



The key

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Revelation 3:20



Topic

Who do I open the door to?



Takeaway

Jesus knocks – the door can only be opened from inside



8 minutes



Object: a bunch of keys and, if possible, a picture of the painting "The Light of the World" by William Holman Hunt



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Who do I open the door to?". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Show the bunch of keys. Ask: Who would you give your front door key to – and who not?

2 min

Bible text

In Revelation Jesus says: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." The painter William Holman Hunt painted this: Jesus stands with a lantern in front of an overgrown door. The special thing: the door has no handle on the outside.

3 min

Thought

Jesus does not force his way in. He knocks – only you can open, from the inside. You only give a key to people you trust. Jesus invites you to trust him: not just with the "living room" but also with the rooms you would rather keep locked. And he does not come as an inspector but as a guest who wants to eat with you.

2 min

Conversation

Which "door" in your life would you rather keep locked right now?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, you are knocking at my door. I want to open it to you – even the rooms I would rather keep locked. Come in. Amen.



To think further

- What does it mean to you that Jesus knocks rather than just walking in?
- Who have you given a “key” to in your life – and why?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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