

The Case of the Christ



Welcome Detectives...

Here is a sheet which will help you this week, if you want to join the team of detectives on an investigation into the 'Case of the Christ'. Each week between now and Easter, there will be a short video and some activities which you can do as a family.

But the model of what we are doing, can be used every day if you want as a Family Bible time. Now is a great time to start one if you have never done one before. It needn't be long, will almost certainly be messy but so worthwhile! So under each heading, I've given suggestions of how you might do it each day with your family.

Signing off...

P.I. Paul

Opening Prayer

The Bible is God's word - do we need God to help us understand it!

This week

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read this true story from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more.'

For other days...

Why not use this same prayer?

Challenge

God is a God who gives fun and life. So looking at the Bible can be fun too. A simple challenge can also help focus the mind!

This week

Get a tray with some objects on from around the house. Look at them for 30 seconds, then cover the tray. Try and remember as many items as you can to test how good you are at using your eyes!

Or you could design your own 'detective badge' (see behind) - or do it at the end!

For other days...

You could simply look at what the Bible story is and ask a fun question connected to it... for example if you were reading about Joseph and his coat, you could begin and see how many colours you can name. If it was about Jesus healing the paralysed man - you could make a little house out of Lego for the story.

Read Bible Passage or Bible Story

This doesn't need to be long, but try and help your children concentrate for this bit to show them listening to God's word is important. That doesn't mean silence though! If the Bible has pictures, show them, or get the children to imagine it, or even act it out after. Or google one online - there are animations and picture out there (<http://www.freebibleimages.org/>) out there. There is also the Lego Bible (but watch - it is while some is great - not all is appropriate! So check the story first that is factual and something you would want the children to see!

This week

Read Luke 1:1-4

'Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eye witnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.'

Luke 1:1-4

PS Theophilus was Luke's friend - Luke wants him to know what he learnt about Jesus was true.

For other days...

You could work your way through a children's bible, picking a story from it each day.

If you have older children/ teenagers, you could work through Luke's gospel a little at a time - you can go to <https://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/the-luke-journey.html> to get some questions which might help you.

Chat it through

It is really important we think about what it means - that is what God wants to teach us through it, and then what it means in our lives. But that doesn't need to be long or complicated.

This week

- What is an eyewitness?
- When Dr Luke wrote his book about Jesus - where did he get his information from?
- How did Luke write his book?
- How does this help us trust what Luke is writing about Jesus is true?

For other days...

You could simply ask...

- What does it teach us about God?
- What does it teach us about us?
- How does it help me to trust Jesus more?

Pray it through

The Bible isn't there just to teach us more things, God is wanting to change us through it. So we need to pray for his help, as well as other needs.

This week

- Take the word 'TRUST' - think of something you could pray for beginning with each letter - especially that we would grow to trust Jesus more.

For other days...

There are lots of ways to help you pray...

- Teaspoon Prayers - think through things you can say Thank you to God for, might need to say Sorry to him for, and that you can ask him for and say Please.
- Sorry Prayers - if there are things you need to say sorry for - write them on a piece of paper, then pray to Jesus saying sorry and asking him to forgive you. Screw the paper up and put it in the bin. For those who trust him, that's what Jesus does with our sin - he takes it away.
- There are some ideas here - https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2019-03/TKC_Home_Pack_V4.pdf

