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Practical, Easy-To-Use Devotionals Made for Families.



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SETTING

The author of this book never tells us his name— he most often calls himself “the disciple Jesus loved”! What a great way to be known! There are lots of reasons why we believe that this loved disciple is the apostle John.

What do we know about John? He was a fisherman in the land of Israel in the time of Jesus. His brother James was also one of Jesus’ disciples (students/apprentices). A lot of people think John may have been the youngest of the disciples. He was part of Jesus’ inner circle of three close friends and disciples, so he had a special view of Jesus’ life, death, and the times He appeared after He rose from the dead.

We know that John and Jesus were very close. For example, as Jesus was dying on the cross, he asked John to be the one to take care of His mother Mary!

John became a very important part of the early church’s history. The Holy Spirit also used him to write Revelation and 1, 2, 3 John.



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OVERVIEW

John's book is a biography of Jesus that helps us see that He's no ordinary teacher. He's fully human and fully God! John wants us to know for sure that He's the one and only Savior (Rescuer) of the world. We'll see Jesus do miracles, teach people what's true, pray for us and for others, stand up to wicked people, give His Life as a sacrifice of love, and conquer death by rising from the grave. Wow!

More than any of the other three gospels, John focuses on how Jesus is God!



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THEMES

John tells us his goal for writing in John 20:30-31. It's *"that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

John wants us to do something with what he's just given us! He wants us to believe for ourselves that Jesus is who He says He is! That He's the True King of Heaven, and the One who came to free us from death. Death came into the world because of sin (sin is going against God—turning our hearts away from His love, ignoring Him, disobeying Him, and not caring about the things that He cares about.) Our sin separates us from God's closeness; it causes spiritual death and brings God's judgment upon us. Jesus came to save us from that! But He doesn't just want to save us from something. He wants to save us for something! That thing is full Life—living connected to God and becoming what He meant us to be as His people.

In John's gospel, you'll often see the words "life," "love," and "truth," or "true." His hope in writing is that we would have Life—and not just any Life, but a new kind of Life that's full of love and truth. This new life is "eternal". That means it has always been and will always be. Eternal life comes by being connected to God!

When we trust Jesus to save us, His eternal Life starts flowing in us, like water from a spring or like sap in a tree branch. The Life of Love that's flowing in God Himself now flows into us. Wow! This life in God will go on forever. Not even death can stop it! We'll be with Him always!

John is a master storyteller. He writes in a different style than the other three gospel authors, and he chooses a different set of stories about Jesus.

Why are the gospels different from each other?

John says that Jesus did so many things in His Life that if they'd all been written down, there wouldn't be enough room in the whole world for all the books we'd have! Each gospel writer had to choose (with God's help) which stories to include! John chose stories and teachings that were unique! Here are a few of the things that are special about John's book:

He gives us seven of Jesus' statements that start with the words "I am." Jesus shows us something special about Himself in each one. Many are word pictures, like "I am the bread of Life" or "I am the Light of the world". "I am" points back to God's name that He revealed in the Old Testament—"I am" or "I am who I am"! These "I am" statements give us another clue that Jesus is God!

John also shows us seven signs (miracles) that Jesus did. With His words and with His actions, Jesus lets us know that He's no ordinary man! He's God who came in human form to serve, love, and save His people.

Only John lets us hear Jesus praying for us on the night of His arrest.



He also lets us see more about the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples than any other writer. You'll see Him wash their feet as an example of how they should serve.

John calls Jesus "the Lamb of God." That phrase helps us know that He's giving His Life as a sacrifice.

As you read, be sure to notice how people react to Jesus. Many people believe and worship when they see what He does and hear what He teaches. But others get very angry and even violent. Jesus is brave and calm when He faces this kind of trouble. He even tells us to expect similar reactions if we serve Him. Jesus is with us always, even when hard things happen. He knows how to help.

HOW TO USE

Jesus said he's like a shepherd leading and protecting a flock of sheep. He might be calling you right now to belong to Him. If you feel Him tugging at your heart to believe what He says, that's wonderful news! Share that with your family or another trusted adult who follows God. They can help you know what to do from there.

Jesus promised that no one can take His sheep out of His hand! He is your Shepherd and your God!





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Jesus Arrives: The Word, The Light, The Lamb

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Jesus Arrives: The Word, The Light, The Lamb

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BACKSTORY

(vs. 29-35) What does John call Jesus (2x)? What does he mean? There's a clue in v. 29! What does John say the lamb of God will do? In Exodus 12, God delivered the people of Israel in a mighty way. He brought judgment on those who had enslaved them, but He spared (passed over) the people of Israel. He told them to put lamb's blood on their doors as a sign that they were His. The angel who dealt the judgment (death) wouldn't touch them! Jesus became our Passover Lamb. His blood causes God to pass over us with forgiveness. If you have time, read Revelation 5:12, 7:17! What is the title of the King who will crush evil forever/comfort His people?

RESPONSE

(vs. 1-18) There's so much in this beautiful opening to John's book! Make a list of what you learn about Jesus in these verses. Write about it in A Place for Your Thoughts. Special Note: What does v. 12 say He did, and for whom? That offer is open to us, too!

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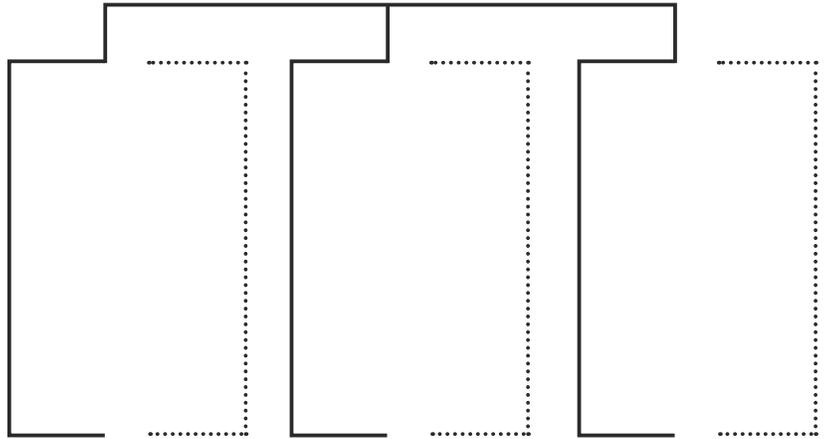
Jesus' Passionate Heart And Heavenly Power

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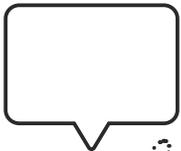
HIGHLIGHT

(vs. 1-12) Read and retell the story in your own words. Why does Jesus do this (v. 6)? He was tender-heartedly saving the family from disgrace! Jesus' actions showed both His kind heart and His great power (v. 6)! What was the purpose of these special jars? Some people think that by using the jars that were for religious washing, Jesus was hinting that He had come to transform their way of relating to God! Wine was better than water, and Jesus' presence with His people was far better than the old way of religious rituals that didn't change people's hearts. Fun Fact: The Bible calls Jesus a Groom and His people His bride (3:29). His coming meant it was time to celebrate!

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HISTORY

(vs. 13-25) Jesus took drastic measures to make sure people could come to the true God! Some people think that the sellers might have been in the part of the Temple reserved for those who weren't Jews. Jesus wanted people of every race and nation to be able to know God!



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Jesus Came To Show Us The Light And Give Us Life

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BACKSTORY

(vs. 1-21) What in the world is Jesus talking about? There's so much to see here! Read it and then make a list of what you learn about Jesus, what you learn about people, and what questions you have. Helpful Notes: (vs. 4-6) When something is born, it's of the same sort as its parent. Cats have baby cats, people give birth to baby people, and the Holy Spirit births people into spiritual life. Being alive spiritually means you're connected to God. If you haven't believed Jesus, you aren't alive spiritually. (v. 14) This is a reference to Numbers 21:4-9 (read it if you have time) where God heals the people of the punishment they deserved by looking to something that was "lifted up!" How do you think that story points to Jesus?

HIGH LIGHT

(vs. 16-18) Verse 16 is a wonderful verse to memorize, but most people miss the verses that comes after it! It's so wonderful! What do you learn about Jesus from vs. 17-18?

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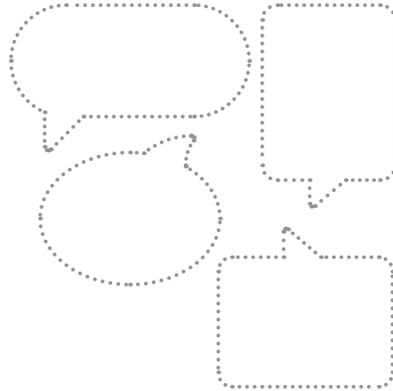
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Jesus Shows Love In Unexpected Ways And In Unexpected Places

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WORTH A NOTE

Interesting things happen (with the disciples and the townspeople) after the conversation! How would you sum it up (vs. 27- 38)? What does Jesus say? Doing God's work *FEEDS* Him. It will do the same for us when we lovingly follow Him. Second, what happened in the town (vs. 39-42)? The Lord used the woman greatly!

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HISTORY

Jesus chose to talk with someone few people expected Him to notice because 1) She was a woman. Jewish men typically didn't have conversations with women. In fact, they looked down on them. Jesus didn't play by those rules! 2) She was a Samaritan. The Jews and Samaritans didn't get along, and most Jews thought Samaritans were less holy than them. 3) The time. What time was the woman coming to draw water? Many people believe that this means that she wasn't welcome in the cooler hours of the day, like other women. She was probably an outcast from her community. *Jesus eagerly talked to her!* Think about that for a minute. What does that teach you about Jesus?



Jesus Heals A Man And Shows His Authority

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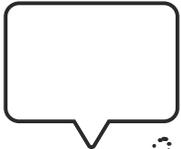
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(vs. 1-14) Imagine yourself as the man at the pool. How would you feel? What would you be thinking? What did Jesus ask the man (v. 6)? Why do you think He asked? What was the answer? What did Jesus do next? It was the Sabbath when this happened. The Sabbath day (the 6th day of the week) was set aside by God in the Ten Commandments as a day of rest and worship. How did Jesus' actions give this man rest? How did the religious leaders respond (vs. 9-10, 16-18)?

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FIND IT

Some people believe that Jesus was just a wise teacher or an example of a good person (but not God). In vs. 16-47, how many times can you find that Jesus puts Himself on the same level as God or talks about doing something that only God has the right to do (like judging in the final sense, giving Life, or even calling people out of the grave!)? Make a list in *A Place for Your Thoughts*.



Jesus Is The Bread Of Life And The Ruler Of All Creation

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HIGHLIGHT

What had Jesus done at the beginning of chapter 6 (vs. 1-13)? Read vs. 25-36. Why were they seeking Him now (v. 26)? Was it because they loved Him and wanted to know Him? No way! It was because they wanted more bread! What does Jesus tell them to do in v. 27? What is this "work" He wants them to do (v. 29)? Jesus knows they need the bread that will never go away, never leave them empty, and never fail them—HIMSELF. Look at v. 35. What does Jesus call Himself? What does He promise? The way to a filled/satisfied heart and life isn't found in getting more and more of things we want—it's in knowing Jesus deeply!

RESPONSE

Look at vs. 37-40. What did you learn about Jesus' role and how He cares for His people? How does it make you feel to know these things? Write about it in A Place for Your Thoughts.

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People Debate About Who Jesus Really Is

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WORTH A NOTE

Jesus was God Himself. His authority/goodness was greater than any other person's ever! And yet, some people didn't believe Him, tried to stop Him, hated Him, and accused Him of terrible things! What were the leaders trying to do (v. 1)? How did Jesus' brothers respond to Him at this point in their lives (v. 5)? What did the people in the crowd say about Him (vs. 12-13)? What do they accuse Him of next (v. 20)? Oh my! If they spread rumors like that about Jesus, we shouldn't be surprised if we encounter trouble, too. People will sometimes be angry when we talk about Jesus and the things He said.

FIND IT

(vs. 40-41) Now, who do the people say He is? Whoa! That's very different than what they said earlier in this same chapter! People's minds/feelings change, but the truth about Jesus doesn't!

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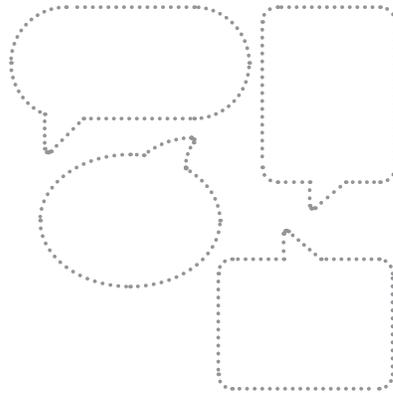
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Jesus Is The Light Of The World; His Enemies Don't Like It

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(vs. 31-37) What does Jesus tell the people that the Truth will do for them? What will it set them free from (v. 34)? Jesus says that every person (before they believe God) is a slave of sin (sin is going against God)—it controls our hearts first and then our actions! But Jesus came to set us FREE from it! We can be free of what destroys us because of Him! (Romans 6 can tell you more!)

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FUN FACT

(v. 12) John includes seven statements Jesus made that start with "I am." What was the first? (look back at chapter 6). What is Jesus' second, "I am?" How does it feel to be in the dark? How might people in Jesus' day have had an even bigger sense of how hard it was to walk in darkness? What does it mean to have Light spiritually? Jesus' words point back to chapter 1. They also fulfill Old Testament prophecies and patterns! If you have time, look up Isaiah 9:2!



Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind

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HIGHLIGHT

Chapter 9 is one big story! Can you retell it in your own words? Make sure to include the following facts: how the man became blind, what the disciples thought caused it, how Jesus healed him, how people responded (his neighbors + the Pharisees who are religious leaders), how his parents handled being questioned and why (FYI: Being cast out of the synagogue was being cut out of your community! It was a big deal), what the Pharisees decided, how Jesus responded to their actions (vs. 35-41), and the man's response to Jesus. How would you describe Jesus' heart in this story? Who do you think was really spiritually blind, and who could see?

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HISTORY

What's a "Rabbi?" A Rabbi is a Jewish teacher of the Scriptures. Disciples learned from their rabbis like apprentices—by spending long hours together. Fun Fact: Archaeologists found the pool of Siloam in 2004!



Jesus Speaks Powerfully About Who He Is; Some People Are Angry

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RESPOND

Read vs. 1-19. To whom does Jesus tell the story (v. 1)? How have the Pharisees responded to Jesus so far in John's gospel? In Jesus' parable, which character is He (vs. 11, 14)? Who are "the sheep?" In the Old Testament (Ezekiel 34), God said some strong words to the religious leaders of that day because they didn't love His sheep (His people) very well. They were taking advantage of them and treating them cruelly! God's people are priceless to Him, and He takes their care extremely seriously! The Pharisees hadn't loved God's people well. He wanted them to know that the real Shepherd had come (v. 12)! It was time for them to listen to Him! List everything you learn here about the Good Shepherd. What will He will do for the sheep? How will those who are His respond? Which part means the most to you?

FUN FACT

(v. 22) The Feast of Dedication is called Hanukkah! It's still celebrated by Jewish people today!

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Jesus Gives Lazarus Life; The Religious Leaders Plot His Death

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HIGHLIGHT

(vs. 1-43) Read through the story once to see what happens, then slowly make a list of what you notice (you can take a few days if you need to!). There are so many amazing details. What do Mary and Martha do when their brother gets sick? Why does Jesus wait? Why are His disciples worried? Can you find the places that describe Jesus' feelings? FYI: When it says He was "deeply moved," that phrase could mean "a deep anger"— maybe at what sin/death had done to His beloved friends or maybe also at unbelief. It could be that the people were grieving like they had no hope—like they had forgotten that God will one day raise us! Death is NOT the end for believers! Just like Jesus "woke up" His friend Lazarus, He will wake ALL His friends one day!

A NOTE

WORTH

(vs. 7-8, 16) When Jesus chose to go to raise Lazarus, He was deciding to head into the city where He would soon die. Jesus was on a mission not just to bring Life to Lazarus, but to all of us. He was bravely willing to honor God, love us, and bear the cost.

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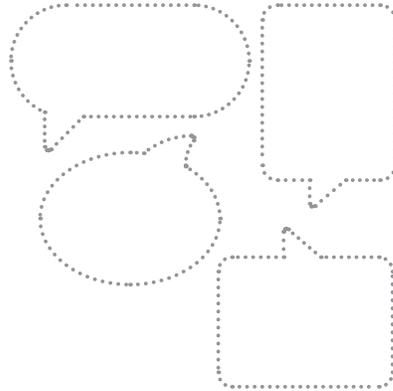
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Jesus: The Fulfillment Of The Bible's Promises And Prophecies

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FIND IT

In this chapter, John makes a point to show us two ways that Jesus fulfilled prophecies about His coming. Can you find them? The Bible tells us one big story from start to finish! So far, it's been leading up to the arrival of the true King: Jesus! (Hint: The first verse quotes Psalm 118 (vs. 12-16), the second quotes Isaiah (vs. 37-41).

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RESPONSE

(v. 42) Who had started to believe in Jesus? Why wouldn't they speak up about it? Ask God to help you love and live for His praise more than other people's acceptance, admiration, or approval. Write your prayer in *A Place for Your Thoughts*.



The Last Supper: Jesus Loves And Serves His Disciples

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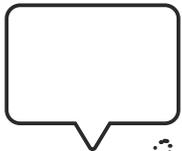
HISTORY

Knowing what He did about His power and authority, what did Jesus do (vs. 4-15)? The roads were dusty, and people wore sandals back then. Their feet were very, very dirty. The lowest servant's job was to wash feet. Why does Jesus say that He washed their feet (vs. 12-17)? As Jesus has done for His people, we're to do for others—humbling ourselves, loving them, and meeting their needs unselfishly. Jesus is both our Savior and our example. Who can you serve today? Special Note: How will people forever recognize Jesus' disciples (v. 34)?

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RESPONSE

Chapter 13 opens with a window into what was on Jesus' heart and mind as He approached His death (vs. 1-3). What does v. 1 tell us about Jesus' love? What do vs. 1 and 3 say that "Jesus knew?" Wow. What (or who) we love and what we believe to be true set our lives. Because Jesus knew who He was, where He was going (to God), the power He'd been given, and who He loved, He did everything that came next. Read the rest of the chapter. What do you notice?



Jesus Teaches His Disciples Important Truth Before His Death

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HISTORY

Why would Jesus assure them that His Father's house had many rooms? One guess has to do with the way that people built houses back in Jesus' day. Many lived as extended families in connected groups of rooms that formed something like a compound. When a son grew up and got married, a new room could be added to his father's house. So, the family home kept growing! God has plenty of room for all of us!! Where Jesus is (with the Father), we will be, too! We're part of His family!

HIGHLIGHT

(v. 6) What does Jesus say about Himself? How many ways are there to God? Only one. In our day, most people believe that any spiritual path will lead to heaven and God. That's not what Jesus says. While we must be gentle, respectful, and kind when it comes to what people believe, we need to be clear: there's only one way Home to the Father's house. That's through believing in Jesus as the perfect sacrifice, the True King, the only real God. He loves us and seeks us!

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A Really Important Lesson: Stay Connected To God

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WORTH A NOTE

Jesus knows that He is about to give up His life as a sacrifice to save His people from their sin and its consequence (separation from God). He knew He would be arrested later that night. What do you think you would be saying to the people you loved if you knew you were in your last hours with them? Probably that you loved them! Have you heard that message from Jesus in these last couple of chapters (and v. 9)? If there were any instructions you needed to give them, you'd pick what was most important and make sure they understood! That's what Jesus is doing here! What does Jesus teach them in vs. 1-17? Write what you learn in *A Place for Your Thoughts*.

HIGH LIGHT

(vs. 9-17) What is Jesus' command to them (and to us). (v. 17)?

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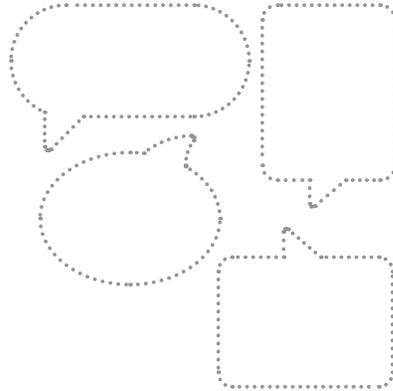
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Promises For The Future: The Holy Spirit Will Come!

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Verse 33 is a good one to memorize!

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RESPONSE

(vs. 1-15) Who will Jesus send to the disciples after He goes away? The Holy Spirit! What else is He called (vs. 6, 13)? Those names show us some of the ways He helps us. After Jesus went to the Father, God would come and be with His people in a new way (through the Spirit). For much of Israel's history (back before Jesus came), God had met His people in the temple. Now His people were going to BE the temple! The Holy Spirit would be right there in each believer to teach them, help them, comfort them, and guide them. Wow! Jesus had a physical body, so He could only be in one place at a time. Now the Holy Spirit could be with each believer all the time! What does vs. 1-15 say that the Holy Spirit will do? How does knowing this help you? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. If you have time, read John 14:15-21, 25-26.



Leading Up To His Arrest: Jesus' Powerful And Loving Prayer

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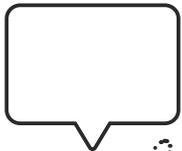
FIND IT

Chapter 17 lets us hear Jesus' last recorded prayer in this life. We get to find out what was on His heart. What are some things that Jesus prays? Write a list of at least five things that Jesus asks for His people. P.S. Jesus is praying not just for those disciples who were with Him then, but He was praying for us, too—the ones who would come after them! Can you find the place where He mentions us in particular? (Hint: it's about 3/4 of the way through His prayer). What does He pray? If you have extra time, make a list of things you observe (see from Jesus' prayer).

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The book of Hebrews (7:25) tells us that Jesus is actually praying for us RIGHT NOW! He's always before God appealing on our behalf, thinking of us, and helping us. We are never alone!



Jesus' Obedient Suffering: Arrested, On Trial, Denied By A Friend

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BACKSTORY

(vs. 1-6) When the soldiers, priests, and Pharisees got there, what did He ask them (v. 4)? What was their answer? How did Jesus respond (v. 5)? What happened to them next? Jesus used a particular phrase in Greek to say, "I AM." In the Old Testament, God had revealed that this was His name—I *am*. Very often in the Bible, when people encounter God, they fall on their faces. He's just too mighty and awesome for people even to stand when He's near! What does John want us to see by including this story? Do you believe that Jesus is God?

WORTH A NOTE

As you read, notice how Jesus handles things. What stands out to you? Watch how He answers questions, how patient He is, how courageous He is, and *especially* how humble. Can you find examples? Who does Pilate say Jesus is (v. 37)? This King of all Creation was allowing His subjects to put Him to death to save *them*! Wow. All glory to King Jesus!

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The King Who Overcame Evil With Good: The Sacrifice Is Made

SUMMARY *(write or draw)*

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HISTORY

(v. 1) What does "flogged" mean? This is a really sad thing. Here, it means beating with whips with hard things tied to them. Jesus endured suffering because He cared so much about us. He could have stopped the process at any time, but He chose to do it because He wanted to honor God and end evil's reign forever. Jesus, the rightful King, was coming to take up the throne of His Kingdom. But His rise to power didn't look anything like what people thought it would. Jesus endured mocking (being made fun of), and cruelty (vs. 2-6). He understands how mean people can be, so He knows how to comfort and help us if we experience those things.

RESPONSE

How does this story of Jesus' death make you feel? What stands out to you? Paying close attention to details, what do you see? Write about what you find in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. Special Note: who does Jesus make sure to take care of while He's on the cross (vs. 25-27)?

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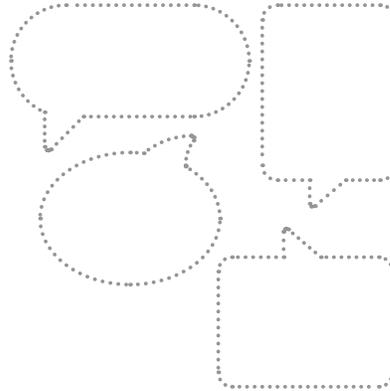
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The Most Joyful Surprise That Ever Happened: Jesus Is Alive!!!

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FUN FACT

Most people agree that when John uses the phrase “the disciple Jesus loved” or “the other disciple,” he’s talking about himself. What detail does he include (v. 4)? Who does he say he out-ran? Ha!

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HIGHLIGHT

Imagine you were one of the disciples. What would you be feeling after Jesus’ death (v. 19)? Where were they feeling? Why was the door locked? It makes sense that they were scared! What happened (v. 20)? How would you have felt if you were there? It’s an amazing scene! What else do you see in this joyful chapter? Write about it in *A Place for Your Thoughts*. Special Note: John tells us the purpose for his whole book at the end of ch 20!



Jesus Appears To His Beloved Disciples And Restores One Who Fell

SUMMARY (write or draw)

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WHAT STOOD OUT

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FAV WORDS

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HISTORY

In those days and in that part of the world, fishermen preferred to fish overnight. How much had they caught during the best hours (v. 5)? What does Jesus playfully yell out to them? What happened next? What was their response (v. 7)? Read the rest of the story. What stands out to you? Note: 1 Corinthians 15 promises that everyone who has trusted Jesus will one day have a resurrected body like His! Here we see Jesus talking, cooking, comforting Peter, and making a fire! He's really really alive! WHAT HOPE WE HAVE! Alive with our Jesus forever and ever!

HIGHLIGHT

How many times did Peter deny Jesus (John 18)? How many times does Jesus restore Him to his place of serving Him (vs. 15-18)? God gives mercy and such great grace! Special Note: Read the very last verse of John's gospel. What do you learn? Spend a few minutes thanking God for what He's shown you in your journey through John's gospel!

