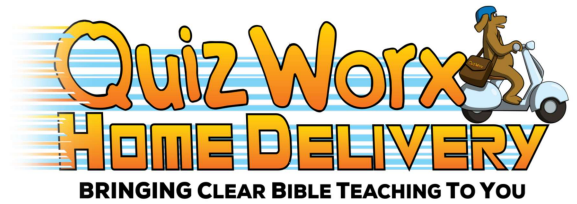


Digging Deeper

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 this week's 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 John 18:15-18, 18:25-27

In these passages, Simon Peter is asked by 3 different people if he was one of Jesus' disciples. He lets Jesus down BIG time with his responses...

1. What did Simon Peter say when people asked him if he was friends with Jesus? Why do you think he responded this way?
2. How do you think Simon Peter felt when the rooster crowed? Why do you think he felt this way?
3. Have you ever let someone you love down? Your friends? Your family? Jesus? How did that make you feel?

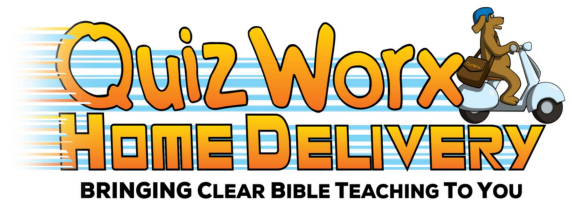
Pray

Thank God that Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins & that he came back to life so now anyone who trusts Jesus, even if they sometimes let him down, can be friends with God forever.

Ask Jesus to help you stand up for him and tell others about him.

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Devotion 2 – Read John 21:1-19

In this passage, Simon Peter is back in his fishing boat. 3 years earlier, he had been out on the same water when his life was changed forever by meeting Jesus. But now Jesus had died and Simon Peter's life was not working out the way he thought it would, until something amazing happens...

1. How do you think Simon Peter was feeling after Jesus' death?
2. Jesus then appeared to Simon Peter alive! What did Jesus ask him to do? What do you think he meant?
3. How did Simon Peter respond to Jesus' task?
4. The Good News of the Bible is that God welcomes everyone back who trusts in Jesus. And then he gives them the incredible joy of telling others about Jesus' forgiveness. What does this mean for you?

Pray

Thank Jesus that even when we let him or others down, we have forgiveness because Jesus died and rose again.

Ask God to help you continue to be "fishers of people." That is, ask God to help you tell others about Jesus.

Pray for one friend by name that you would like to tell about Jesus.

Devotion 3 – Read Matthew 28:16-20

After Jesus has been raised from the dead he reappears to the disciples and gives them a mission. This even includes our not so smart, stinky fisherman Simon Peter. Let's find out what that mission was...

1. What did Jesus tell his disciples to do?
2. How do you think Simon Peter was feeling about this mission?
3. What does "making disciples of all nations" mean?
4. How can we be part of Jesus' mission?

Pray

Thank God that Jesus beat death and made a way for us to be in God's family.

Pray that God gives you the courage to share his mission with your friends by telling them about Jesus.

Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus? Pray for them. And then you could invite them to watch Quiz Worx Home Delivery with you.