

# JESUS STORYBOOK DEVOTIONAL TIPS!

- 1 Take your time and enjoy reading the story. Especially if you have younger kids, make it fun!
- 2 Questions are provided by age range, but feel free to use any that are helpful.
- 3 Some answers are provided, but there may be other answers that work as well.
- 4 Remember, it's okay to say, "What a great question, but I don't know that answer" and remind kids that you are learning about Jesus too!

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

- 1 **READ** "GOD'S WONDERFUL SURPRISE", THE RESURRECTION, MATTHEW 28, MARK 16, LUKE 24, JOHN 20 FROM PGS 310-317 IN THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE **AND** "GOING HOME", THE ASCENSION, MATTHEW 28, MARK 16, LUKE 24, JOHN 14 FROM PGS 318-325 IN THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE
- 2 **ASK THESE QUESTIONS**

### PRE-SCHOOL

How did Jesus' friends feel after He had died? (*Sad*) When Mary Magdalene and the women walked to the tomb where Jesus was buried, what did they see? (*It was wide open! Jesus was gone!*) At first, Jesus' friends thought He was a ghost. But when they realized God did a miracle and brought Jesus back to life, how did His friends feel? (*Jesus' friends were so happy!*) When Jesus and His friends were walking on the hill, where did Jesus tell His friends He was going to go? (*Jesus was going to go home to His Father.*) What is Jesus' home called? (*Heaven*)

### KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE

When Mary Magdalene and the women walked to the tomb where Jesus was buried, what did they see? (*It was wide open! Jesus was gone!*) What did the angel tell Mary and the women to do? (*The angel told them to go tell Jesus' friends that He was alive.*) At first, Jesus' friends thought He was a ghost, but then they realized He was alive again. What could Jesus do with His new body? (*Go through walls, never get sick, never die, live forever.*) Jesus told His friends that He was going home to be with His Father in heaven. What did Jesus say was the way for us to go to heaven too? (*Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We go to heaven when we believe in Jesus and live our life for Him.*)

### 4TH-5TH GRADE

This story gives us the final piece of God's rescue plan! How do you think Mary Magdalene and the other women felt when they saw that Jesus' body was gone? What does this story tell us about the power of God? (*God can even make death untrue. God can make dead things alive!*) Why did Jesus also have to come back to life? (*Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. When Jesus came back to life, it showed that God could erase the power of sin for all of us and we can live with Him in heaven too!*) What do you think will be the best thing about heaven?

### M12 / H12 "GOD'S WONDERFUL SURPRISE" / "GOING HOME"

"Go everywhere and tell everyone the happy news!" The incredibly good news of the bible is that because of Jesus we can live forever! If you have a relationship with Jesus, it's your responsibility to tell others about him. Can you confidently articulate the message of Jesus? (*Practice sharing the gospel with your family or M12/H12 Community Group Leader*) Who are some of the people in your life who need to hear the good news of Jesus? Begin praying for opportunities to share the good news with them!

## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

- 1 **READ** "GOD SENDS HELP", PENTECOST, ACTS 1-5, JOHN 15 FROM PAGES 326-333 IN THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE.
- 2 **ASK THESE QUESTIONS**

### PRE-SCHOOL

God told Jesus' friends and helpers to wait and pray until He sent them a special present. Who was the present God sent to help us? (*The Holy Spirit!*) The Holy Spirit came and filled up their hearts with God's power! What did the people see on everyone's heads? (*Fire, flames*) Instead of Jesus being near them, He sent the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts! Do you want Jesus to live in your heart too?

### KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE

God told Jesus' friends and helpers to wait and pray until He sent them a special present. Who was the present God sent to help us? (*The Holy Spirit!*) What happened when God sent the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts with power? (*Strong wind, flames on heads, hearts mended, power of God in their hearts*) What happened to Peter when he was filled with the Holy Spirit? (*He spoke loudly and told God's story to lots of people.*) Jesus' friends and helpers were afraid, but then they were filled with the Holy Spirit's power. How were they different after that? (*They opened the windows, happy, dancing, singing, telling everyone about God's rescue story.*)

### 4TH-5TH GRADE

When Jesus went home to heaven, God said He would send a present to help Jesus' friends and helpers. Who did God send? (*The Holy Spirit*) What happened when God sent the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts with power? (*Strong wind, flames on heads, hearts mended, power of God in their hearts*) How did the power of the Holy Spirit change Jesus' friends and helpers? (*They opened the windows, happy, dancing, singing, telling everyone about God's rescue story.*) How does the Holy Spirit help us today?

### M12 / H12 "GOD SENDS HELP"

"They had seen Jesus go away, but now he was closer than he had ever been - inside their hearts." As followers of Jesus, he has given us an incredible gift - the presence and power of the Holy Spirit! Jesus used the disciples to change the world and he wants to use us too! Is there something bold that you believe God has called you to do? (*Talk to your family or M12/H12 Community Group Leader about this*) What does it look like for you to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish what God has called you to do?

# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

- 1 READ "A NEW WAY TO SEE", THE STORY OF PAUL, ACTS 6-9, 12-28, COLOSSIANS 2, ROMANS 8, EPHESIANS 2, PGS 334-341 IN THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE.
- 2 ASK THESE QUESTIONS

## PRE-SCHOOL

Did Saul like Jesus in the beginning of this story? (*No!*) Who spoke to Saul from the bright light? (*Jesus*) What happened when Saul opened his eyes? (*He was blind, couldn't see*) Jesus sent a new friend named Ananias to pray for Saul. What happened when Ananias prayed? (*Saul could see again! And his heart was changed to love Jesus too.*)

## KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE

Saul was not a nice man, so Jesus got his attention in a big way. What did Jesus say to Paul from the bright light? (*Several answers on pg. 337*) Jesus sent Ananias to be a friend to Saul and to pray for him. What happened when Ananias prayed? (*Saul could see, his heart was changed to love Jesus.*) Saul got a new name and a new job. What did God call Paul to do? (*Travel everywhere to tell people about Jesus*)

## 4TH-5TH GRADE

What did you find most interesting about this story? God had big plans for Saul. Saul got a new name and a new job. What did God call Paul to do? (*Travel everywhere to tell people about Jesus*) God gave Paul a REALLY important message for people. What did Paul tell people about Jesus? (*Discuss first paragraph on pg. 340*) Paul got in a lot of trouble, just for trying to tell people about Jesus. Why do you think Paul was willing to get shipwrecked and even go to prison to make sure people heard Jesus' rescue story?

## M12 / H12 "A NEW WAY TO SEE"

"It's not about keeping rules!" Paul told people. "You don't have to be good at being good for God to love you." Because of Jesus' work on the cross we don't have to earn God's love! Salvation is a free gift to all who put their trust in Jesus. Ask your family or M12/H12 Community Group Leader to share a time that they've struggled to accept God's grace in their life. What are some reasons why it can be difficult to believe that we are fully accepted by God?



# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

- 1 READ "A DREAM OF HEAVEN", JOHN SEES INTO THE FUTURE, REVELATION 1, 5, 21, 22, PGS 342-351 IN THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE.
- 2 ASK THESE QUESTIONS

## PRE-SCHOOL

Who was today's story about? (*John*) God gave John a dream about when Jesus was going to come back! What did John see that was bright and shiny and would come down from heaven? (*God's city*) What do you think heaven will be like? (*It's fun to imagine but you can refer to pg. 347 for descriptions too.*) Who will take us to heaven? (*Jesus*)

## KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE

Why was John in prison on an island? (*Because the leaders were trying to stop John from telling people about Jesus.*) What are some things John saw in the dream God gave him? (*Several answers on pg. 344-347*) What do you think heaven will be like? (*It's fun to imagine but you can refer to pg. 347 for descriptions too.*) Wow this is the end of the Jesus Storybook Bible! What an amazing rescue plan God had. What were some of your favorite parts?

## 4TH-5TH GRADE

Why was John in prison on an island? (*Because the leaders were trying to stop John from telling people about Jesus.*) What was your favorite thing from the dream God gave John about heaven? John wrote his dream down but he didn't write "The End" when he was finished. What did John write at the end of his book? (*"Come quickly Jesus"*) Wow this is the end of the Jesus Storybook Bible! What an amazing rescue plan God had. What were some of your favorite parts?

## M12 / H12 "A DREAM OF HEAVEN"

"Everything sad has come untrue. And see - I have wiped away every tear from every eye!" One day Jesus will return and make all things new. Evil will be defeated once and for all! There will be no more death, sickness, or pain! No more wars or suffering! Imagine how wonderful it will be! Talk to your family or M12/H12 Community Group Leader about what most excites you about Heaven. Take time today to thank Jesus for all that he has done and all that he will do in the future.



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