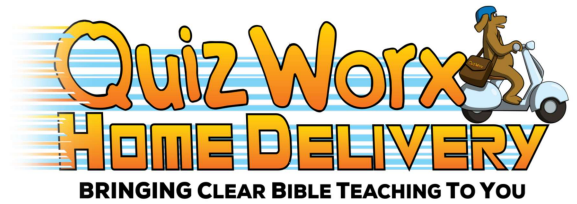


Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the 'Jesus and' 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

Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me!" Join in with the Quiz Worx humans and puppets as they sing and dance to Jesus' words in the Book of Mark, and be reminded that Jesus LOVES kids and wants kids to be part of God's Kingdom forever. You can find the memory verse video in the 'Jesus and Kids' google drive folder or you can watch it on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/sAAD2BZlhVw>

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 – Read Luke 23: 1-25

In this passage, Jesus is put on trial. However, Jesus is innocent! The Roman governor Pontius Pilate knew that, but because he wanted to please the people, he let Jesus be sentenced to death. But the Bible shows us that even as this was happening, Jesus was still in control...

1. Why do you think that the teachers of the law and chief priests were so against Jesus?
2. Jesus is innocent but he doesn't try to defend himself and get free. Why do you think that is?
3. Why is it important that Jesus lived a perfect life and always obeyed God? What does that mean for you?

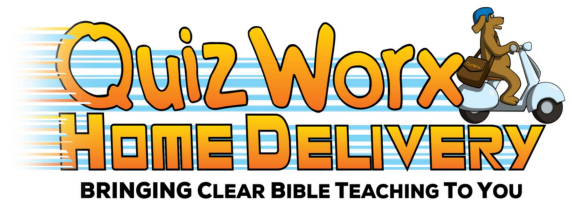
Pray

Thank God that he sent Jesus to live a life of perfect obedience to God for us.

Ask God to help you obey him but also know you can be forgiven when you make a mistake.

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Devotion 2 – Read Luke 23: 32-43

In this passage, we see two men being crucified along with Jesus. Even as Jesus hung on the cross, Jesus asked God to forgive the people for what they were doing. The two men next to Jesus each had very different responses to who they thought Jesus was...

1. How did the two criminals respond to Jesus?
2. What was Jesus' response to the criminal who repented and accepted him as King? How does that make you feel?
3. What might it look like today for someone to accept Jesus as their king?

Pray

Give thanks that God sent Jesus to offer forgiveness to all people, no matter what they have done.

Ask God to help you live your life in a way that shows Jesus is your king.

Pray for those in your life who have not repented and accepted Jesus as their King. Pray specifically for those you have or will invite to watch QWHD with you.

Devotion 3 – Read 2 Corinthians 5: 15-21 (*it would be helpful to look at both NIV & CEV translations*)

There is a big rift between God and people because of all the wrong things we've done. However, because Jesus took our punishment on the cross, we can be forgiven, and we have new life when we repent and accept Jesus as our king. This should change the way we live...

1. What does it mean to be "in Christ"? (v17 NIV- look at CEV to help).
2. What does verse 18 tell us about what God has done for us and what we are to do in response? How does this make you feel?
3. God offers forgiveness for all the wrong things people have done. How should that change the way we live?

Pray

Thank God that he loves us so much that he made a way to fix our relationship with him.

Thank God that he has given new life to everyone who trusts Jesus.

Ask God to help us show forgiveness and love to others.