

**60 Day Wonder Devotional Book
Year 2 - Life of Christ**

Book 8 – Jesus the Teacher
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.

Week 1 – Nicodemus

Today is an exciting day—you are getting your new *Wonder Devotional Book!* Have you been able to find a quiet place every day to have your special time with God? Remember each day you need to (*show poster*) STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY.

I asked several children who have their time regularly to tell us where they STOP and meet with God. (*Allow children to share.*) You may want to try one of these suggestions if you are having trouble finding a place to STOP and have your quiet time each day.

When do you have your quiet time? Does it work best for you in the morning, after school or in the evening? Try to have one special spot and one special time when you meet with God every day. This will help spending time with God become a habit: something you do without thinking about it. You will know that at that certain time of day you will go to your special place to have time alone with God.

When you begin your new devotional book, start on page one and do one page a day until you finish page 6. Be sure to spend some time praying to God. Have fun as you get to know God.

Week 2 - The Samaritan Woman

(*Show poster.*) You know that in your quiet time you need to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY. Can anyone explain to me what it means to SIT? (*Allow response.*) It means more than just sitting your body in a chair. It means being still on the inside—quieting your heart and your mind and thinking about what you are reading and learning about God and what He wants you to do. As you sit, ask God to help your mind be still. Ask Him to help you understand and remember what you are about to read.

This week you will continue reading in the book of John. You will be working on pages 7 to 13 in your new *Wonder Devotional Book*. In this story you’ll read about a woman who needed to know Jesus. Do you need to know Jesus as your Savior? Have you trusted in Him to forgive your sin? The Bible says God loved you so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for you and rise again. You can believe in Jesus today as you listen to the Bible lesson.

Week 3 - The Nobleman's Son

How are you doing in your *Wonder Devotional Book*? If you have done all your pages so far, raise your hand. (*Give a round of applause.*) That is great! For the rest of you, it is never too late to get started having time with God every day. Will you begin this week to spend time with Him? When you open your Bible to READ this week, you will be continuing in the book of John. John contains true stories of Jesus' life as He shows ordinary people that He is God's own Son. As you read, pay attention to the gentle and loving way Jesus cares for people with big and small problems.

Do you believe He will take care of you and your problems too? Faith is believing He will take care of you. Learn about Him this week as you READ carefully from your Bible. After you READ, answer the questions on each page. You will be working on pages 14 to 20 this week. If you are having trouble spending time with God every day, ask Him to help you. God wants to spend time with you because He cares for you. Believe that He will help you. Remember, STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY every day!

Week 4 - A Paralyzed Man

This week in your quiet time, STOP, SIT, READ and THINK about the verses from Mark which are in the blue box. Mark is the second book of the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all tell the story of Jesus from His birth through His resurrection. Because these four books are written by four different men, they tell the stories from different points of view.

Mark tells a true story of four friends who come up with a great plan to get their sick friend to Jesus. As you READ the story and answer the questions, spend time thinking about what you can do to introduce your friends to Jesus. THINK about family and friends who do not know Jesus. They may have problems in their lives but their biggest problem is that they do not have their sins forgiven. Will you THINK of someone you need to tell the Good News? Will you THINK of a way to begin to tell them about Jesus, the person who can take care of their biggest need—sin—and all their other problems too? Pray and ask God to show you who you can talk to this week.

As we sing our *Wonder Time* song, remember to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY every day this week as you work on pages 21 to 26.

Week 5 - The Beatitudes

Do you like learning new words? I have a new word for you—*beatitude*. Beatitudes are statements of blessing. This week as you work on pages 27 to 32, you will read nine beatitudes Jesus told His followers. They all begin with the word *blessed* or *happy*.

Do you want to know how you can truly be happy? Spend time with God every day this week. All week you will be learning how to be really happy. I hope you are ready for some big surprises. Many children and grownups think they know how to be happy but God's ways may be very different from what you think. This week READ and THINK very carefully. Ask God to help you understand how to really be happy.

Can you tell me the five steps to having special time with God every day? Can you say them without looking at the poster? Let me hear you all say them together. (*Allow response.*) Great

job! I hope each of you will do pages 27 to 32 and also the bonus activity page. Then bring your book back next week. I will pray that you spend time with God and learn to know Him better.

Week 6 - Loving Your Enemies

Your quiet time memory verse this week says you are to love your enemies and pray for those who do things against you. God wants you to PRAY for others, especially those who treat you badly. Only God can help you do this. Ask Him to help you as you PRAY this week. But prayer isn't only about asking.

Do you know somebody who loves you? Even though you *know* this person loves you, do you like him or her to *tell* you? I hope you say, "I love you" back! If you are a believer in Jesus, God has shown you amazing love by sending His Son, Jesus, to die for your sin. He tells you in the Bible that He loves you. When you PRAY, tell God how much you love Him.

Praying during your quiet time is important. Talking to God every day keeps your friendship with Him strong. As you PRAY, you are not telling God anything He does not already know. God knows everything before you tell Him. He knows your thoughts even before you think them. But God wants you to tell Him you love Him, to tell on yourself when you sin, to thank Him for all the wonderful things that happen to you every day and to ask for His help for others and for yourself. These four things (*repeat them*) are all parts of prayer.

This week as you spend time with God every day, remember to PRAY. When you see problems around you, PRAY. When good things happen, PRAY. You can PRAY anytime and anywhere. God loves you and wants you to talk to Him. The Bible says we are to pray all the time. This week, will you PRAY every day as you work on pages 33 to 39?

Week 7 - Trust Instead of Worry

What do you need in order to live? Maybe you're thinking of food, water or clothes. Do you ever worry about not having those things you need? In your special time with God this week, you will learn what Jesus says about worry. Worrying is feeling uneasy or anxious inside about something. Jesus says not to worry about anything! When you worry, you show that you are not trusting God. He wants you to trust Him for everything.

This week work on pages 40 to 46. Remember to STOP, SIT, READ, THINK and PRAY, asking God to help you trust Him and not to worry about anything. It's easy to spend time worrying but God wants you to know Him better so you will trust Him more. This week, instead of worrying, spend time with God. The verse you will memorize and verses you will be reading will help you see how much God wants to take care of you. Trust Him completely.

Week 8 - Wise and Foolish Builders

Are you a believer in Jesus? Once you ask Jesus to forgive your sins, you become part of God's family. You call Jesus your Lord and Savior. He is your Savior because He forgave your sin and saved you from the punishment you deserved. But He is also your Lord. This means He is the one who tells you what to do and what not to do. You need to obey completely and willingly all that He commands.

This week in your *Wonder Devotional Book* you will be working on pages 47 to 53. You will read a story about two builders—one wise and one foolish. God wants you to be like the wise builder. He wants you to listen to what He says in His Word as you read it each day. Then He wants you to obey what you read. Put it into practice. PRAY and ask God to help you completely obey Him. You can't obey in your own strength; you need God to do this through you. Ask Him to help you each day.

Let's sing our *Wonder Time* song now. Pay special attention to the words of the last verse which say, "Asking God to help you to always remember to live by the message you've heard." God wants to spend time with you every day!

Week 9 - The Centurion's Servant

You have almost completed *Wonder Devotional Book* #8. How many of you brought your book back to club this week? (*Allow response.*) Great! If you have not been spending time with God each day, you can begin today. STOP and SIT in your special place—a place where you can be quiet and have time to READ and THINK without being disturbed. When you finish reading, thinking and answering the questions, take time to PRAY. Ask God to help you know Him better and do the things He shows you to do. If you are a believer in Jesus, God promises that the Lord is your helper (Hebrews 13:6). You can completely trust Him to help you do what's right. Let's take time to pray right now that God will help each of us have special time with Him every day—365 days a year.

This week you'll be reading pages 54 to 60. The story is about an important man with a big problem! After you complete page 60, you can do the special activity page. Bring your book back next week to be checked. Then you will get your new *Wonder Devotional Book* #9!

As we sing our *Wonder Time* song, turn to the person next to you when we sing, "God wants to spend time with just you, just you. God wants to spend time with just you." Remind each other that God loves you and wants you to spend time with Him every day.