

INTRODUCTION



Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

What you are holding in your hand is a unique resource. “The Life of Christ” curriculum was originally developed for classroom use in a Christian school context. When we at Family Time Training discovered this material, we knew immediately we wanted to share it with the families we serve... with a “Family Time” twist.

The lessons are all adaptable to several contexts: 1) traditional classroom, 2) homeschool (single or multi-student use), and 3) robust family Bible study, including Family Time activities.

The mission of Family Time Training is to train and equip parents to pass the faith in the home. As excellent resources are needed for this kind of faith-building, we encourage families to spend time in God’s Word together using hands-on learning. As children grow in age and understanding, we want to continue to offer resources that grow faith as well. Traditionally, Family Time would be the entire family having fun learning God’s Word together in about 20 minutes once a week.

“The Life of Christ” is a 34-week curriculum that gives students (both youth and adults) a thorough and compelling study of the life of Christ Jesus through the Scriptures. Anyone who participates in this learning opportunity will gain clarity and wisdom in regard to all aspects of our faith in Christ, including an understanding of His pre-existence, the teachings of Christ through sermons and parables, and much more, concluding with His resurrection and second coming.

The original lesson plans have been adapted to include both hands-on learning opportunities (“Family Time” activities) that we hope will appeal to all-age learners as well as a guide for moving through the material in a homeschool or co-op setting.

Are you a traditional Christian classroom teacher? You can use the material “as is” knowing your students will enjoy the active learning components alongside the worksheets that will help objectively measure learning. {Note: You could send home the “Family Time” activities for families to use together.}

If you are wanting lessons for a single student to use at home, great! They can use the worksheets and self-guided discussion questions for weekly reflection. Encourage your student to mix in the Family Time activities that appeal to them.

Is your family ready for in-depth Bible study together on a daily or weekly basis? You'll want to focus on the activity-based learning while using the worksheets to guide discussion time.

For even greater value, you will find suggested Bible memory verses and key learning objectives to help develop growth in the knowledge of God's Word as well as the ability to track student progress.

It is a great privilege to partner with you in raising up the next generation for Christ. The work you are doing in your home and/or classroom brings honor and glory to God! If we can be of support or encouragement in any way, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Enjoy!

Please Note: This material represents hundreds of hours from the exceptional author, Dennis Guisewhite, retired Christian school teacher. I am grateful for his wisdom and humility in sharing this material. The clever Beth Meverden brings her decades of work with youth to provide the activities and discussion questions. She "gets" Family Time more than anyone else I know!

I also want to acknowledge that this curriculum is indebted to the excellent work of the Institute for Creation Research (www.icr.org). You'll see many references to their resources and publications including "Days of Praise." Should you want more information or ease of finding materials referenced in The Life of Christ curriculum, use their website search function.

With Hope,



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