



A week with Jesus

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 7 days of 3 minutes

 Getting to know Jesus: he loves children, helps and is alive

 Preparation: 5 min

 **How to use the series:** One devotion a day – ideal for a camp week, a holiday club or seven meetings. At the start, briefly recall the day before.

1 Part 1: Jesus loves children

Bible: Mark 10:13–16

Parents brought their children to Jesus. The disciples said: “Go away, Jesus has no time!” But Jesus said: “Let the children come to me!” He took them in his arms and blessed them. Jesus loves you too. Put your hand on each other’s shoulder and say: “Jesus loves you.”

 **Question:** Where do you like to be really close to someone?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you that you love children – me too. Amen.*



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2 Part 2: Jesus helps at a party

Bible: John 2:1–11

Jesus was at a wedding. Suddenly there was nothing left to drink – how embarrassing! Jesus had big jars filled with water. And when they poured some out, it had become good wine. Jesus is happy when we celebrate joyfully. Have a little party together today with juice!

 **Question:** What do you like celebrating most?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you for being happy with us. Amen.*

3 Part 3: Jesus takes her by the hand

Bible: Mark 1:29–31

Peter's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. The fever was gone! She got up and made food for everyone. Everyone hold hands and make a circle.

 **Question:** Who can you reach out a hand to today?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, take me by the hand when I am not feeling well. Amen.*

4 Part 4: Bartimaeus can see again

Bible: Mark 10:46–52

Bartimaeus could not see. He sat by the road and begged. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he shouted very loudly: "Jesus, help me!" Jesus stopped and asked: "What do you want me to do for you?" – "I want to see!" And Bartimaeus could see. Close your eyes – and open them again. What can you see?

 **Question:** What do you like looking at most?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you for my eyes and for all the beautiful things I can see. Amen.*



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5 Part 5: One says thank you

Bible: Luke 17:11–19

Ten men were very ill. They called out: “Jesus, help us!” Jesus made all ten well. But only one came back, praised God and said: “Thank you, Jesus!” Jesus was very happy. Count to ten together on your fingers – and at the tenth finger shout: “Thank you!”

 **Question:** What would you like to say thank you for today?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you for everything you give me. Amen.*

6 Part 6: Jesus comes to visit

Bible: Luke 10:38–42

Jesus visited his friends Mary and Martha. Martha rushed about cooking and cleaning. Mary sat with Jesus and listened to him. Jesus said: “Mary has chosen what is best.” Time with Jesus is important. Sit in a circle, be very quiet and listen.

 **Question:** When do you have time for Jesus?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, I want to spend time with you and listen to you. Amen.*

7 Part 7: Jesus is alive!

Bible: John 20:11–18

Mary stood sadly by Jesus’ tomb, crying. Then someone said: “Mary!” She turned round – it was Jesus! He was alive! Mary ran to the others and shouted: “I have seen Jesus!” Jesus is alive and always with us. Everyone shout together: “Jesus is alive!”

 **Question:** What was the best thing about this week with Jesus?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, you are alive and always with me. Thank you! Amen.*

For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.