

60 Day Wonder Devotional Book
Year 2 - Life of Christ

Book 10 – Jesus the Friend
Teacher scripts to lead Wonder Time™ each week at Good News Club®

NOTE: The poster referred to in these scripts can be downloaded from the CEF® Web site. Also, be sure to use the visualized CEF Wonder Time™ song, “God Wants to Spend Time with Just You”, available from CEF Press®. This song is also recorded on the Good News Club® CDs. The page numbers that the kids are to read each week are in bold print; be sure to emphasize these during Wonder Time and repeat them at the end of club.

Week 1 – Jesus with Mary and Martha

(Sing the Wonder Time song.) Guess what special thing happens today? Yes! You will get your new *Wonder Devotional Book!*

Do you have a good friend—someone you like spending time with? Did you know Jesus wants to be your best friend? Over the next 60 days you’ll be learning all about Jesus the friend and how He can be your friend too!

This week you’re going to read the Bible and your *Wonder Devotional Book* to find out about a friend of Jesus and why Jesus praised her. **Start on page 1 and do one page a day until you finish page 7.** Be sure to spend some time thinking about what you read and praying to God (*show poster*). Have fun as you get to know Jesus your friend!

Week 2 – Pray as Jesus Prayed

(Sing the Wonder Time song and show the poster.) One of the words on our poster is PRAY. Did God answer prayer for you this week? (*Allow response.*)

Why do you think prayer is so important? (*Allow response.*) The disciples, who were Jesus’ friends, knew prayer was important but they weren’t sure how to do it. So they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. This week as you work on **pages 8 to 14** you’ll learn what Jesus told them and what it means to you. You’ll learn why it’s so important to forgive others. You’ll learn three ways God might answer prayer.

If you have trusted Christ as your Savior, you are His child and you can call Him “Father.” You can PRAY anytime about anything. You can know He cares for you and will give you exactly what you need at just the right time.

If you’ve never trusted Christ as Savior, don’t wait another day! **Admit** you’re a sinner and you want God to change you on the inside. **Believe** Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins and rose again. **Call** on God in prayer, asking Him to forgive your sins and be your Savior. You can talk to God about it quietly in your heart right now or one of the teachers can help you later.

Week 3 – Lost and Found

How are you doing in your *Wonder Devotional Book*? Are you remembering to follow the steps? (*Show poster.*) If you are having trouble STOPPING, SITTING, READING, THINKING or PRAYING, there is Someone who can help! It's God's Holy Spirit, who lives in your heart if you are a child of God. You can ask the Holy Spirit to help you with your quiet time and to show you what God wants you to know from His Word.

This week you'll be doing **pages 15 to 20**. You'll read some good stories Jesus told about lost things—people, sheep and coins. What do people usually do when things are lost? What do they do when things are found? (*Allow responses.*)

Do you have a friend or someone in your family who is lost? I don't mean you can't find him; I mean he is away from God. You can help him find God by telling him how you trusted in Jesus as your Savior. Or you can show him the inside cover of your *Wonder Devotional Book*. If your friend trusts Christ as Savior, you can celebrate like the people did in Jesus' stories!

Week 4 – The Prodigal Son

(*Sing the Wonder Time song together.*) In your quiet time this week did you remember to THINK about what about what you READ? Here are some questions to ask yourself after you READ God's Word: What does it say? What does it mean? What is God saying to me?

This week ask yourself those questions as you READ about a father and two sons. At first it seems that one son was the "good son" and made a good choices and the other was the "bad son" and made bad choices. But by the end of the story you'll realize that both sons were sinners like all people, including you and me.

You'll also see that the father loved both sons! I hope the story will help you think about God and His love for you. If you are His child and have made some bad choices, confess your sin to Him. He will gladly forgive you and help you do right.

Remember to THINK every day this week as you work on **pages 21 to 27**. (*Sing "Wonder Time."* You may also want to sing the visualized song "Three Questions," available from CEF Press, which asks the questions given above.)

Week 5 – The Raising of Lazarus

Do you remember the lessons in your devotional book about Mary and Martha? Remember, Jesus praised Mary for choosing the best part—STOPPING and SITTING and listening to Him. Did you do that last week? When and where did you STOP? (*Allow response.*)

Did you know Mary and Martha had a brother? His name was Lazarus and in this week's story, Lazarus gets sick and dies! Jesus was a special friend to these three people. He could have healed Lazarus from far away without even going to his house but He didn't. He had a special reason for waiting. See if you can find out what that was as you read this week.

I hope each of you will do **pages 28 to 33** and the fun activity page. READ the Bible and the devotional book, THINK about what it means—why did Jesus let Lazarus die? Then THINK about what God is saying to you through the story. Ask God’s Holy Spirit to show you what God wants you to know. (*Sing the Wonder Time song and “Three Questions.”*)

Week 6 – Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

(*Sing the Wonder Time song together.*) Raise your hand if you did one or more pages in your *Wonder Devotional Book* last week! (*Clap for those raising their hands.*) Did anyone find the reason Jesus let Lazarus die? (*Allow response.*) Jesus knew the people would see God’s power when He raised Lazarus from the dead.

In today’s story ten people saw God’s power to heal! Jesus did an amazing miracle for these very sick men. They were so happy! But there’s something sad about the story. Try to find out what it is.

This week’s story teaches us how important it is to be thankful. When you PRAY during your quiet time this week, thank God for all the good things He has done for you. He loves you and wants you to talk to Him. This week will you PRAY every day as you work on **pages 34-40?**

Week 7 – Jesus Blesses the Children

What was the sad thing about the story of the ten lepers in last week’s *Wonder Devotional Book*? (*Allow response.*) Only one of the lepers thanked Jesus for healing him. Did you thank God in your prayer time last week? What did you thank Him for? (*Allow responses.*)

This week do **pages 41-47**. Here’s another happy story with a little sadness at the end. Jesus loves the children and wants them to come to Him! When He was here on Earth, He took them in His arms and blessed them. Wouldn’t you have loved to have been here then? I would!

But there were some people who were not happy about the children coming to Jesus. Can you imagine? Find out who they were this week. Find out what Jesus said to them. You’ll be glad you did! Now let’s sing our *Wonder Time* song!

Week 8 – The Rich Young Man

Did you find out who wasn’t happy about the children coming to Jesus? What did Jesus say to them? (*Allow responses.*)

Next week’s lessons tell about someone else who came to Jesus. He was a very rich young man. He told Jesus he had kept all the commandments. He seemed to think he was perfect! But there was something more important to him than following Jesus. See if you can find out what it was.

Is there something more important to you than following Jesus? As you do **pages 48-54** this week, THINK about that question. Then THINK about your memory verse. It promises that if you put God first, He will give you everything you need.

Week 9 – Blind Bartimaeus

Did you find out what was more important to the rich young man than following Jesus?
(Allow response.)

The man in this week's story didn't have any trouble following Jesus. He followed Jesus and glorified God immediately after Jesus did something wonderful for him! You'll find out on **pages 55-60 and the activity page** what Jesus did and what a special friend Jesus was to him.

Jesus, God the Son, is your friend too. He wants to hear about your needs! You can PRAY anytime, anyplace and tell Him what you need. Remember, God always answers when we pray—sometimes yes, sometimes no and sometimes wait. Would anyone like to tell about how God answered one of your prayers? (Allow response.)

Do you have needs we can pray about together right now? (Take requests and pray with the children.)

Be sure to bring your devotional book back next week to be checked. Then you'll be ready for book 11—*Jesus the Servant*. Now let's sing our *Wonder Time* song!