

Jesus' story is in the Bible

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1. The Bible tells us stories about Jesus.
2. The New Testament is the part of the Bible that tells us about the life of Jesus.
3. The New Testament tells us where Jesus was born, where he lived and what he did.
4. The New Testament contains Jesus' special teachings on how we should live.

Jesus was born in a little town called Bethlehem. His mother's name was Mary. Mary's husband was called Joseph. Jesus grew up with Mary and Joseph in a place called Nazareth. Joseph was a carpenter and taught Jesus how to make things. Joseph and Mary taught him how to pray.

When he grew up, it was time for him to go and teach people how to live in God's Kingdom. And that's just what Jesus did. It was a big job, so Jesus chose some special friends to be his helpers. They went everywhere with him. They helped him as he told the Good News about God's love to everyone they met. They listened as he taught people how to live in a more loving way.

Jesus made many friends. He was invited to their homes for meals. He cared especially for sick and sad people. He told everyone lots of stories to help them remember that God loves them. Some people did not like what Jesus was saying and they killed him. But Jesus' story does not end there. He rose from the dead! He showed us that he is not just a man. He is God! He lives with us forever.

When Jesus was twelve, he went with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When the festival was over Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, they thought Jesus was with his relatives and friends. They could not find him. So they returned to Jerusalem looking for him. After three days of searching, they found him in the Temple sitting with the teachers listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Jesus speaking were amazed by how he understood what was said and how he answered questions.

Mary and Joseph were very pleased to find Jesus. They asked Jesus why he had stayed behind, but Jesus thought they would have known that he was in his Father's house. After this Joseph and Mary took Jesus back home to Nazareth.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

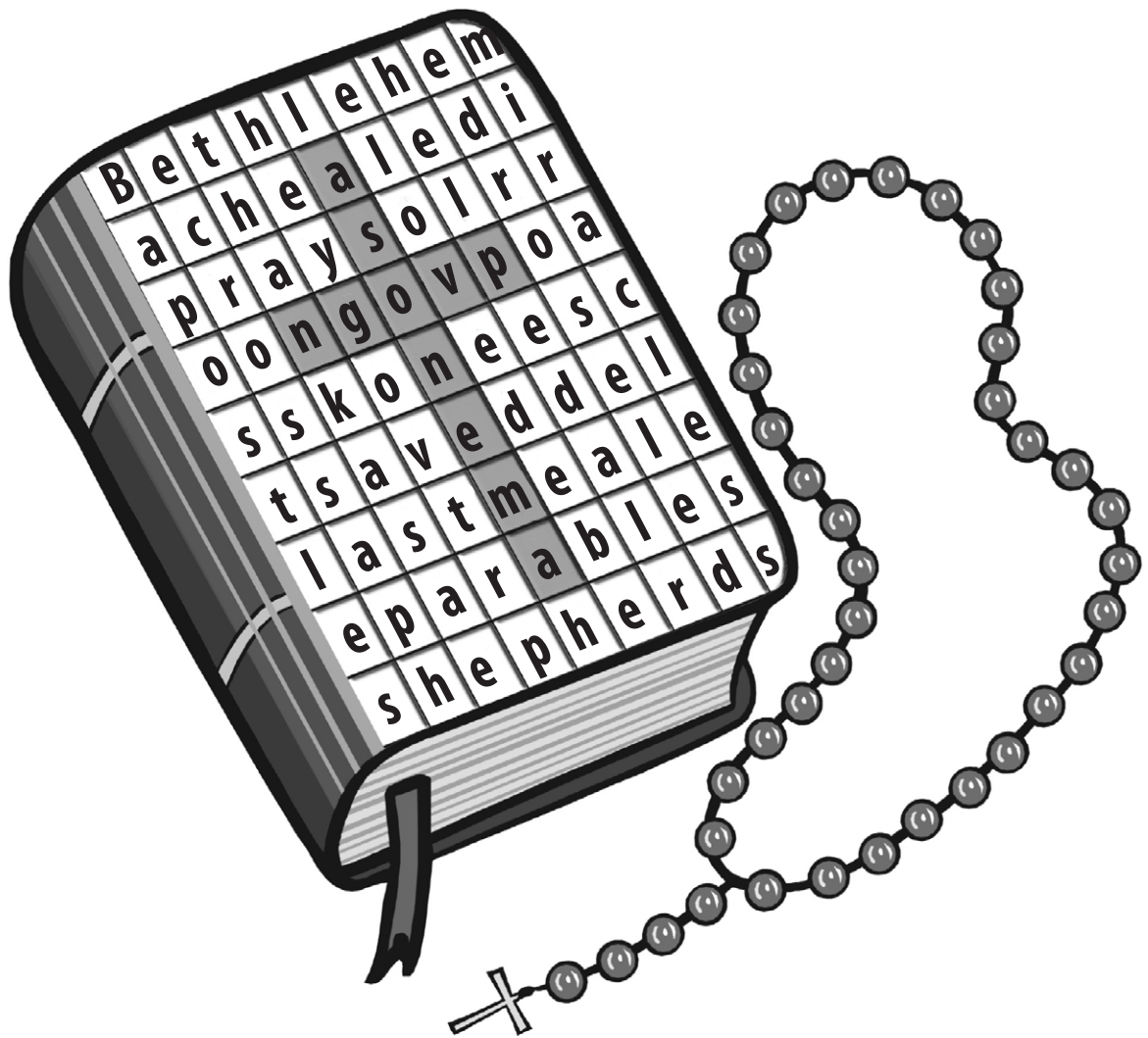
1. Show your child pictures of the life of Jesus and ask him or her to identify the events depicted.
2. Play an 'I remember' game in relation to the life of Jesus. This game is based on 'I Spy' e.g. 'I remember with my little mind somewhere beginning with b ... Bethlehem.' Use this game to explore your child's memories of the life of Jesus. Give clues to your child by saying someone, something, somewhere.
3. Read and discuss the passage with your child. Explore your child's understanding of the passage by asking him or her 'I wonder' questions e.g. I wonder ... how Mary and Joseph felt when they were looking for Jesus.
4. Talk to your child about how he or she would feel if something valuable was lost or misplaced. Connect these feelings to those of Mary and Joseph when Jesus went missing.
5. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on Home Activities.

To Remember:

We can learn many things
from the life of Jesus.

The story of Jesus can be found in the Bible.
Complete the crossword by colouring in the words in different colours.

Thank	Pray	Helped	Parables
Loved	Son	Miracles	Shepherds
Cross	Bethlehem	Apostles	Rose
Saved	Healed	Last meal	



Dear God,
Thank you for your Son Jesus, who showed us how to live.
He taught us to love and care, and always to forgive.
Thank you for your Son Jesus, who is with us each day.
He taught us the difference between right and wrong,
and showed us how to pray. Amen.