

EPISODE 2 Shabbat (39 Minutes)

Episode 3 Jesus Loves the Little Children (30 Minutes)

Group Gathering: Make a wide circle. The first person introduces themselves and *explains their favorite way(s) to rest and recharge*. “Pass” the imaginary ball to the next person to invite them to share.

Opening Prayer: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Scripture References

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

John 1:43-46 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “**Follow me.**” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “**Can anything good come out of Nazareth?**” Philip said to him, “Come and see.

Luke 8:1-3 Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: **Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out**, and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Mark 10:13-16 People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “**Let the little children come to me**; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Describe these new people in five words or less

Quintus

Gaius

How Have these people changed since the first episode?

Nicodemus

Matthew

Mary of Magda (Magdalene)

Peter

Andrew

Jesus

Group Discussion After Watching

WHO do you want to have a conversation with to ask whatever questions you like, out of all of these characters so far? What are those questions?

WHAT episode do you prefer, Shabbat or Jesus Loves the Little Children?

WHERE do you see yourself in the story?

WHEN do you spend time resting, enjoying sabbath time?

WHY is the Jesus you see in these episodes interesting...or not interesting?

Share with a Partner

A for Amazed

B for Bothered

C for Confused

D for Delighted

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Freewriting Prompts

When have you enjoyed a very important meal, like when Mary hosted her first Shabbat?

What actions made you think, or moved you emotionally?

After spending so much time with the children, Jesus says, “I hope my next students ask the same questions. I hope when the time comes they will tell others about me like you have.” What do these words mean to YOU personally? What questions do you have for Jesus?

What is on your heart for the week ahead? How can you make more room for prayer this week?

Closing Worship

Compline in the Book of Common Prayer, Page 127

Closing Prayer

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*