or a prophet?

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70. Who did John say that he was?

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**In the next few verses, John the Baptist confirms he is not the Messiah, but declares Jesus as, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”. John says that he saw the Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove, confirming Jesus as being the Son of God.**

71. The day after this, while John was with two of his disciples, they saw Jesus walking by. What did John say about Jesus? v36

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72. What did John’s two disciples do after they heard this? v37

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73. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said, “what are you looking for?” What did they want to know?

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So they followed Jesus and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about 4pm.

74. One of the disciples who followed Jesus was Andrew. He was so excited about what John had said that he went and found his brother Simon and said, “**we have found the Messiah**”! When Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, what did Jesus say? What would Simon now be called and what does it mean? v42

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75. The next day, Jesus went into Galilee. Who did he find? v43

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76. What did Jesus say to him? v43

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### DID YOU KNOW?

A lot of people think the unnamed disciple with Andrew, who followed Jesus, was **JOHN!**

John wrote the Gospel of John, and he never uses his own name.

77. After Jesus said this, who did Phillip then go and find? v45

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78. What did Phillip say to Nathanael about what he had found? v45

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79. Did Nathanael eagerly follow Phillip to go and see Jesus, or have doubts?

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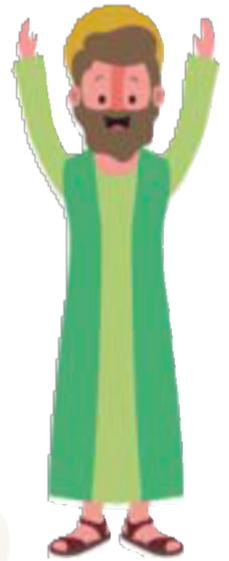
80. Fill in the blanks to the words that Nathanael says. "Can there any \_\_\_\_\_ thing come out of \_\_\_\_\_?"

When Nathanael meets Jesus, **he talks to Nathanael and shows that he knows what Nathanael is thinking.**

Nathanael is amazed, and realizes....

Jesus truly is the Son of God!

They were not officially Jesus' called out Apostles yet, **but they followed Jesus and listened to his teachings and watched his miracles. They became more and more convinced that he was the Messiah sent by God.**



## SECTION 3: The ministry of Jesus begins



### About:

- A small village located in the region of Galilee, which was part of the Roman province of Judea during the time of Jesus.
- Cana was not as prominent as some other cities like Jerusalem or Capernaum, but it played a significant role in the ministry of Jesus as the site of his first recorded miracle.



### Read John 2v1-11.

Jesus had been anointed with the Holy Spirit power at his baptism. His disciples had not yet seen him use this power.

There was going to be a wedding in a town called Cana of Galilee. A wedding was a very happy time and sometimes lasted for days in Israel.

81. Who else went to the wedding with Jesus? verse 2

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82. What happened to the wine while everyone was still enjoying the feast? verse 3

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The wine had run out! The house was full of **disgrace and dismay**.

83. Mary asked Jesus to help. What did Jesus say to her?

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84. Mary seemed to know in her heart that Jesus would help. What did she say to the servants?

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85. What did Jesus tell the servants to do?

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86. What happened to the water in the water pots?

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87. What did the ruler of the feast say when he tasted the wine?

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**Joy and happiness** filled the house again!

88. What did the disciples think when they saw the miracle at the wedding feast in Cana? verse 11

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89. We don't see miracles like water changing into wine today, but God is still there in our life. What is something you can think of that shows to you that God does exist?

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Each of Jesus' miracles held a deeper spiritual meaning. They weren't just flashy displays, but valuable lessons. He came to show God's glory to Israel, and the miracles were a way to do that. They showed his power and helped explain his teachings.

Joy

This miracle showed the people that Israel didn't have the **JOY** that only Jesus could give. They had to rediscover **JOY** in serving him.



**Read John 3v1-21.**

Jesus stayed in Jerusalem for a while and did miracles among the people who crowded into the city. Many of them believed when they saw the miracles he did. The rulers of the Jews did not mix with the ordinary people. They stood apart, and watched from a distance. One of them however, watched what Jesus did and thought carefully about what he said.



The Pharisees were teachers of the Law and known for strictly following it. Most Pharisees were scribes or normal citizens. They were known for being proud and arrogant, and thinking they were better than others.

90. What was the name of the Pharisee who came to Jesus in the night?

91. In Matthew 23v27-28, what did Jesus say about the Pharisees?

92. Why do you think he chose to come and see Jesus in the night? Nicodemus appears three times in the Bible (John 3v1; 7:50; 19:39), and each time he is labelled as the man that "came to Jesus by night."

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93. What did Nicodemus believe about Jesus? verse 2

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94. What did Jesus tell him that a man must do if he wants to enter into the Kingdom of God? verse 5

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95. Did Nicodemus understand what Jesus was saying? verse 4

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So, to enter into **the kingdom of God** - we must read our Bibles every day and try hard to understand what God has written. We will only be ready for **baptism** if we do this. Our words and actions must become more and more like Jesus' too, because we are training to reign with him as "kings and priests" **in the kingdom of God**.

## JORDAN RIVER

**Read John 3v22-24.**

After all these things, Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judea.

96. What did Jesus start doing in the Jordan River in Judea?

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97. What was John doing in the Aenon springs near Salim?



**Read John 3v25-35.**

There arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews!

98. What were they worried about?

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John told them - "I am very happy that people are following Jesus and listening to him! He was sent from God and is greater than I am and speaks God's words. My mission was to prepare the way for Jesus and now I must become less and less and Jesus must become greater and greater".

## REGION OF GALILEE

**Read Luke 4v14-15.**

Fill in the blanks. "And Jesus returned in the power of the

\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_: and

there went out a \_\_\_\_\_ of him through all the region round about. And

he \_\_\_\_\_ in their synagogues, being

\_\_\_\_\_ of all".

# NAZARETH

## Read Luke 4v16-30.

Wherever Jesus taught in the synagogues, in the towns of Galilee, people praised him. He now came to the city of Nazareth where he had grown up. Everyone knew him there. They knew him as the son of Joseph, the carpenter.

It was this very thing that made it hard for the people of Nazareth to accept Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. No doubt, they had loved him as a boy. He now came back to teach them and they would not listen.

98. When Jesus stood up to read in the synagogue at Nazareth, which part of the Old Testament did he read from? verse 17

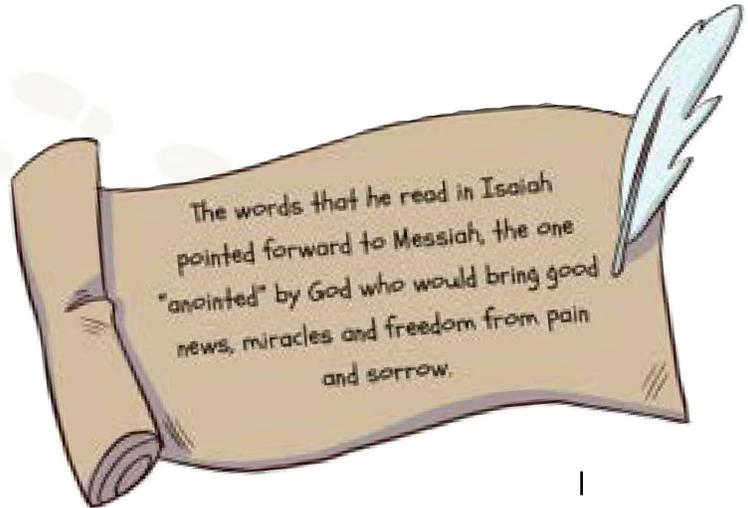
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99. When Jesus sat down after reading from the scroll what did he say?

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Jesus was telling them - this prophecy is coming to pass right before your very eyes!

100. Why were the people in the synagogue at Nazareth surprised when they heard Jesus speak?

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101. Who was really Jesus' father?

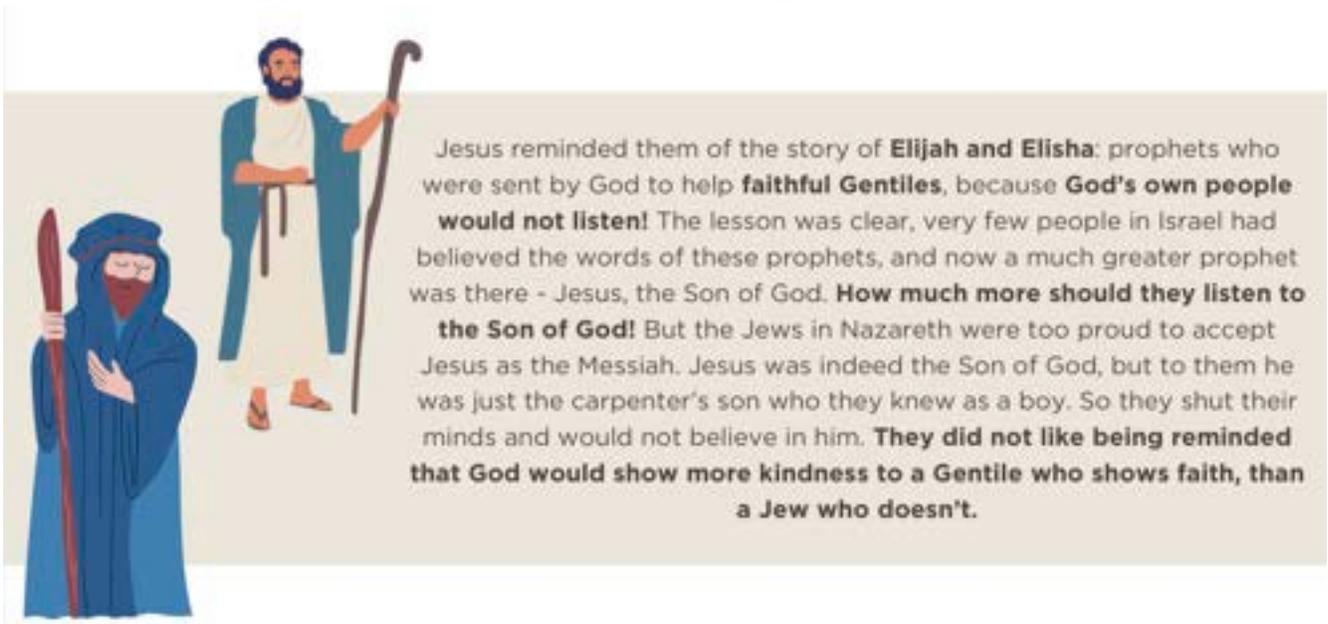
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102. Why did Jesus not do many miracles in Nazareth?

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103. What two Old Testament prophets did Jesus remind them of while he was in the synagogue in Nazareth?  
verse 25-27

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104. How did the people react after they heard these things? verse 28

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105. What did they try to do after Jesus finished speaking in the synagogue at Nazareth? verse 29

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106. How did Jesus avoid being thrown down to his death at Nazareth? verse 30.

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What an amazing miracle! He just walked right through the middle of the angry crowd.

107. How should we act when we are told off and told to change our ways?

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It is easy to act like those people in Nazareth, and refuse to listen when we are told off. Sometimes we shut our ears when our parents are pointing out what we have done wrong. They are trying to teach us right ways and we must not be too proud to listen. It is all preparing us to be obedient children of God. We need to listen to our parents and teachers as they teach us the word of God, otherwise God will not work in our lives.



## CAPERNAUM

After his sad visit to Nazareth, Jesus made his way to Capernaum. He stayed there for some time and performed many miracles.

On the sabbath day, people gathered in the synagogues to hear the reading of the Law of Moses and the Prophets. Jesus went to the synagogue and taught the people. Here, the people of Capernaum listened intently, unlike in Nazareth. The people of Capernaum understood that Jesus was a teacher, who could really help them understand God's ways, and they were excited about it.

### Read Luke 4v33-37.

108. What suddenly happened while Jesus was teaching in the synagogue? verse 33-34

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109. What did Jesus say to the man who called out loudly in the synagogue? verse 35

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110. What happened to the unclean spirit? verse 35

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111. How did the people react when they saw this? verse 36

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“And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about”

**Read Luke 4v38-39.**

112. Where did Jesus and his disciples go when they left the synagogue? verse 38

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113. What was wrong with Simon's mother-in-law? verse 39

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114. How did Jesus help Simon Peter's mother-in-law?

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115. Who came to Jesus at sunset? What did Jesus do for them?

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116. The next day, Jesus got up to leave Capernaum. Lots of people sought him. What did he tell the people he had to do?

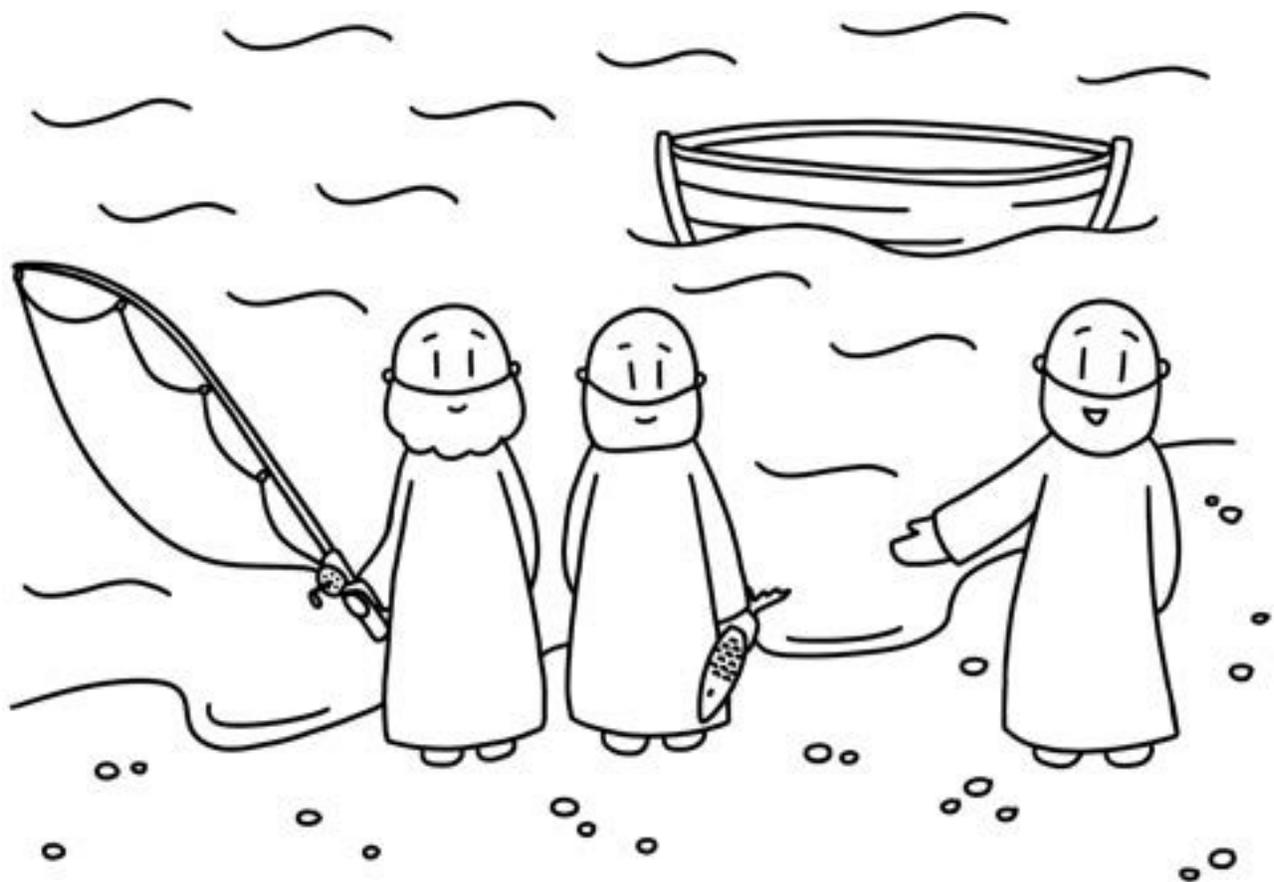
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Jesus did indeed have the power of God, but he was a man like us, who grew tired and needed rest. He made sure that he had quiet time to pray to his Father. Prayer to God is something we must learn to do as we grow up, giving Him praise and thanks for everything.

"Follow me,  
and I will make  
you fishers  
of men!"



# GALILEE

## Read Luke 5v1-11.

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to what he had to say. He noticed two empty boats on the edge of the water. The fishermen had been out all night fishing and had not caught anything. They were now on shore washing and mending their nets. Jesus stepped into one of the boats.

117. Whose boat did Jesus enter into? verse 3

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118. Why did Jesus get into the boat? verse 3

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119. After Jesus had finished speaking to the people, what did he tell Simon to do? verse 4

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120. What did Simon say to Jesus? verse 5

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121. What happened after they let down their nets? verse 6

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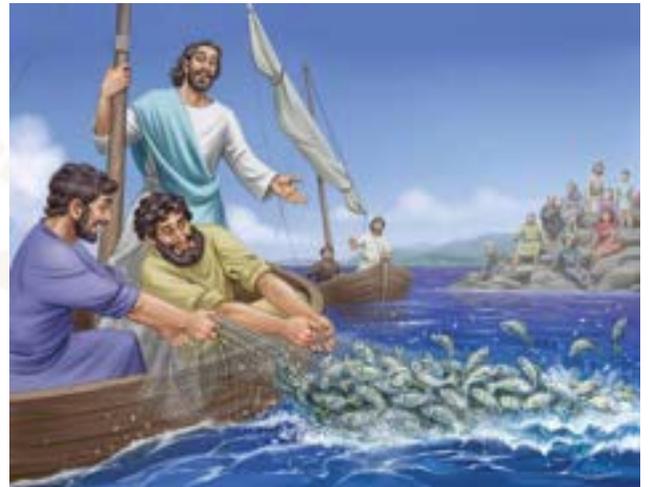
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122. Simon and Andrew called to James and John to help. Soon there were so many fish that both boats began to sink. **They saw at once that it was a miracle.** What did Jesus say they would catch from now on? v10

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123. What do you think this means?

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124. What did Simon, Andrew, James and John then do? v11

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If they were going to follow Jesus, they must put everything else aside. Jesus was the priority. This is true discipleship. Jesus told them not to fear, "from henceforth thou shalt catch men". They could trust that God would provide for their needs, as shown by this miracle. Their work now was with people, passing on the lessons that they learned from Jesus and helping him in his mission.

**Read Luke 5v12-16.**

When Jesus was teaching in a certain city, a man with leprosy came up to Jesus!

125. What did the man with leprosy DO when he saw Jesus?

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126. What did the man SAY when he saw Jesus?

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127. How did Jesus cure him of his leprosy?

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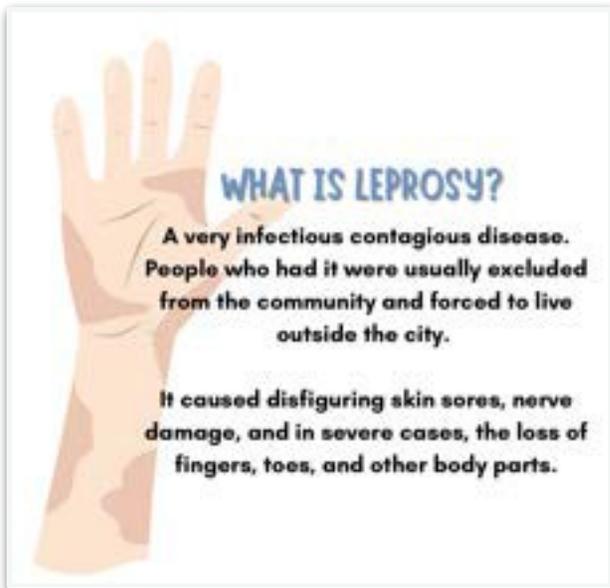
128. What did Jesus tell the man to do after all these things happened?

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129. The name of Jesus became more and more popular. Crowds gathered to hear his message and to be healed. He withdrew himself to the wilderness. What did he go there to do?

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# CAPERNAUM

## Read Luke 5v17-26.

130. One day, Jesus was teaching in a house. Who was there listening?  
verse 17

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131. What was present with Jesus? verse 17

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132. Some men brought their paralyzed friend to be healed, but the house where Jesus was staying was so crowded they couldn't get in. Refusing to give up, what did they do? verse 19



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133. Jesus saw that they had great faith. What did he say to the paralyzed man? verse 20

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134. The Scribes and Pharisees began to reason among themselves. Fill in the blanks. "Who is this which speaketh \_\_\_\_\_? Who can \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ alone?" verse 21

But Jesus said, "Is it easier to say to this man, '**your sins are forgiven**', or to say, '**get up and walk**'? The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins".

The scribes and pharisees knew Jesus was claiming to have God's power. If he healed the paralyzed man, it would show he could forgive sins too. It's no harder to heal the man than to say, "Your sins are forgiven."

135. What did Jesus then tell the paralyzed man to do? v24

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136. What an amazing miracle. How did the man react to being healed? v25

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137. How did all the people in the house react to seeing this miracle? v26

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## Read Luke 5v27-32.

Jesus' disciples are all called at different points during his ministry. Up to this moment in Jesus' ministry, he had only specifically chosen 6 disciples by name: Philip, Nathanael (Bartholomew), Andrew, Peter, James and John. Now, Levi is called out to follow Jesus.

138. Where was Levi sitting?

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139. What is Levi called? v27

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140. What did Jesus say to him? v27

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141. What did Levi do? verse 28

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142. What did Levi do for Jesus in his own house? verse 29

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143. Who was at this great feast? verse 29

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144. What did the scribes and Pharisees murmur about? verse 30

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145. Fill in the blanks. Jesus said to them, "I came not to call the \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

Basically Jesus is saying, "I'm here to help sinners change their ways, not those who think they're already good."

This statement reveals Jesus' mission during his ministry. He's highlighting that his teachings are primarily for those who realize they need to repent and grow spiritually, not for those who believe they are already righteous and don't need to change.

Jesus focuses on connecting with people who acknowledge their faults and are ready to leave sin behind, embracing a journey of repentance and change.

**Read Luke 6v6-11.**

On the sabbath day Jesus enters into the synagogue in Capernaum so that he could teach the people. The Sabbath day was a day of rest and worship that occurred once a week. The Sabbath was a holy day and was meant for rest, reflection, and spending time with family and community.

146. The commandment to keep the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship is found in Exodus 20 verse 8-11. What do these verses tell us about what you should not do on the Sabbath day?

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147. Who was there in the synagogue listening to Jesus' teachings? v6

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148. The scribes and Pharisees were always watching to see if Jesus would do something wrong so they could get him in trouble. They were jealous of Jesus. What were they waiting to see if Jesus did? v7

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Jesus knew exactly what the scribes and pharisees were thinking! They wanted him to heal this man, because if he did, they felt they had cause to accuse him of breaking the law. He was saddened that these people could be so nasty and decided to teach them a much needed lesson.

149. What did Jesus **say** to the man with the withered hand? v8

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Then Jesus said to everyone watching, “what is better to do on the Sabbath - to do good or evil? To save life or destroy it”. What a question! By saying this, Jesus showed that he knew exactly what the scribes and Pharisees were thinking. They only had evil thoughts in their heart and they couldn't blame Jesus without admitting their own guilt.

150. What did Jesus then **say** to the man with the withered hand? verse 10.

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151. What happened to the mans hand? verse 10

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152. How did the scribes and Pharisees react? v11. Jesus simply spoke and didn't even touch the man! Even a Pharisee couldn't claim that speaking broke the law.

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SEA OF GALILEE

**About:**

- It's a freshwater lake about 8 miles (13 km) wide by about 12 miles (19 km) long, and 150 ft. (46 m) deep.
- Many people fished in the lake for food and work.
- People used the lake to travel from one place to another. It was an easy way to get to other cities around the lake.
- Jesus did special things like walked on the water, calmed the storm and taught near the lake.



Jesus then left the synagogue and continued preaching throughout Galilee. People from Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond Jordan, Tyre and Sidon followed him. They had heard what great things he did.

**Read Luke 6v12-16.**

153. Read Luke 6v12. What did Jesus go up into the mountain to do?

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154. What did he then do when it was morning?

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We are about 1.5 years into the ministry of Jesus, and he just now officially chooses his disciples. He had told certain people to “follow him”, but they weren't officially Apostles yet. Jesus chooses 12 disciples to closely hear his words and see his miracles. He began to prepare these men for the time when he would be taken from them, and they would have to carry on the work of spreading the gospel without him.

They were probably not the sort of men the world would choose for its leaders. They diligently studied the Bible, but they were not rich or highly educated. Jesus however, knew they were true and sincere men with the potential to become leaders of the ecclesia. Jesus was the best teacher they could have. What an amazing privilege these men had to work so closely with Jesus and be his friends.



155. What is a disciple?

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156. What is an apostle?

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157. **Fill out the chart** to find out the names of all the disciples that Jesus called to follow him and help in his amazing work. Some of the gospels call men by a different name than others. Some tell us more about one of them. For example, what his last name was, or whose son he was. But all of them list all 12.

Look through the references, and write what each apostle is called and what other information is given about him. Simon and Andrew are done for you.

The lists of the apostles are found in: **Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16; Acts 1:13,26**

Name of Disciple	Notes	Reference	Occupation	Reference
1. Simon (Peter) 2. Andrew	Brothers	Luke 6v14		Luke 5v1-11
3. 4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brothers</li> <li>Known as "sons of thunder"</li> </ul>	Mark 3v17		Luke 5v1-11
5.		Luke 6v14	Not known	
6.	Also known as Nathanael	Luke 6v14	Not known	
7.	Also known as Didymus	John 11v16	Not known	
8.	Also known as Levi	Matthew 9v9, Mark 2v14, Matthew 10v3		Matthew 9v9, Mark 2v14
9.	Son of Alphaeus	Luke 6v15	Not known	
10.	Also known as Judas, son of James, or Lebbaeus	Matthew 10v3	Not known	
11.	Called Zelotes The Canaanite	Luke 6v15 Matthew 10v2	Not known	
12.	Betrayed Jesus	Mark 3v19	Not known	

158. In Matthew 10v1. What were the apostles given to help them convince others of their message?

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159. In Mark 3v14-15. What would the apostles mission be?

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160. Read Matthew 19v28. What reward did Jesus offer the 12 apostles?

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161. Read Matthew 19v29. What shall we have if we forsake all and follow Jesus?

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It is certainly a privilege to be a disciple of Jesus. As we learn his ways and listen carefully to the word of God, we will realize more and more as we grow up that it is the way to true happiness. As faithful disciples we must forsake anything that cannot be used in service to God. The world offers so many distractions that can pull us away from God's way, but nothing can compare to what God has in store for those who love and obey Him.

## GALILEE

### Read Luke 6v17-49.

Jesus came down the mountain with his chosen twelve disciples and stood in the plain. Many of his followers and people from Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal areas of Tyre and Sidon gathered around. They came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases and unclean spirits!

Jesus then teaches the people with many parables and gives them lots of things to think about, and learn from regarding how to be a true disciple. He encourages them to be merciful, non-judgmental, generous and to **build their life on a firm foundation that is rooted in Christ.**



# CAPERNAUM

## Read Luke 7v1-10.

Once again, Jesus came into Capernaum. As usual everyone in Capernaum was happy to know Jesus was back there again and they were all talking about him. In Capernaum there lived a centurion - a Gentile.

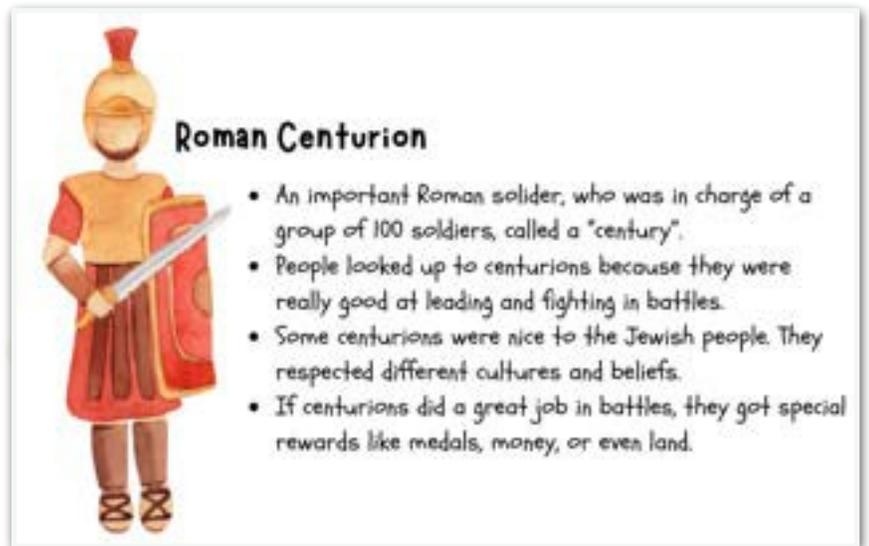
162. What was wrong with the Centurion's servant? verse 2

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163. What did the Centurion ask the elders of the Jews to do because his servant was ill?

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When they came to Jesus, they told him that the Centurion was a good man. He had done a lot to help the Jewish people and even had a synagogue built for them, to help them worship their God. Most of the Romans hated the Jews and treated them badly.



164. What message did the Centurion send when Jesus was near his house?

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The centurion felt that Jesus was so much better and greater than he was. He did not even feel worthy to come out and meet Jesus himself. The Centurion had command over 100 soldiers - he spoke and they did what he said. In the same way, the Centurion understood that Jesus had authority from God and when he spoke, his words would be obeyed.

165. When Jesus saw that the centurion had great faith in him, what did he say? verse 9

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166. When the friends of the Centurion returned home, what did they find had happened? verse 10

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The Roman Centurion had great FAITH that Jesus could heal! We must have this same faith too. Faith that Jesus is caring for us and faith that he will return and set up God's Kingdom. Not many Romans believed in Jesus, but this Centurion did and wasn't afraid to show his faith.

**We must also be willing to show our faith to those around us too.**

167. What does Hebrews 11v6 tell us about faith? What is impossible without faith?

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### About:

- Nain was a tiny village located in the hilly countryside of Galilee, within the Roman province of Judea.
- The people here lived simple lives, often working in agriculture or small trades.
- It was likely a close-knit community where everyone knew each other.



### Read Luke 7v11-17.

Jesus went to many places all over the land of Israel, preaching the Gospel and showing God's power by the miracles that he did. One day he came to a city called Nain. He had many of his disciples with him and a crowd of people followed him.

168. What did Jesus see at the gate of the city in Nain?

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169. Jesus had compassion on the widow as it was her only son that had died. What did Jesus say to the widow? verse 13

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170. Jesus touched the coffin. What did Jesus say to the dead man? verse 14

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171. What happened after Jesus said this to the dead man? verse 15

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172. The people recognized the power of God! What did the people in the crowds say after Jesus had raised the dead man at Nain? verse 16

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173. What will happen to the dead people, who have loved and obeyed God, when Jesus comes back to earth to set up God's Kingdom? See 1 Corinthians 15v52.

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Jesus had feelings like you and me. He could tell just how people felt and what they needed most. When he returns to the earth, he will raise all his dead ones to life again. Many will rise to live forever, and Jesus will wipe away the tears from their eyes, for the

time of God's righteous Kingdom on earth will be a time of joy and happiness. Those who love and obey God now, will share the happiness of that coming Kingdom.

# GALILEE

## Read Luke 7v18-35.

In one of the dungeons of Herod's palace, John the Baptist lay in prison. He had dared to oppose King Herod's marriage and had been put into prison. Occasionally, he was allowed visitors, and his disciples sometimes visited

him. They told him of the prophet of Nazareth whom he had baptized in the Jordan his cousin Jesus', who was gathering great crowds, and performing amazing miracles.

John the Baptist did know Jesus was the Messiah. However, while he was in prison, his faith wavered and he had some doubts. So, John sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he really was the Messiah or if they should expect someone else.

174. How did Jesus respond to John's disciples question? It was a very convincing response. He didn't speak, he just acted. Verse 21

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John's disciples then left and reported back to John what they had seen Jesus do, and what he had said to them.

Jesus praises John, saying that he was an incredible prophet and was fulfilling prophecy! But he warns them, that even if someone as courageous, bold and confident as John the Baptist could have doubts under trial, then it's crucial for everyone to seek God's help and strength to avoid stumbling.

175. When we go through a hard time and our faith becomes weak, what are some ways that can help us stray strong?

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## Read Luke 7v36-50.

Among the people listening to Jesus was a Pharisee who carefully observed all that Jesus said and did. His name was Simon. Simon was proud and self-righteous, but he was impressed with the miracles and the teachings of Jesus and wanted to get to know Jesus better. So Simon invited Jesus to have a meal with him. Jesus said yes, and followed him into his house. Simon made it very clear that he was not a disciple of Jesus.

176. There was a woman in that city. What title is she given and what is she called? verse 37

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177. When she knew that Jesus was having a meal in the Pharisee's house, what did she bring? verse 37

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The woman showed humility and recognized the incredible privilege it was to be in Jesus' presence. As she gazed at him and reflected on her sinful past, feeling a deep need for forgiveness and a desire for a better life, she began to cry. Tears of repentance streamed down her face, washing Jesus' dusty feet.



178. What things did she do with this precious ointment?  
verse 38

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179. What was Simon thinking to himself? verse 39

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Simon said these things to himself! But Jesus knew what he was thinking, and told him a story to help him understand.

There was a man who had two people that owed him money.

- ◆ First person - owed 500 pence
- ◆ Second person - owed 50 pence

When they had no money to pay him back, he **forgave them both!**



180. Jesus asked Simon, "which of these two people did the man love the most?"  
What did Simon say? verse 43

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Jesus explains to Simon, that this woman who was known as a sinner - showed more love and kindness to Jesus than Simon had. In those days, it was usual for hosts to greet their guests with a kiss, to anoint their heads with oil, and to wash their feet.

181. Had Simon done that for Jesus? verse 45,46

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Simon thought Jesus might be a prophet and felt he was honoring him by hosting a meal. He cared more about his reputation and was only curious about Jesus, rather than truly following him. Simon didn't even have the love to greet Jesus properly!

Jesus looked past the woman's bad reputation and saw her deep desire to be forgiven by God. He saw her genuine and deep love.



Jesus then says to Simon.

“Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she **loved much**, but to whom little is forgiven, the same **loveth little**”.

This simply means that the woman forgiven of her sins was more valued than the Pharisee, who practiced religion, but lacked genuine compassion and love.

182. What did Jesus then say to the woman? verse 48

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183. The rest of the people who were in the house began thinking to themselves. What were they thinking? verse 49

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184. What had saved the woman? verse 50

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185. What is something you can take away from this story?

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### Read Luke 8v1-3.

Shortly after the incident at the house of Simon, Jesus travelled from town to town and village to village teaching and preaching. The twelve disciples went with him everywhere, learning by personal experience, lessons that they would be able to apply when they were out on their own.

186. What was he teaching and preaching? verse 1

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187. His twelve disciples were with him. Who else was with Jesus? verse 2-3

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These women came from diverse backgrounds but shared one thing: **following Jesus and supporting his ministry.**

**As sisters in Christ, we should value the privilege of encouraging and assisting others in their journey of faith. This influence has helped shape the characters of individuals like Moses, Samuel, David, Josiah, Paul, and many more.**



**Read Luke 8v4-8.**

A great crowd of people came to hear him teach, Jesus found that the best thing to do was to sit in a boat and speak to the people from the water.

One of the parables which Jesus taught the people was about a

farmer who went out to sow seed. He was called a "sower". He did not have a machine to plant his seed. He

just spread the seed by throwing handfuls to the left and to the right as he walked through the field.

188. **Fill in the chart.** What happened to the seed that the sower scattered on each type of ground?

189. When Jesus explained the parable of the Sower, what did he say the seed was? verse 11

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A parable is a story with a hidden meaning and a spiritual lesson

Jesus spoke many parables to the people

The parables were not always easy to understand.

Jesus wanted people to think hard and study God's word to find the meaning.

"It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out".

Proverbs 25v2

### Rocky Ground

What happened to the seed that the Sower scattered? verse 6

This ground is like this kind of people: verse 13



### The Wayside

What happened to the seed that the Sower scattered? verse 5

This ground is like this kind of people: verse 12

Those who hear God's Word but do not understand it. Then they forget about it and let themselves become interested in other things.



### Thorny Ground

What happened to the seed that the Sower scattered? verse 7

This ground is like this kind of people: verse 14



### Good Ground

What happened to the seed that the Sower scattered? verse 8

This ground is like this kind of people: verse 15



190. In this parable, Jesus is saying that the different types of ground were like different types of people who hear the Word of God. **Fill in the same chart** about the different people and how they react to hearing the Word of God (I've done one as an example).



**We want our minds to be like the good ground!**

**NOT hard like the pathway,**

**NOT shallow like the stony ground,**

**NOT full of worry about everyday things like the thorny ground....**

But open and ready to receive God's words and think about it, letting it grow in our hearts and minds. It must grow in us a little every day as we learn to love God and obey Him. As seed is planted in the ground and grows, so God's Word is planted in our hearts and minds and grows and brings forth the fruit of good works that gives Him pleasure.



When we hear this parable, we can tell which kind of ground we should be. We must choose to obey God and respond faithfully to His word. It is easy to put off doing our Bible readings or our Sunday School homework. Let us decide to organize our week so that we will always **put God first.** Let us have "ears to hear" and a willing heart to respond and do whatever God commands.

**Read Luke 8v19-21.**

After all these parables were spoken, Jesus' mother and brethren tried to get near to him, but could not because of the crowds.

191. Someone told Jesus, "your family want to see you and speak with you". What was Jesus' reply? verse 21

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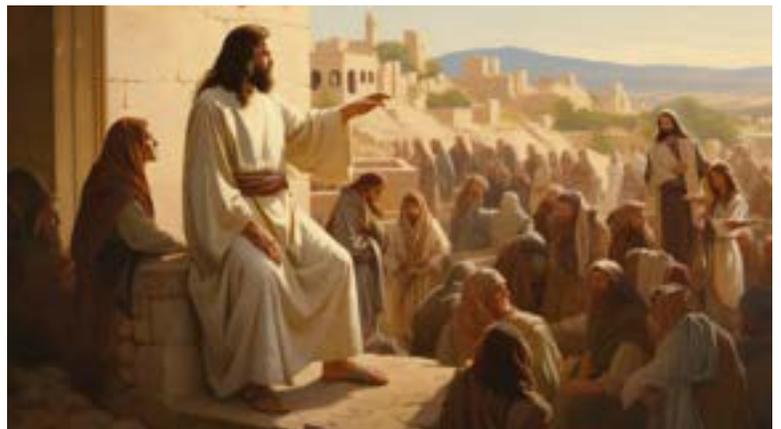
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192. What do you think this means?

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These words might seem harsh to Jesus' actual family, but their attitude towards Jesus had changed a lot in the last few months. His brothers followed him in his early ministry, but then became ashamed of him. They misunderstood his dedicated life and burning zeal, which caused constant conflict with the religious leaders.

193. What does Psalm 69v8 say about this?

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At this time when the people's enthusiasm for Jesus was nearing its peak, his own brothers and family had lost their belief in him as the Christ.

194. What does John 7v5 say about this?

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JESUS IS SAYING THAT OUR FLESHLY RELATIONSHIPS COUNT FOR NOTHING IF GOD'S WILL IS IGNORED. WE HAVE A GLORIOUS PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO JOIN THE FAMILY OF GOD. AND CLAIM THE LORD JESUS AS OUR BROTHER.

**Read Luke 9v1-6.**

After the healing of Jairus' daughter, Jesus performed many more miracles in Capernaum. He then visits Nazareth again to give them their last chance at repentance. He then does a final preaching tour of Galilee before calling his twelve disciples together.

195. What did Jesus give his twelve disciples? verse 1

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196. What did he send them out to do? verse 2

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197. Read Matthew 10v5,6. Who were they to preach to?

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198. What were they to bring on their journey? verse 3

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Jesus sent his disciples out to gain experience. He wanted to prepare them for their future work after he had ascended into heaven. The disciples were paired up to bear witness, providing each other with companionship along the way.

199. Jesus told them, “If people don't welcome or listen to you, leave and move on. In the day of judgement, it will be worse for those cities who reject you than for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah”. What happened to the sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? Look at Genesis 19v24.

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Despite the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah that led to their destruction, **a faithful few were saved.** Lot and his family obeyed God and stayed faithful. That's why Sodom and Gomorrah's judgment will be more bearable than that of these cities—because at least **some** listened, which is better than **none**.

200. What did the disciples then do? v6

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201. Read Matthew 11v1. While the disciples were out preaching, what did Jesus continue to do?

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**Read Luke 9v10-17.**

The Apostles return from their preaching trip and told Jesus all that they had done.

John was still in prison. However, at king Herod's birthday celebration he sadly agreed to have John killed. When John's disciples had buried their beloved teacher, they came and told Jesus. Saddened by the cruel death of his dear friend, cousin, and faithful prophet, Jesus and his disciples went far away by boat to the other side of the sea of Galilee. They wanted to have a

little peace to reflect on the sad news of John's death and all the faithful work that he had done.

Without John, the people never would have been ready for Jesus, the Son of God.



The people heard where Jesus was going, so they followed him!

202. Read Matthew 14v14. How did Jesus feel when he saw that crowds of people had run around to the other side of the Lake to be with him?

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It was a long way - 13kms/8 miles! The people got there first before Jesus and his disciples.

203. When the people came to Jesus, what did he do for the whole day?

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204. It was late in the afternoon, and there was nothing to eat as they were in a remote place. Among the crowd of people, only a young lad had some food. What did he have?

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205. How many people had to be fed? verse 14

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206. What did Jesus tell the disciples to make the people do? verse 14

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207. What did Jesus do before he shared the food with the people?

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208. Was there enough food for all the 5,000 people?

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209. How much food was gathered up after the people had finished eating?

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210. God has given us “special” food to eat every day. What food is that.

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Jesus cared for the people and not only taught them when he was tired, and sad, but also provided food for them.



**We need food to keep us alive. The word of God and the teachings of Jesus are like food too. It will make us strong in faith and help us to put our trust in God if we are filling our minds with His word!**

**This week, when you thank God for your meals, thank Him for being able to read His word too!**



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# Israel In The Time of Jesus

## APPENDIX A

