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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How did people respond to Jesus' miracles?
- What three words would you use to describe Jesus?
- To whom can you show care and kindness? Tell that person about the care Jesus has for all people.

Jesus' Early Miracles

Mark 1

STORY POINT: PEOPLE CAME TO JESUS, AND HE HEALED THEM.

Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. The people there were very surprised. Jesus' teaching was not like the scribes' teaching. He spoke with authority.

Just then, a man with an unclean spirit shouted, "What do You have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus commanded the spirit to be quiet and come out of the man. The spirit yelled again and then came out.

Everyone was amazed! "Who is this Jesus?" they asked. "He teaches with authority, and the unclean spirits obey Him!"

Next, Jesus and His disciples went to Simon and Andrew's house. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her hand, and healed her. She got up and began to serve them. That evening, large crowds of people came to the house with others who were sick or bothered by evil spirits, and Jesus healed them.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee. He preached and drove out demons. A man with a skin disease came to Jesus. He got on his knees and begged: "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Jesus was willing, and He healed the man.

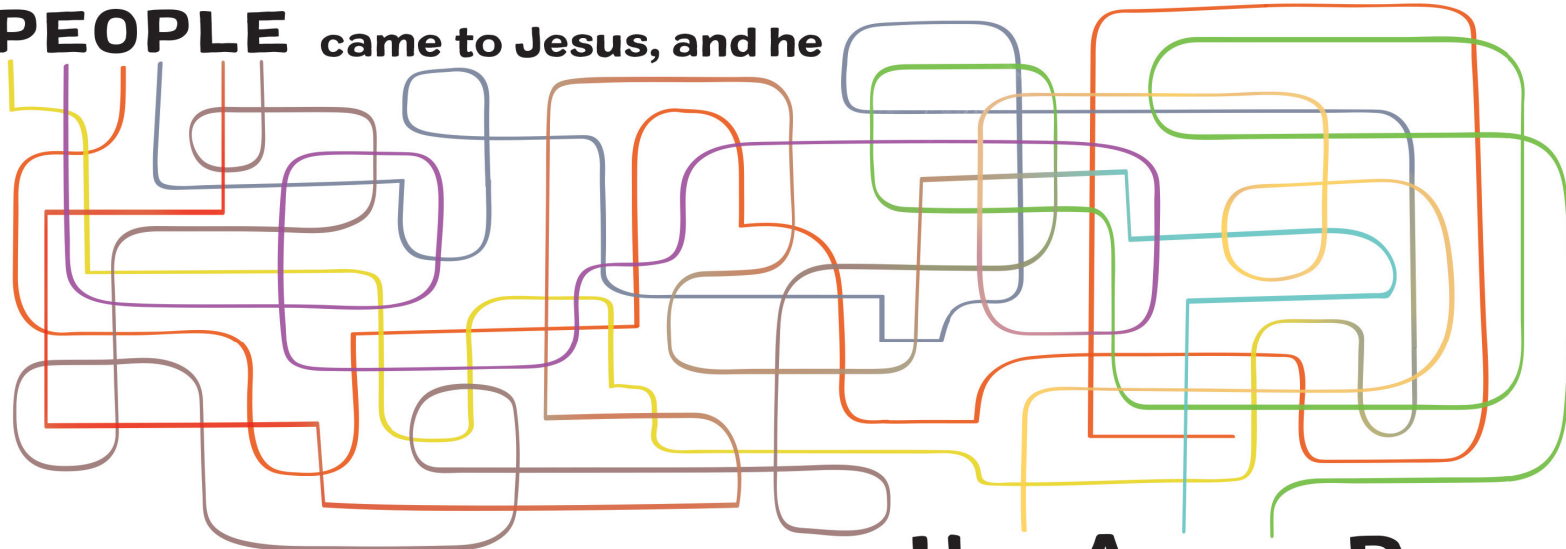


Christ Connection: Jesus' miracles proved that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. They strengthened people's faith and met their needs. Through Jesus, God did what is impossible for us to do on our own. He provided forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

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Story Tangle | Follow the lines to find which letters go in the blanks.

PEOPLE came to Jesus, and he



H _ **A** _ _ **D** them.

Scripture Survey | Look up each Bible reference to answer the questions.

	Who was healed?	Where did it happen?	How did people react?
Mark 1:21-28			
Mark 1:29-34			
Mark 1:39-45			

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- Does anything you've read or heard from the Bible surprise you or upset you? Why?
- How important is it to you to be accepted by other people? Why?
- Will Jesus ever reject us? Why or why not?

Jesus Taught in Nazareth

Luke 4

STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH.

Jesus went to the town of Nazareth. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth. Jesus stood up to read Scripture. He unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me. He has chosen Me to tell good news to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives that they are free, to tell the blind that they can see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that the Lord's favor is on us." Then Jesus sat down.

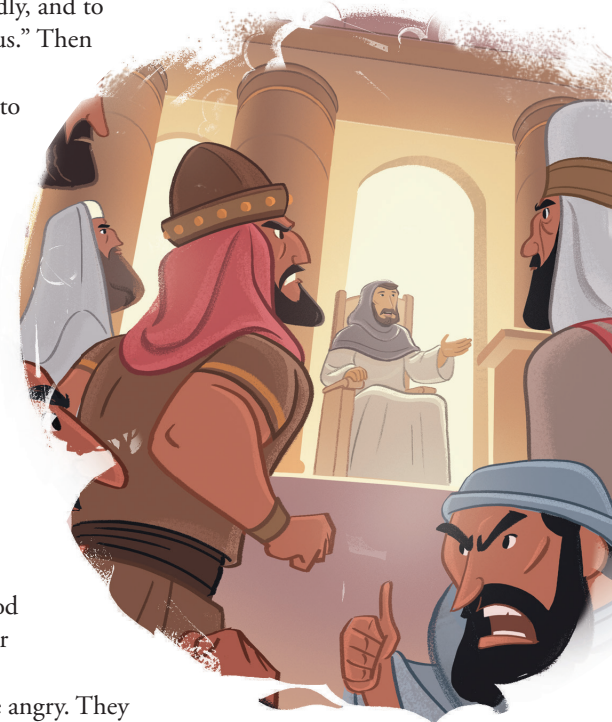
Jesus said, "Today as you listened to Me reading these words, they came true."

The people said good things about Jesus, and they were amazed at Him. But some of the people in Nazareth had known Jesus from His youth. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said, "No prophet is accepted in his hometown." Jesus told the people about times when God used prophets to help people who were not Jews. He reminded them that the prophet Elijah did not help the widows in Israel. Instead, God sent Elijah to help a widow in another land.

The people in the synagogue were angry. They forced Jesus out of town. They wanted to throw Him off a cliff, but Jesus walked right through the crowd and went on His way.

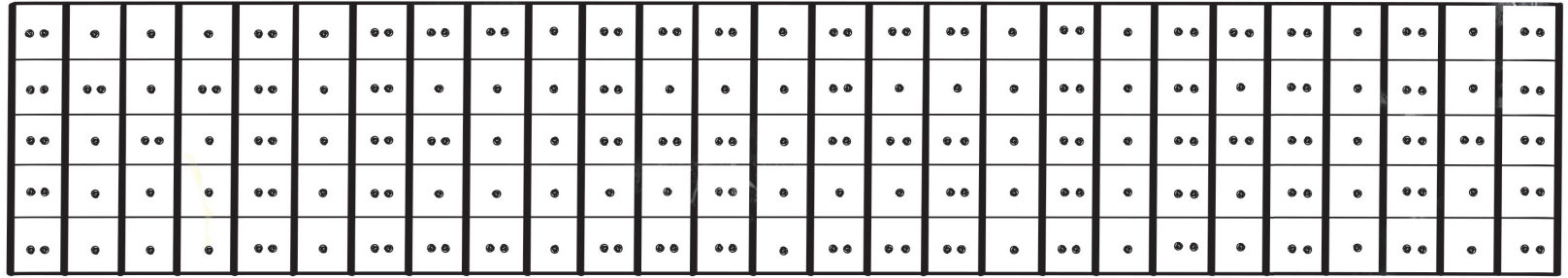
Christ Connection: Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God's plan to send a Messiah. The Messiah would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah's words and announced that He is the promised Messiah.



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Who Is Jesus?

Color in the spaces with two dots to discover who Jesus said He is.



Trace the Travels

Look up each Bible reference to find where Jesus traveled. Then mark Jesus' journey on the map.

Jesus went to the Passover Festival in _____.

(Luke 2:41) Then He went home to _____.

(Luke 2:51) Jesus was baptized at the _____

River. (Luke 3:3,21) He began His ministry, and the Holy Spirit

led Him into the _____ of Galilee. (Luke 4:1) The

devil took Jesus to _____. (Luke 4:9) Jesus

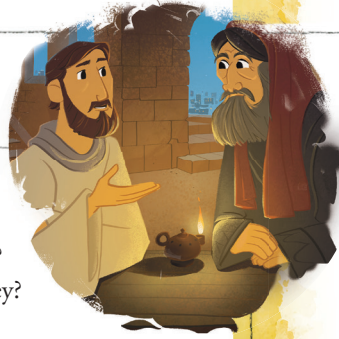
returned to _____ (Luke 4:14) and taught in the

synagogues. He came to _____ (Luke 4:16) and

taught in the synagogue. The people rejected Jesus, and He

went on to _____. (Luke 4:31)

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What makes Jesus different than other teachers?
- How is a person "born again"?
- What can you do if you don't understand something you read in the Bible?

Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3

STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT THAT WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

One night, a religious man came to see Jesus. The man's name was Nicodemus. Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we know that You are a teacher who has come from God. No one could do the miracles You do unless God were with him."

Jesus said, "I tell you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Now Nicodemus was confused. "How can anyone be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus said, "A person cannot enter God's kingdom unless he is born of water and the Spirit." When a baby is born, he gets physical life from his parents. Physical life doesn't last forever. But the Spirit gives people a better kind of life—spiritual life—so they can live with God forever. Jesus said, "Don't be surprised I told you that you must be born again." Nicodemus still didn't understand.

"How is this possible?" he asked.

Jesus said, "Do you remember how Moses raised up the bronze snake in the wilderness? Everyone who looked at it was healed. Like that, the Son of Man will be raised up, so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life."

Then Jesus said, "God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

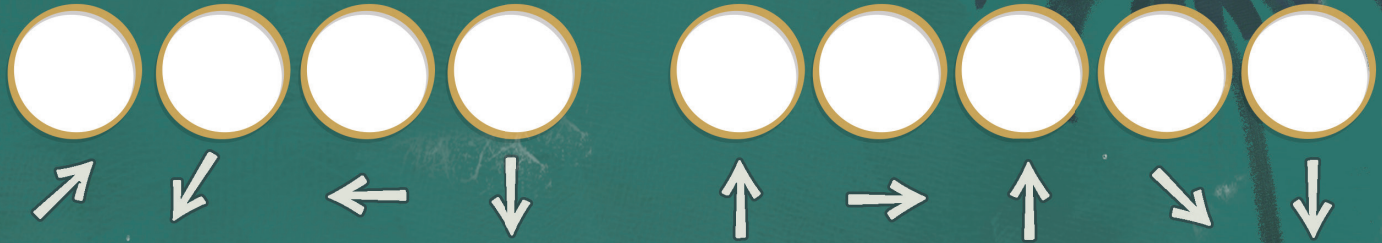
Christ Connection: Nicodemus needed new life—eternal life—but he could not do anything to earn it. Eternal life is a gift that comes only from God. God showed His love in this way: He sent His one and only Son to save the world. Everyone who believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life.



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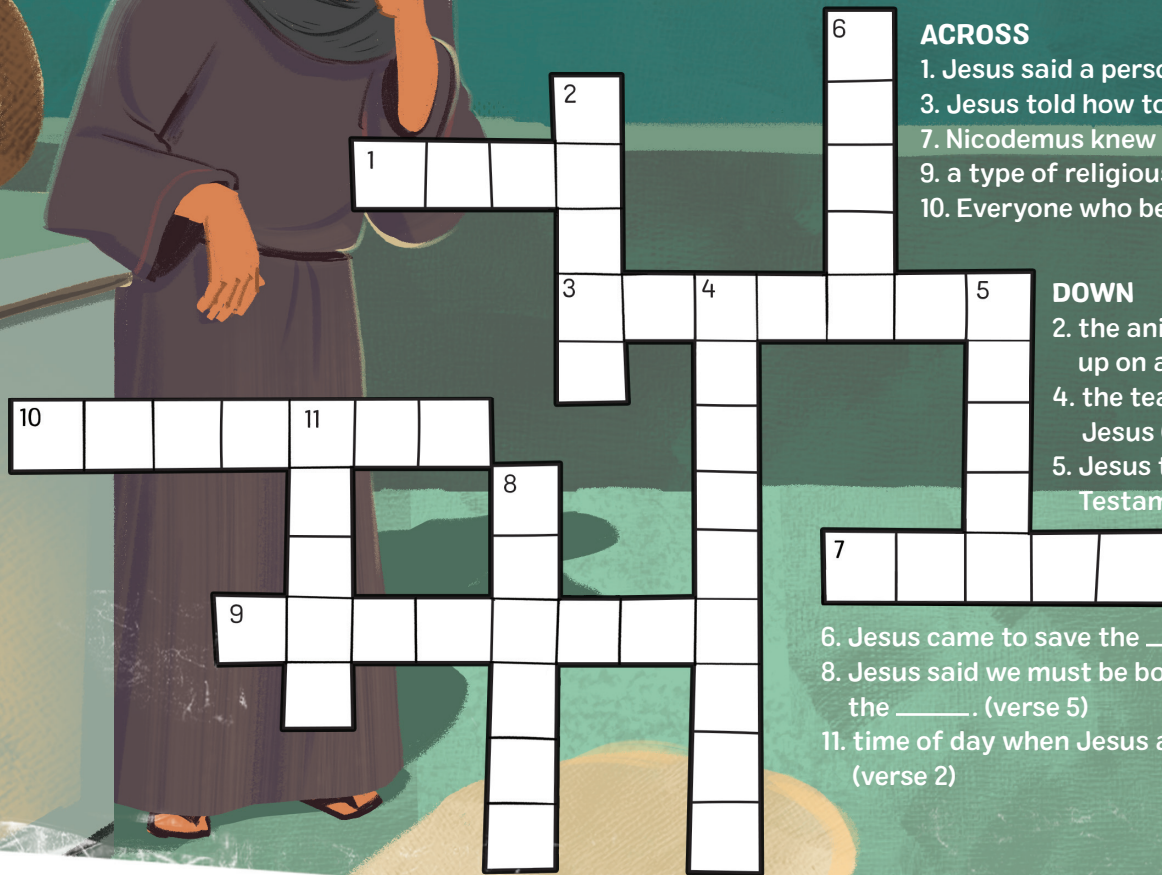
Once or Twice

Use the key to decode the phrase that describes becoming God's child and receiving eternal life.



Crossing Paths

Use the clues and references from John 3 to complete the crossword puzzle.



ACROSS

1. Jesus said a person must be _____ again. (verse 3)
3. Jesus told how to enter the _____ of God. (verse 3)
7. Nicodemus knew _____ was from God. (verse 2)
9. a type of religious ruler of the Jews (verse 1)
10. Everyone who believes in Jesus has _____ life. (verse 16)

DOWN

2. the animal Moses lifted up on a pole (verse 14)
4. the teacher who visited Jesus (verses 9-10)
5. Jesus talked about this Old Testament person. (verse 14)
6. Jesus came to save the _____. (verse 17)
8. Jesus said we must be born of water and the _____. (verse 5)
11. time of day when Jesus and Nicodemus met (verse 2)

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How does your physical need for water help you understand your spiritual need for Jesus?
- Share your testimony—how you came to trust in Jesus.
- Make a plan as a family to “drink from the well” by regularly reading the Bible.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4

STORY POINT: JESUS GIVES THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

Jesus traveled through Samaria and stopped in a town with a well. Jesus' disciples went into town to buy food. While Jesus was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

“Why are You talking to me?” she asked.

Jesus said, “I asked you for a drink. You don't know who I am. If you did, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would give you living water.”

The woman said, “Where do You get this ‘living water?’”

Jesus said, “Anyone who drinks this well water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water I give will never be thirsty again! In fact, the water I give will become a well inside you, and you will have eternal life.”

“Sir,” she said, “give me this water. If I'm not thirsty, I won't have to keep coming to this well to get water.”

The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus said, “I am the Messiah.”

The woman left and told the people in her town, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?” They told the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.”

Christ Connection: Jesus offers something better than physical water; He gives us Himself. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who comes to Him by faith. We can worship Him as Lord and Savior wherever we are.



Big Picture Jars

Use the words in the jars to fill in the answer to the big picture question.

What makes people special?

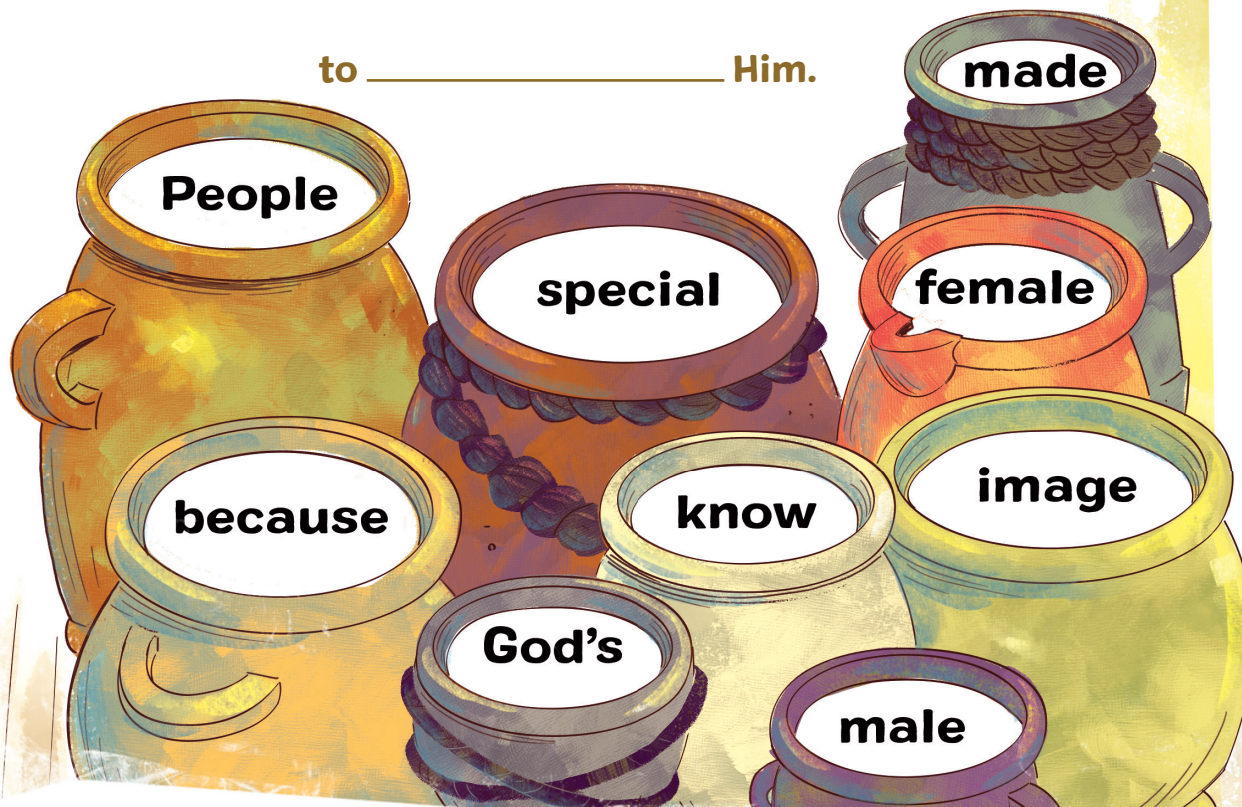
_____ are _____

_____ we are _____

in _____, as

_____ and _____,

to _____ Him.



Testimony Template

If you've trusted in Jesus, use the template to write out your testimony. If you haven't trusted in Jesus, list any thoughts or questions you have about following Him.

What was your life like before you trusted in Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Where did you learn about Jesus? When and why did you decide to trust in Jesus?

How has your life changed since you trusted in Jesus? Who can you share your testimony with?



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



HISTORY

- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

LAW

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

OLD TESTAMENT

POETRY & WISDOM

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Songs

MAJOR PROPHETS

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

MINOR PROPHETS

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT

GOSPELS

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

PAUL'S LETTERS

- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

GENERAL LETTERS

- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude

PROPHECY

- Revelation

HISTORY

- Acts