

Week 3

NOW I KNOW JESUS

USING THESE NOTES

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 3 of this 'Now I know Jesus' devotional series. This week, you and your child will discover that Jesus was not only human but God as well. Jesus demonstrated that He really was God, by doing the miraculous. He walked on water, healed people and even raised people from the dead. Jesus did not just work miracles when He was physically here on earth, but He does so today through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit. As you spend time with your child looking at these stories, let faith arise in your hearts for all that Jesus wants to do through you and in you.

If you are picking these notes up for the first time, please go back and start at Week 1. You can download Week 1 [HERE](#). Or you can access these through the Kingsgate.church/kids website, go to the 'Now I Know Jesus' series, and follow along with the Sunday teaching.

My Dear Child,

Welcome to Week 3 of this series. We hope you are enjoying getting to know Jesus by spending sometime with Him every day and reading stories about Him. This week, we will be learning about Jesus as God. Jesus worked many miracles whilst He was physically here on earth. He is still working miracles today by the power and presence of his Holy Spirit. How wants to work through you to see these miracles happen today. Read the amazing stories of what he did. Allow your faith to rise. We all serve an amazing God, who is the same, yesterday, today and forever!

As you start this new week, why not invite Jesus to be part of your week. You could use the prayer below to help you.

Dear Jesus.

Thank You that You want to be part of my week. Thank You that You are with me wherever I go. As I read more about You in the Bible, I ask that You will help me to understand what I am reading. Help me to get to know You better and to understand how powerful You really are.

I want to hear what You have to say to me, Jesus. When we meet together, help me to hear what You have to say to me.

Amen.

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DAY 15: JESUS CARES FOR PEOPLE

If you followed the readings last week, this story will be familiar to you. We are going to look at how Jesus worked a miracle and fed over 5000 people. We often talk about the 'feeding of the 5000', but these were just the men. There would have been women and children there as well. Jesus fed more than 5000 people! He did this because He cares for people and what they need. He also cares for you and is interested in what you need.

Let's read the story:

Find this story in Mark 6: 30-44 in your Bible and read the story with your grownup



Remember the story:

- At the beginning of this story, what was Jesus trying to do?
- When Jesus saw the crowd, what did He feel?
- At what time of day did this happen?
- How much did the disciples say it would cost to feed all the people?



Questions to talk about:

Jesus had a full day teaching people about God and as it got to the end of the day, He realised they were hungry. They had been sitting all day listening to Him. Everyone is hungry and Jesus wants to feed the people. He finds a little boy, who has 5 loaves and two fish. I wonder what you think about the fact that He used a little boy to help Him? A small child, who seemed to have so little in his hands. Jesus can do amazing things with very little; all we have to do is be willing to let Him have what we have. Can you imagine how the little boy felt as he saw the miracle?

1. What do you think this story teaches us about how much Jesus loves people?
2. What do you think about Jesus including other people to help Him work a miracle?
3. Do you think that Jesus could use you? Would you like Jesus to ask you to help Him?

Tell Jesus: Jesus knows what we need before we do. He often works through people like you and me to care for others. He cares about us all and wants all of us to work with Him to see amazing things happen. Will you say 'Yes' to Jesus?



Dear Jesus,

Thank You that you care about my family and me. Thank You that You already know what we need. I can see that You want to use me to help You care for other people. I want to say 'Yes' to You. Please use me, just like You used the little boy and his gifts, to show others how much You love them.

Amen

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📅 DAY 16: JESUS HEALS

In the Bible, we read about four friends who have a mate who is paralysed. This means that this man couldn't move and he needed his friends to carry him everywhere. The four friends had heard about Jesus and wanted their friend to be healed. They were willing to do whatever it took to get their friend to Jesus.

Let's read the story:

Find this story in Mark 2:1-12. Read this together with your grownup.



Remember the story:

- Where is Jesus when this happens?
- How do the friends get the man to Jesus?
- What does Jesus say to the man when He meets him?
- How did the man leave the room?



Questions to talk about:

Jesus is impressed with the faith of the four friends who brought the man to Him. What is interesting in this story is that it is the faith of the friends, not the faith of the man, that stirs Jesus to heal.

1. How do you think the friends felt when they saw their friend healed?
2. What do you think about your faith being important for others being healed?
3. How can you be like the four friends?

Tell Jesus: Jesus can do amazing things. He has the authority to heal people but He also says that we too can have this authority and see people healed. Faith is clearly important and Jesus asks us to pray with faith. Tell Jesus today about any people you want to see healed. Remember, Jesus wants to use you to see miracles happen. What do you think Jesus is asking you to do to see these people healed?



Dear Jesus,

I can see that You want to heal people. Just like the four friends, I can see that I have a part to play in this. Jesus I want to pray for... (now, tell Jesus about the people you want to see healed. Tell Him exactly what you want to see happen). Thank You, Jesus, that You have heard my prayers.

Amen

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DAY 17: JESUS AND THE CATCH OF FISH

Jesus did many miracles. This story happens after Jesus rose from the dead and met with the disciples by the Sea of Galilee. They had already seen Jesus alive more than once before. It seems from this story, that the disciples didn't know quite what to do, so they did the only thing they know to do - go fishing.

As you will see, this isn't just any old fishing trip.

Let's read the story:

Read this story in John 21:1-14



Remember the story:

- Who went out fishing - can you name them?
- How long were they out fishing?
- What does Jesus tell them to do?
- What does Peter do when he realises it was Jesus on the shore?



Questions to talk about:

What an amazing story! Many of the disciples were professional fishermen. Despite this, they did not catch anything all night.

1. Why do you think Jesus did this miracle?
2. What have you learned about Jesus from this story?
3. Why do you think it took a bit of time for them to realise it was Jesus?

Tell Jesus: Sometimes, we just don't know what to do. Just like the disciples, who were waiting to see what Jesus would do next, they got on with everyday life. It can feel hard when we are in this waiting time. Maybe you have prayed for something, but it looks like nothing is happening. Perhaps, just like in this story, Jesus is just waiting for you to come and be with Him.

As you come to pray, start with the prayer below and then agree to sit in silence for two minutes. Wait for Jesus to come and meet with you. He is waiting for you to stop your every day tasks and turn your attention to Him.



Dear Jesus,

Thank You that You are waiting for us to turn our attention towards You. We are choosing now to be quiet and to wait for You. What would You like to say to me today?

Amen

When you have finished, talk together about what happened.

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DAY 18: JESUS HEALS

Jesus loves everyone. The Jews thought that the Messiah - the person God was going to send to save them - was just for them. In this story, we read about Jesus healing the servant of a centurion. The Centurion was a Roman soldier and so considered to be the enemy of the Jews. The Romans were the occupying force; they had taken control of the country where the Jews lived.

Jesus showed everyone that He had come to make a way for all people to know God.

Let's read the story:

Find this story in Matthew 8:5-10 then verse 13



Remember the story:

- Where was Jesus when this happened?
- Who was paralysed?
- What did Jesus offer to do?
- What was the Centurion's reply?



Questions to talk about:

Talk with your grownup.

1. Jesus was amazed at the faith of the Centurion. Why do you think this was?
2. How do you think the servant felt when he was suddenly healed?
3. Is there anything you have learned from this story about praying for people who need to be healed?
4. Is there anyone you want to ask Jesus to heal?

Tell Jesus: The Centurion demonstrated great faith in Jesus' ability to heal. Jesus comments on this man's great faith. Faith is an important part of praying for people to be healed. Jesus says that even a small amount of faith is enough to see amazing things happen. Let's tell Jesus about the people we know who need Him to heal them. Remember, you don't need to be with them to pray for them, Jesus can still heal them!



Dear Jesus,

I want to see my friends and family healed. Jesus, I want to bring these people to You now. (now, tell Jesus about the people you want Him to heal). Thank You, Jesus, that You have heard my prayers.

Amen

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📅 DAY 19: JESUS MEETS ZACCHAEUS

Many people followed Jesus around because they wanted to hear what He had to say, see a miracle, or be healed themselves. As we learned yesterday, Jesus loved everyone who He met. When you read today's story, you will read about a man who really really wanted to see Jesus.

Let's read the story:

Find this story in Luke 19:1-10



Remember the story:

- Where was Jesus when this happened?
- What was Zacchaeus' job?
- What did Zacchaeus do so that he could see Jesus?
- Were other people happy that Jesus stopped to talk to Zacchaeus?
- What did Zacchaeus say he would do?



Questions to talk about:

Talk with your grownup about Zacchaeus.

1. Why do you think Zacchaeus was so keen to see Jesus?
2. If Jesus offered to come to your house today, what would you do?
3. Right at the end of the story, Jesus says, "the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost". What do you think He meant by this?

Tell Jesus: Over the last two days, we have read two stories about Jesus and how He loves everyone. As a tax collector for the Romans, Zacchaeus often took more money from the people than he should have. People did not like him because of this. People were surprised that Jesus stopped to talk to him, but Jesus could see that Zacchaeus really wanted to change and for his life to be different. Sometimes, we do and say things, which we know are wrong but find it hard to stop. Jesus tells us that we need Him to help us. Let's talk to Jesus today about the things we are struggling with. Use the prayer to help you.



Dear Jesus,

Thank You for the story of Zacchaeus. You loved him, even though he was stealing and cheating people, making himself rich. Jesus, there are things I do and say that I'm not proud of. I know they are wrong, but I struggle to stop. Please will You come to me today and help me. (Now, tell Jesus about the things you are struggling with - He is waiting to listen, forgive and help).

Amen



The story of Zacchaeus shows how Jesus loves us, even when we are doing things wrong. It was when Jesus came into Zacchaeus' life that he understood he could be forgiven and life could get better. Perhaps, today, you want to give your life to Jesus. At the end, there is a prayer to help you do this.

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📅 DAY 20: JESUS HEALS AGAIN

Jesus really did do some extraordinary things! Over the last week, we have read a number of stories about miracles. Today, we are going to read another story of healing. People at the time must have been astounded by what Jesus did. No wonder people flocked to be with Him!

Last week, we learned that Jesus is fully human and, this week, we have seen that Jesus really is God.

Let's read the story:

Find this story in Luke 17:11-19



Remember the story:

- Where was Jesus when this happened?
- Who came to meet Him as He entered the village?
- What did Jesus want to do?
- How many men came back to say, 'Thank You'?



Questions to talk about:

Talk with your grownup.

1. What do you think about only one person coming back to say 'Thank You' to Jesus?
2. In John 14:12, Jesus tells His disciples that they 'will do even greater things than these.' What do you think about being able to do even greater miracles than Jesus did?

Tell Jesus: Jesus is fully man and fully God. He fully understands us and has the power to help us in all that we need. Is there anything you feel you need Jesus to do for you today? Do you need His power in some way? As you pray with your grownup, call on Jesus to help and fill you with His Holy Spirit so that you have His power to do even greater things.



Dear Jesus,

I am so grateful that You fully understand me. I am sorry if I forget to thank You for all that You have done. (Maybe you want to spend some time thanking Jesus.) Jesus, will You fill me with Your Spirit, so that I can do even greater things than You did. I want to be used by You, Jesus, to help people around me and to love them like You love them.

Amen

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📅 DAY 121: A DAY OFF

If you are working through these notes every day and you started on a Monday, then today is Sunday. This is our Sabbath day and we give it to Jesus to worship Him.

Today, you may well be going to Church. For Christians, Sunday is an important day for worshipping Jesus and the Bible tells us about the importance of having a Sabbath - which is a day of rest, given to Him.

So, today, there are no notes to follow.

If you can't get to Church today, remember you can follow all the Kids' work by following [Kingsgate.church/kids](https://www.kingsgate.church/kids) and selecting the materials for your age range.

Enjoy resting and worshipping Jesus today!

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SAYING 'YES' TO JESUS

Jesus asks each one of us if we want to follow Him. He is waiting to hear our answer. Are you ready to say 'Yes' to Jesus?

Before you say 'Yes', Jesus wants you to understand some things.

- **Bad News:** Do you know that everyone has done wrong things, and that includes you? God calls these wrong things sin, and He says that all sin has to be paid for. The payment for sin is death.
- **Good News:** God knew that we could not pay for our sin, so He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for us. This is why Jesus had to die on the cross.
- **Even Better News:** Jesus did not just die, but came back to life again, showing that He is more powerful than death. He paid the price so that you don't have to.
- Jesus says that if we say 'Yes' to Him and follow Him, He will save us from death.

Jesus said to His friends 'follow Me,' and they left everything they had and followed Him. Jesus is calling you to follow Him today, but are you prepared to give Him everything in return?

Saying 'Yes' to Jesus Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for calling me to follow You. I know that I have done and said many things wrong and I'm sorry about this. Thank You that I can be forgiven because You died for me. I want to follow You and live life Your way. Thank You that You sent Your Holy Spirit to help me do this. I accept His help today.

Amen

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If you prayed the prayer above to say 'Yes' to Jesus, you are now one of His followers. He wants to get to know you and for you to get to know Him. This is an exciting journey to go on and Jesus has given you others to walk with you on this journey. This is the Church! Jesus gave us each other, in the Church, to love and help one another. Keep coming to Church to get to know others who follow Jesus.

You can also use the rest of these notes to get to know Jesus better.