

60 Day Wonder Devotional Book
Year 2 – Life of Christ

Book 7 - Jesus, God’s Son

Teacher scripts to introduce Wonder Time each week at Good News Club®

Two weeks prior to distributing *Wonder Devotional Book 7*

In two weeks you will be receiving a special gift. It is a book to help you spend time with God everyday. If you were in club last year, you received *Wonder Devotional Books*. This year we have completely new books for you! So get ready for the beginning of a new and great adventure as you open God’s word each day. Remember, God wants to spend time with you every single day.

To spend time with Him, you need to (*show poster and point to each word and picture*) STOP what you are doing so the room will be quiet, SIT and get quiet on the inside, open and READ from your Bible, THINK about what you are reading, and PRAY to God. Each week we will have *Wonder Time* in club. That’s when we will spend a few minutes talking about this special time with God. This sign (*show poster*) will help you remember the five parts of your quiet time. Let’s say them together and then sing our *Wonder Time* song which reminds us, “God wants to spend time with you, every day.”

One week prior to distributing *Wonder Devotional Book 7*

Imagine what it was like to live when Jesus lived on the earth! How exciting it would have been to walk with Him each day, hearing Him teach and seeing His miracles! The new *Wonder Devotional Book* you will receive next week will help you do just that. As you complete each day’s devotional you will learn more about Jesus. It will be like walking with Him through your everyday life.

Begin thinking now about where and when you can spend time with God every day. *Where* will it be? Will your time with God be in your room or maybe at the kitchen table where you do your homework? *When* will you spend time with God? In the morning when you first wake up or in the evening just before you go to bed? You will need to (*show poster*) STOP and SIT, then you will READ, THINK, and PRAY. Remember God wants to spend time with you every day. Every day is 365 days a year, just like our song says. Let’s sing it right now.

Week 1 - Who is Jesus? (This first introduction will take a few extra minutes) (Assign pages 1-7)

Today is the day we have been looking forward to! You will receive your new *Wonder Devotional Book* at the end of club with your take-home treats. Each day you will do one page in your book, pages 1-7.

This book is yours to keep, but remember to bring it back to *Good News Club* every week so your work can be checked and you can be given a special reward. Do you know where and when

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you will have your first quiet time? This is the first step in spending time with God. (*Hold up poster and point to each word and picture as you talk about each one.*)

STOP. This means you must turn off the TV, computer or whatever distracts you. The room needs to be as quiet as possible so you can concentrate. **SIT.** When you sit, you quiet your mind and heart; the real you inside. Ask God to help you understand the things you are about to read. Confess your sins and make sure there is nothing between you and God. Then, **READ.** Open your book to day 1. (*Open a Devotional to show the format.*)

The Bible verses you will read and study are not written out for you in the book. Open your Bible and look up the verses for yourself. The reference or address of the verses is in the box. Find the verses in your Bible beginning with the book. Your Bible is 66 small books all bound together. Use the index in the front of your Bible to find the page on which the book begins. (*Show a Bible index.*)

The first number in the address represents the chapter. These large numbers in the Bible indicate the chapter. (*Show chapter numbers.*) The second number in the address indicates the verse. The small numbers in with the words in the Bible are the verse numbers. Read the assigned verses slowly until you understand every word. After you read, **THINK** about what you read and answer the questions on this page. Writing down the answers will help you remember what you have learned. Lastly, **PRAY.** Thank God for what you learned, and pray about the upcoming day. Some prayer thoughts are included to get you started. Use your own words to talk to God. Ask Him to change your life so you can live to please Him.

This week complete the first seven lessons, one each day, in your book. Let’s finish our *Wonder Time* by singing the chorus of our song. God really *does* want to spend time with you every day!

Week 2 - Jesus is Born (Assign pages 8-14)

How did your quiet time go last week? Did you find a good time to **STOP** and **SIT**? Keep searching for the best place and time. How many of you brought your books back this week? Great, Next week I hope all of you have your quiet time and bring back your books.

I hope you enjoyed learning about who Jesus is. This week we will be learning more about Jesus’ birth. After you **STOP** and **SIT**, you need to **READ** the Bible verses very carefully. The Bible is God’s true Word. It was written by holy men long ago as they were shown what to write by the Holy Spirit. Every word is true and every word is important. The words of the Bible are God’s way to talk to you. Read it very carefully and listen to God as He tells you wonderful things about His Son Jesus. All of the stories of the Bible are true. When you finish reading, **THINK** about what you read, and then answer the questions carefully. Last, **PRAY** and ask God to help you remember and obey what you learned. This week we will be doing pages 8 to 14. (*Remind children of these page numbers again at end of club.*)

Each week (*Show devotional page sample*) your book has a verse for you to memorize. In addition to the verse you learn at *Good News Club*, will you try to remember this verse too? Hiding God’s word in your heart will help you to obey.

When you spend time with God every day, you will get to know Him and love Him more and more. Let’s sing our song to help us remember to spend time with God every day.

Week 3 - The Shepherds (Assign pages 15-20, note only 6 pages)

Last week as you had a quiet time with God every day, you learned about Jesus’ birth. This week you will be working on pages 15 to 20. Do you realize this is only six pages? Every once in a while we will do only six pages a week, and this week is one of the weeks. Work in your devotional book on six pages—one page each day. On day seven, look back over what you have learned, re-read your favorite verses and spend some extra time praying.

Jesus was born as a baby so that He could grow up to die to take the punishment for your sins. Perhaps you realize that you have never trusted in Jesus to forgive you sins. Read lesson 16 this week very carefully. In it you will learn that you can admit you are a sinner and believe in Jesus. You can also listen carefully during the Bible lesson and talk to the teacher after the lesson to learn from the Bible how you can believe in Jesus today.

In your lessons this week you will learn about the part the shepherds had in the Christmas story. After the shepherds met the baby Jesus, they told the Good News of Jesus far and wide, to everyone they met. If you have already believed in Jesus, will you tell the Good News to someone you know this week? Will you tell someone in your family or a friend who has never heard, that Jesus was born to take away sin.

This week don’t forget to work on pages 15-20 and be sure to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK, and PRAY every day!

Week 4 - The Wise Men (Assign pages 21-27)

Over the next seven days you will read the second chapter of Matthew as you do pages 21 to 27 in your devotional book. Remember, this week you will be doing 7 pages in your book. As you read from the first book of the New Testament, Matthew, you will be learning about the part the wise men played in the story of Christmas. The wise men worshipped Jesus as the King, and He is still King today. After Jesus died on the cross, He was buried. Three days later He rose from the dead. He came alive again and lived on the earth for 40 days. At the end of the 40 days, he went back up to Heaven where he lives forever preparing a place for those who believe in Him to live with Him forever. King Jesus, our great Lord, is worthy of our praise and our worship. We can praise Him and tell Him how great He is here at *Good News Club*. You can also worship Him during your special time with God every day. As we sing about our great God today, let’s worship and praise Him.

Week 5 - The Boy Jesus (Assign pages 28-33 plus an activity page)

When Jesus was a boy, He always wanted to please His earthly parents and His heavenly Father. He never committed one sin: never thought, said or did anything except what His heavenly Father wanted Him to do. You will be reading from the book of Luke this week, pages 28 to 33 in your *Wonder Devotional Book*. After page 33 there is a special activity page. (*Show page in book.*) See how much you can remember from what you’ve read in your quiet times so far.

This week, you will learn about the things Jesus did when he was your age. Remember that as you read your Bible, God’s true Word, God will teach you things you did not know about Him and what He wants you to do. The things which were important to Jesus should be important to you too. This week as you STOP (turn off everything), SIT (quiet yourself), READ (carefully),

THINK, and PRAY (praising God and asking for help), will you look for new ways to please your heavenly Father and then practice them just as Jesus did?

Week 6 - John the Baptist (Assign pages 34-39, note only 6 pages)

Every baby is a special creation of God. This week is a 6 day week, so on the seventh day, you can look back over what you have learned, re-read your favorite verses and spend some extra time praying. As you spend time with God every day using pages 34 to 39, you will discover the Bible story of one baby, John, who was born to be special in other ways too. He had a special birth, ate special food and did an important job to get the world ready for Jesus’ coming.

God has a special plan for everyone. He has a plan for you. As you take time this week to spend time with God every day, remember that the plan God has for you is different from the plan he has for every other person. You are unique, a special creation of God. God made you just the way you are and has a special plan for every part of your life. Keep doing your best to live a life which pleases God. He had a plan for John’s life. Jesus called John a great prophet. What would Jesus say about you?

This week as you do pages 34 to 39 in your *Wonder Devotional Book*, will you think about the special plan God has for you? As we sing our *Wonder Time* song, ask God to help you have time with him every day.

Week 7 - Temptation of Christ (Assign pages 40-46)

Did you know that you have an enemy? That enemy is Satan, the devil. He is God’s enemy and he hates God’s children. This week on pages 40 to 46, you will learn about the special weapon God has given you to fight Satan. Jesus used this weapon, the Word of God, when He was tempted by the devil. Memorizing God’s Word, understanding what it says and then obeying it is a powerful weapon against Satan’s temptations.

Each week memorize the verse from club and the verse from your *Wonder Devotional Book*. Is your memory filled with verses? No? Then ask God to help you memorize. If your mind is filled with the Word of God, thank God for the powerful weapon He has given you. As you STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY this week, don’t simply memorize God’s word, understand what it says and obey it! This will make the devil flee from you. Now let’s stand up and sing our *Wonder Time* song.

Week 8 - Calling of the Disciples (Assign pages 47-53)

The Bible memory verse in your *Wonder Devotional Book* for this week is Matthew 4:19 “‘Come, follow me’, Jesus said, ‘I will make you fishers of men.’ ” Jesus called 12 men to be His disciples; His special friends. He spent time teaching them about God and the plan God has for saving sinners from the punishment of their sins. These men told others the Good News.

Just like these disciples, you can be a “fisher of men”; someone who tells others the Good News about Jesus. You don’t have to be the smartest, prettiest or most popular person to be His disciple. He wants to use you just the way you are to tell others about Him. When you STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY everyday, you will learn more about God’s plan for saving

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sinners. The more you learn, the easier it will be for you to share the Good News with those you know who have not believed in Jesus. Spend time with God every day.

This week, you will be working on pages 47 to 53. Ask God to show you who you can tell the Good News to this week.

Week 9 - Water into Wine (Assign pages 54-60, plus an extra review page)

The Bible story for your quiet time this week is found in John chapter 2 verses 1-11. Jesus performs His first miracle. The miracle takes place at a party, but not many people see this amazing miracle happen. A miracle is an event that doesn’t happen in our everyday lives. It isn’t magic. Magic is really only a trick. A miracle is something that only the powerful God can do. When Jesus’ friends, the disciples, saw the miracle, they began to understand more of who Jesus really was. They were getting to know Him better as the Son of God.

How can you get to know Jesus better? Spend time with Him everyday. As you READ God’s Word carefully, you will hear and see more about Jesus, God’s Son. As you spend time praying each day, you can tell Him the wonderful things you are learning about Him and ask Him to help you know Him as He truly is.

This week, as you spend some quiet time with God every day you will be working on pages 54 to 60. After page 60, there is another fun activity page. See how much you can remember of all you’ve learned from God’s Word! If you haven’t been spending time with God, you can begin today.

You will be receiving a brand new *Wonder Devotional Book* next week. But don’t wait until you get your new book. Find a quiet place, get your Bible and begin to read. Start today. Then bring your book back each week so we can see how you are doing. Now let’s sing our *Wonder Time* song.