

JESUS

- most talked about person in history
- more popular than Australian Idol
- walked on water, healed, preached
- rejected
- dead, buried, **RISEN**
- simplyJESUS** is simply about Jesus

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WELCOME TO YEAR 7

WELCOME TO CCECYOUTH

WELCOME TO JESUS!

Year 7 brings many changes. More teachers, more homework, more freedom, more fun. But there's one person that doesn't change... JESUS!

The aim of simplyJESUS is to make sure you know Jesus. You may already know Jesus, you may not yet know him.

simplyJESUS is a 5 week series of studies that ccecyouth runs. You may have friends who can be part of a simplyJESUS group later on so that they too can know Jesus.

IN THIS BOOKLET ARE THE STUDIES FOR USE IN YOUR G-TEAM EACH WEEK + TREK DAILY READING NOTES FOR USE AT HOME.

TREK INTRODUCTION

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are to:

t - train you to live God's way

r - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus

e - encourage you to tell others about Jesus

k - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies

[trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely. When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. That is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

TREK INSTRUCTIONS

To get the most out of **[trek]**, work out a time each day when you can read the bible using **[trek]** for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). There are 5 readings. Here's how we suggest you use **[trek]** each day:

- 1) Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.
- 2) Read the part of the bible for that day.
- 3) As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)
- 4) Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.
- 5) Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

NOTE: Much more can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.

week one >>>>

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simply **ME**
simply **JESUS**
simply **RESCUED**
simple **RESPONSE**

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TREK DAY 1

This week we are going to be learning about God. The whole of the Bible is about God. So there's lots that could be said about him!!

List down all the things you already know about God.

Try and summarise all that you know about God into 1 sentence:

PRAY and ask God to help you get to know him better this week.

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TREK DAY 2

Yesterday you wrote down some things you already know about God. For the next 3 days we are going to look at different Bible passages and some of the things they say about God.

Read Revelation 4:11

- > What is God worthy of?

- > What has God done to be worthy? ("For you... and...")

PRAY and thank God that he is the Creator. Ask God that he would help you to treat him as you should.

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Lots of people treat things that aren't God as if they are God! Here are some different gods that people you know might have:

*Surfing or Sport
Money or Success
Being Popular*

Can you think of any others?

Read Isaiah 45:5

- > What does this verse say about God?
- > Which one would you rather trust - the God of the Bible? Or the little gods that people make up (like the ones above)?

THANK God that he is the One, True and Living God.

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Have you ever thought about "forever"? Forever is a long, long, long, long, long, long, long, long time! The Bible says that God has been around forever and he will be around forever more.

Read Psalm 90:1-2

- > What word is used to show that God is forever?
- > The Bible says that it's possible for people to live forever. Do you know how to live forever with God? (more in weeks to come!)

PRAISE God that he is from everlasting to everlasting.
Ask him that you would know for certain what it means to live forever by the end of simplyJESUS.

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FOR STARTERS | 2 Truths 1 Lie. Each person in the group needs to think of 3 statements about themselves. 2 True, 1 False. Share yours with the group - see if they can guess which one is false.

BIG IDEA | In order to understand why it's important to follow Jesus, first we need to understand what God is like.

KICK OFF | Draw a picture or write down some thoughts that show what you think God is like, be creative!

1. What do the following verses tell us about God?

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being." **(Revelation 4:11)**

GOD IS...

I am the LORD, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God. **(Isaiah 45:5)**

GOD IS...

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **(Psalm 90:1-2)**

GOD IS...

2. God is the Creator, the one and only, and everlasting God. What place of authority should God have in our world?

3. Do we see this in our world?

4. How do you think that God feels when people reject his authority over them? *(circle the best answer)*

- a. God doesn't care what people think of him.
- b. God hates that people reject him and wants to bring people back into a right relationship with himself.
- c. God would prefer that we didn't reject him but knows we can't help it.
- d. God just turns a blind eye to our rejection of him and pretends that it doesn't happen.

5. John 3:16 says: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son so that whoever believes in him can have eternal life".

We have rejected God. Yet God sent Jesus to die to bring us back into friendship with Him. What does this show us about God?

Pray I Thank God that he is the creator, the one and only, and everlasting God of the universe. Praise him that he has loved us so much that we can be forgiven for our rejection of him.

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