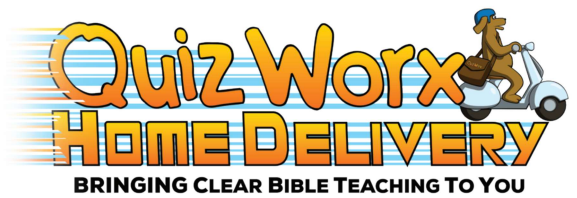


Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the 'Jesus and the people he met' series

To help you through our 'Jesus and..' series, each week we will provide three devotions. We encourage you to read these passages with those in your household at a time that suits, and use the questions to guide you as you talk about and reflect on how Jesus related to the people he met and how we are to relate to Jesus.

We looked at several different Bible translations when creating these questions. Feel free to use any version as you work through them with your family.

Memory Verse Challenge

The first memory verse for our 'Jesus and the People he Met' series is from John 3:16. Flip your hat backwards and get your groove on as you join Aneeka and her 'cool kid' friends in our memory verse chant. You can find the memory verse video in the 'Jesus and the Stinky Fisherman' folder on google drive or you can watch it at:

https://youtu.be/L-yYu43_PPQ

Something to remember

As we look at how Jesus related to the people he met in the gospels, we will see that Jesus wants all people to know him, trust him and be part of God's Kingdom forever.

As you look at each passage, keep asking:

- a) What do we learn about who Jesus is and what he is like?
- b) What do we learn about how people are to relate to Jesus?
- c) Who can I tell about Jesus?

Devotion 1 - Luke 4:31-44

Previously in Luke chapter 4, we see Jesus resist the devil's temptation through the power of the Holy Spirit. News about him was spreading and Jesus declares himself to be the One sent by God to set people free, as written in the Old Testament. Some people accepted Jesus and praised him. Others rejected Jesus and were furious at him for what he said and for who he claimed to be. This would be the pattern of how people would continue to respond to Jesus.

1. What was Jesus able to do?
2. Describe the different reactions of those who saw what Jesus did: the crowds, the demons, Simon Peter's Mother-in-law.
3. Why did Jesus come to earth? (Hint: see verse 43). What does this mean for you and for the people you know?

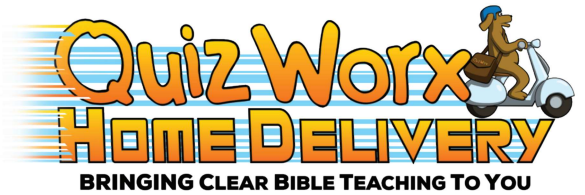
Pray

Thank Jesus that he has the power to heal and the power to save.

Thank God for sending Jesus to show people that they can be set free from sin and become part of God's Kingdom forever by trusting him.

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Devotion 2 - Luke 5:1-11

In this section, Jesus calls his first disciples. These were the people who would become Jesus' closest friends and would be entrusted with his message and his mission.

1. Who was Simon Peter? Describe what kind of person you think he was. (For example: rich/poor; smart/not so smart; important/not so important etc).
2. How does Simon Peter respond to Jesus when he asks him to let down the nets again? How does he respond to Jesus after he catches a massive amount of fish? Why does he respond in these ways?
3. What did Jesus mean when he told Simon Peter & his fisherman friends that they would now "fish for people"? What does this mean for followers of Jesus today? What does this mean for you?

Pray

Thank Jesus that he calls all people to follow him no matter who they are or where they are from.

Thank Jesus that he calls people to follow him and be part of his mission to bring others into God's Kingdom forever.

Pray that you can be a "fisher of people" with your friends. (Inviting them to watch the QWHD Kids' talks with you can be a way you can do this).

Devotion 3 - Luke 5:12-26

After becoming one of Jesus' followers, Simon Peter sees Jesus do some incredible things. First, he heals a man of a terrible skin disease. Then he heals a paralysed man and forgives his sins.

1. In Jesus' day, if someone had leprosy, they would be considered 'unclean' and unable to worship God. Jesus touches this man and heals him. What does this teach us about what Jesus is like? What does this teach us about who is welcome in God's Kingdom?
2. In verses 17-26, Jesus not only heals the paralysed man's legs (a big problem), he also forgives his sins (his biggest problem)! How was Jesus able to do this?
3. We see two different responses to Jesus in this passage. What were they? (Hint: see verses 21 & 26). How have you seen people respond to Jesus in your family; at your school; at your church; in your neighbourhood?

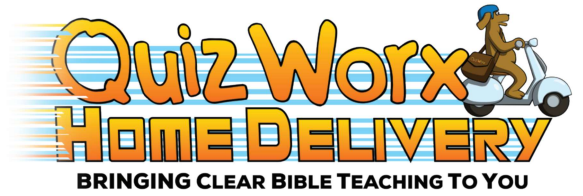
Pray

Thank God that everyone is welcome in his Kingdom by trusting Jesus.

Pray for the people in your life who do not trust Jesus. Ask God to help you to be bold in telling them about Jesus, so they can know Jesus, trust Jesus, and be part of God's Kingdom.

Memory Verse

John 3:16



John 3:16 *HUH*

John 3:16 *HUH*

For God so loved the world
loved the world
loved the world

That he gave his only son
only son
only son

So whoever believes in him
believes in him
believes in him

Will have
Will have
Will have

Eternal life

In his Name.