



JESUS

Aim

To help the child grow in their understanding of Jesus' life and mission.

Resources

Leaders

- Catholic Youth Bible
- Prayer cloth, cross, candle
- Electronic device – laptop/tablet for YouTube links
- At Home with God's People

Child

- Catholic Youth Bible
- Activity Book (page 15-16)

Preparation

for Catechist

Spend some time in prayer for the child.

How have you followed Jesus in your life? Think of your own stories and be ready to share these.

Background

for Catechist

This session will look at the life of Jesus, including his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension and the fulfilment of his promise in the sending of an Advocate, the Holy Spirit.



Reflection

As we gather, we light a candle to remember that Jesus is the light of the world. Sit quietly and listen to the words of the song *Open the Eyes of My Heart*.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

<https://youtu.be/wutmEjdbedE>

Video **Link 3.1**



After listening to the words of the song, *Open the Eyes of My Heart*, share how you have encountered God this week.



Follow up from last session

Last session we looked at the Bible – the word of God.

Do you have any questions from the last session or from the Activity Book?

Remember to record any questions you may have over the course of the week in your Activity Book.

Let us now look at the timeline of Jesus' life.

Activity

In your Activity Book (page 15), there is a timeline of the life of Jesus. Explore each event and the accompanying scripture. There is a space in your Activity Book to write or draw something that stands out for each event.

Timeline of Jesus

The Birth of Jesus

We don't know exactly when Jesus was born as the Bible doesn't give the date. We celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. [Luke 2:1-7](#)

Found in the Temple

When Jesus was 12 years old he was lost. After 3 days, his parents found him in a temple. [Luke 2:41-47](#)

Baptism

When Jesus was 30 years old, he was baptised in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Jesus Called his Disciples

Jesus told his disciples "Come follow me" so they could be taught by his words and become teachers of that word and witnesses to the life and actions of Jesus. [Mark 1:16-20](#)

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

With the disciples gathered around him, Jesus taught them a summary of how to live a Christian life. [Matthew 5:3-16](#)

Jesus Died

Jesus died on the Cross. [Mark 15:33-37](#)

The Road to Emmaus

After his death, Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. [Luke 24:13-33](#)



Exploring

What can we learn about the life of Jesus in the Gospel readings?

What can we learn about ourselves when reading the Gospel?

Chose an event from the timeline of Jesus' life and read the Bible passage aloud.

We pray to God "through Christ our Lord" in the Mass and prayers. Jesus intercedes for us because he knows what it is like to be truly human.

Activity Book

In the Activity Book (page 16), refer to the map where Jesus lived.

Look at the towns where Jesus lived – it is a storyboard of his life.

Notice how small the area is. It is about 150 kilometres from Capernaum to Bethlehem, about the distance from the Sunshine Coast to the Gold Coast.

We have discussed key events in Jesus' life. Find where these events occurred on the map. On the timeline of Jesus, each boat is numbered. Write the number in the corresponding place on the map.



Living it out in the everyday

Activity Book

Chose a scripture passage to read or look it up on YouTube.

Scripture passages to look up:

The birth of Jesus – [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Wedding of Cana – [John 2:1-11](#)

Jesus stills the storm – [Mark 4:35-41](#)

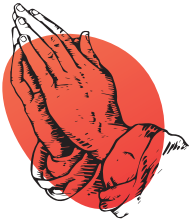
Jesus and Zacchaeus – [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Investigate this interactive map of where Jesus lived

<http://www.about-jesus.org/jesus-places-map.htm>

Map **Link 3.2**





Scripture and Prayer

Scripture

Listen closely to the following scripture passage.

We begin with the sign of the Cross:



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Use the Gospel from the following Sunday.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...



Glory to you, O Lord.

(At the end of the Gospel)

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Following a couple of minutes of silence to reflect on the scripture passage, invite the child to share a word or two from the passage that was particularly meaningful for them.

What is one important message for you in this scripture passage?

Prayer

We pray together the words that Jesus gave us.



Our Father...

