



**But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:31 (CSB)**

Field Guide for Elementary Bible Study

Day 1 – Encounter in the Temple Luke 2:41-52

Point: Jesus knew why He came.

When Jesus was twelve years old, He traveled with His family to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. After the celebration Mary and Joseph headed back to Nazareth. After traveling a full day they realized Jesus was not with them. They hurried back to Jerusalem and finally, on the third day, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking questions. Everyone was amazed at how much Jesus understood at such a young age.

Bonus Verse: John 6:38

Day 2 – Encounter at the River Matthew 3:1-17

Point: Jesus is the Son of God.

John helped people get ready for Jesus, God's promised Messiah. John told people to repent of their sins and be baptized. One day Jesus came to the river and John told the people Jesus was the One he had been speaking about. Jesus asked John to baptize Him to follow God's plan. After Jesus was baptized, an amazing thing happened. The Holy Spirit appeared to Jesus in the form of a dove and God declared that Jesus is indeed His Son!

Bonus Verse: John 1:34

Day 3 – Encounter on the Water Matthew 14:22-33

Point: Jesus proved He is God's Son.

After a long day teaching near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus sent the disciples ahead of Him in a boat. Late at night there was a storm and the waves beat against the boat. The disciples saw Jesus walking to them on top of the water, and they were frightened. After Jesus identified Himself, Peter asked to come to Him on the water. Jesus said, "Come." As Peter walked to Jesus, he became afraid and began to sink. Peter called out for Jesus to save him. Jesus reached out, caught hold of Peter, and got back in the boat with him. The wind immediately stopped, and the disciples proclaimed that Jesus really is the Son of God!

Bonus Verse: John 14:1

Day 4 – Encounter at the Tomb John 20:1-18

Point: Jesus rose from the dead.

On the third day after Jesus had died on a cross and been buried, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. As she approached the tomb, she saw that the stone had been rolled away. Mary went and told Peter and John who came to see for themselves. After Peter and John left, Mary looked into the tomb. She saw two angels. They asked why she was crying. A man standing nearby asked who she was looking for. Mary thought the man was the gardener, but when He said her name she recognized His voice. It was Jesus! He sent Mary to share the amazing news with His disciples. Jesus is alive!

Day 5 – Encounter on the Road Luke 24:13-35

Point: The Bible was written so I can believe.

Two men were walking toward the village of Emmaus talking about everything that had happened during the last week. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him. The men began explaining everything that had happened to Jesus and that He was a great Prophet. Jesus began telling them about Himself using Scripture to explain why all the things had happened. When they arrived in Emmaus, Jesus stayed and ate with them. As Jesus tore the bread and gave pieces to the men, they recognized Him. Jesus immediately disappeared from their sight. The men returned to Jerusalem and told the disciples about their amazing encounter with the risen Jesus.

Bonus Verse: Romans 10:17

Field Guide for Missions

Elementary Missions: Kids will learn about Jorge Santiago and how he is helping his hometown in Puerto Rico recover from Hurricane Maria and encounter Jesus along the

way. Kids will also follow Katie and her family as they tell people in Mozambique about Jesus and His love for them.

Preschool Missions: Days 1-3 preschoolers will learn how Jorge Santiago helped people in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. On Days 4-5 they will follow the Harrell family as they tell people in Mozambique about Jesus.

Field Guide for Preschool Bible Study

Preschool Scripture: These words are written so we can know Jesus is God's Son.
John 20:31

Day 1 – Encounter in the Temple Luke 2:41-52

Point: Jesus talked about God.

When Jesus was 12 years old, He traveled with His family to Jerusalem for a celebration at the temple (church). After the celebration Mary and Joseph headed back to Nazareth. After traveling a day, they realized Jesus was not with them. They hurried back to Jerusalem and finally Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking questions. Everyone was surprised at how much Jesus knew about God.

Day 2 – Encounter at the River Matthew 3:1-17

Point: Jesus is God's Son.

God sent John to tell people about Jesus. As John taught about Jesus, the people were sorry for the wrong things they had done. They wanted to do what God wanted them to do. One day Jesus came to the river where John was teaching. John told the people that Jesus was the One he had told them about. Jesus asked John to baptize Him. When Jesus came out of the water, the people heard God's voice say, "This is My Son." What an amazing thing to hear that Jesus is God's Son!

Day 3 – Encounter on the Water Matthew 14:22-33

Point: Jesus can do anything.

One day, Jesus sent His friends, the disciples, ahead of Him in a boat. Late at night there was a storm. The disciples saw a person walking to them on top of the water, and they were afraid. Jesus told the disciples, "Don't be afraid. It is I." Peter asked to come to Jesus on the water. Jesus said, "Come." As Peter walked to Jesus, Peter got scared and began to sink. He called out for Jesus to save him. Jesus took Peter's hand, and pulled him up. Jesus and Peter got back in the boat. The wind stopped, and the disciples knew that Jesus really is the Son of God!

Day 4 – Encounter at the Tomb John 20:1-18

Point: Jesus is alive!

Mary Magdalene was sad because her friend, Jesus, had died on a cross and had been buried in a tomb. On the third day, she went to the tomb where He was buried and saw that the stone had been rolled away. The tomb was empty. Mary went and told Peter and John, who came to see for themselves. As Mary looked into the tomb again, she saw two angels. They asked why she was crying. A man standing nearby asked who she was looking for. Mary thought the man was the gardener, but when He said her name she knew His voice. It was Jesus! Jesus sent Mary to tell the disciples that she had seen Him. Mary told the disciples that Jesus is alive!

Day 5 – Encounter on the Road Luke 24:13-25

Point: All of the Bible tells about Jesus.

Two men were walking toward a town called Emmaus. They were talking about everything that had happened during the last week. Jesus joined them, but they did not recognize Him. The men talked about the things that had happened to Jesus. Jesus began telling them about Himself using stories from the Bible scrolls. He explained about God's plan for Jesus. When they got to Emmaus, Jesus sat to eat with them. He took some bread, thanked God for it, and gave pieces to the men. Then the men recognized Jesus. The men hurried to find the disciples to tell them about seeing Jesus. The disciples were glad to know that Jesus is alive!



Christ Connection

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. When we trust in Jesus as Savior, and Lord, He forgives our sin and gives us eternal life.

