

Discovering Jesus as a family – Introduction

Welcome to Discovering Jesus as a family! Over these five sessions we will use crafts, games, and other activities to help you discover Jesus, adults and children together!

Here's an introductory video to get you started!

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Session 1 – Creation

Starter activities – Baby Photos

Look at these photos of celebrities! Now look at their baby photos!

Can you work out who's who? If you can, try printing them and cutting them out.

Perhaps you'd like some friendly family competition – boys v. girls, or in pairs, oldest with youngest. Have a set for each group so you can compare answers!

Hold onto the pictures – you'll need them later!

How much do you know about the Bible?

Have a go at these multi choice questions, and then watch the video to check your answers!!

Fun Facts about the Bible

1. The Bible is

a) One book b) Two books c) a library

2. The Bible was written in

a) Hebrew b) English c) Greek

3. The Bible was written by

a) One person b) clever people c) many different people

4. The Bible is a

a) History book b) poetry book c) story book

Video 1 – Now watch the video to explain this session, and check your answers at the same time!

Video 2 – This session explores the creation story. So you can watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ex6hN4h1gxA> or choose to read it for yourselves instead on the attached PDF.

What's your favourite part of creation? In the second chapter, we read how God put the first people, Adam and Eve, in a beautiful garden and asked them to look after it. He used to walk with them in the garden in the cool of the day.

Why not go outside and collect some pieces of creation and make a picture of a garden. Or make it out of plasticine. He made us in His image, so we are creative too! But one big difference – we have to make it, we can't just shout at it! Talk about what you are making – see if you could make a picture including everything mentioned if you did it together. When you're ready, come back for the rest of the session.

Back to baby photos – Who are these people? What do they do? How important are they to our world? If you click on the photos, you'll find a clue! Look them up online for more information. Who knew when they were babies what they would grow up to be?

What does God think of them? We're going to look at one of the poems in the Bible now. It was written by King David, but it tells us that God didn't just make the first people, He makes all of us and He knows all about us. Read Psalm 139 – especially v13-17. Or you can watch the video for the Lego version!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7eQ7D-A00Bw>

How much do you remember?!

Questions on Psalm 139

Think about these questions together. Remember everyone might have a different answer, because God speaks to each of us differently. So that's OK!

- a. What does this Psalm tell us about God?
- b. What does this Psalm tell us about you?
- c. How does this make you feel?
- d. What's your favourite bit of the Psalm, and why?
- e. Is there any part you don't like? Why not?

So, what have you learnt today? How do you feel about this God who created you and knows all about you, and loves you?

Why not speak to him now?

That's the end of today's session. We pray you have enjoyed exploring the Bible together. If you have any comments or questions, please contact us through the website – we'd love to hear from you!