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WHO IS JESUS? / WEEK 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DAY 1

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9 NIV

One of the best things about Easter is that it reminds us of the truth of God's love for us. When God sent Jesus to Earth, it was because of God's love for us. When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, it was because of God's love for us. And when Jesus came back to life, it was because of God's love for us. Jesus is a living, breathing example of how much God loves us! And this Easter, that's something worth remembering.

Today, memorize this verse. Let it be the reminder you need this Easter season of who Jesus is to all of us: the picture of God's love for us!

DAY 2

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NLT

Look back at this verse again. Chances are you've probably heard it before, right? Maybe you've seen it on a sign at a sporting event, or posted somewhere at school, or shared on social media. Maybe it's one that someone in your family says a lot. The fact is, this verse from John is one of the most well-known verses in the Bible. Why? Because it contains such an important message for us to remember: God gave us Jesus out of love for us. The death and resurrection of Jesus that we look back to at Easter is the ultimate display of God's love for us. It's something worth remembering!

Share this verse with someone in your life this week. First, ask them if they've heard it before! Then, talk about what it means to both of you to know just how much God loves you.

DAY 3

**Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.**

Psalm 25:4 NIV

Have you ever gotten lost trying to get somewhere? Maybe you were walking from your house to the gas station, or to your next class at a new school, or on a road trip with your family. No matter how it's happened for you, getting lost is definitely not fun. But what do we do to get back on the right path? We look for help! Well, the same is true in our faith. When we feel lost or unsure of what to do next, we can look to God for direction. And the more we do, the more we will be able to see the right path that God is leading us on.

Set a reminder this week to spend time with God each day, asking God to show you the right path for your life when you do!

DAY 4

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:6 NLT

Wouldn't it be easy if life came with a map? If we could somehow know exactly what we're supposed to do in every single situation? If we could know how to get it all right? Well, while we all know that isn't an option, we do have someone that can help us know how to live: God! When we go to God with questions, decisions, or doubts, we can trust that God will show us the best path to take. All we have to do is seek God with all our heart. There, we'll find all we're looking for and more!

Think of a trusted adult in your life! Ask them what it looks like to seek God with all of their hearts. Then, talk to them about what you think this looks like for you!

DAY 5

“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” John 14:6 NLT

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Have you ever seen one of those books that are supposed to help you make your life better? Or maybe you’ve seen a post on Instagram with the caption, “5 Things You Can Do to Be Happier.” As great as these things may seem, they don’t always work for me. The things we do to make our lives better may work for a little bit, but the problem is, they don’t always last. Because even if they are really good or fun things, I have been left wanting more or wanting “better.” Have you ever felt that way too?

John, the author of this verse, tells us that following Jesus is what will truly make our lives better. This “better life” we are all wanting is given to us by choosing to believe in and follow Jesus!

This week, find one way to get to know Jesus more. That might be

reading the Bible, or going for a walk in creation, or listening to a worship song. Whatever it is, take one step toward the better life Jesus offers us by getting to know Him more.

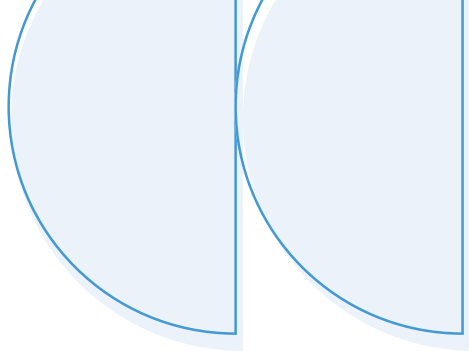
DAY 6

**Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“If any of you wants to be my
follower, you must give up your
own way, take up your cross,
and follow me.**

Matthew 16:24 NLT

We all like to make our own decisions. We all want to be in charge of what happens in our own lives. We want the freedom to make choices for ourselves whenever we can! But, while following Jesus doesn't mean giving up our ability to make decisions for ourselves, it does mean we trust Jesus with each and every choice we make. So, who is Jesus to us? A leader worth following! Someone who will guide us to make the best choices for our lives. Someone who will help and encourage us to live the way He calls us to live.

Though it won't always be easy to choose what Jesus calls us to, we can do it knowing that Jesus is not only there to help us, but He's always going to lead us toward what's best.



DAY 7

**I have told you all this so that
you may have peace in me.
Here on earth you will have
many trials and sorrows. But
take heart, because I have
overcome the world.**

John 16:33 NLT

As you think about who Jesus is to you, consider the truth you find in this verse. Jesus is peace. Jesus is an overcomer. And following Jesus makes being those same things possible for us! When we have passages like this memorized, it helps us remember both the truth of who Jesus is and the truth of who we are because of it!

This week, memorize this verse by saying it as a prayer. Then, say it out loud each day when you pray, asking God to not only help you remember the verse but to remember the truth behind it, too!