

SURPRISE!

STORIES OF DISCOVERING JESUS

SESSION	SESSION TITLE	BIBLE TEXT AND STORY SUMMARY	FAITH FOCUS
1	DISCOVERING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE	LUKE 2:41-52 Jesus' parents travel home to Nazareth after observing Passover in Jerusalem, and discover that 12-year-old Jesus is not with them. They return to Jerusalem and find Jesus in the temple, asking questions and talking with the teachers.	WE CAN ASK QUESTIONS AND GROW IN WISDOM.
2	DISCOVERING JESUS WITH THE CHILDREN	MARK 10:13-16 People bring their children to Jesus, but the disciples turn them away. Jesus sees this and insists that they let the children come to him. He takes the children in his arms and blesses them.	WE CAN RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF JESUS.
3	DISCOVERING JESUS IN THE CROWD	JOHN 6:1-14 Hungry crowds travel to hear Jesus speak. There is no food except a young boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish. Jesus takes the lunch, blesses it, and the food multiplies to feed everyone.	WE CAN GIVE TO OTHERS AND BLESS THEM.
4	DISCOVERING JESUS AT NIGHT	JOHN 3:1-21 Nicodemus comes to see Jesus at night. He has seen Jesus' miraculous signs and wants to know more about him. Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born from above and that God loves the world and wants to save it.	WE CAN CHOOSE TO SEEK JESUS.
5	DISCOVERING JESUS ON THE ROAD	LUKE 24:13-35 Two men walk on the road to Emmaus, talking about Jesus' recent death and the empty tomb. Jesus joins them and enters the discussion, but the men do not recognize him. They invite Jesus to stay and eat with them. As he blesses the bread and breaks it, the men recognize him.	WE CAN RECOGNIZE JESUS WITH US.