



# BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel  
Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19

## UNIT 21: EARLY RESPONSES TO JESUS

As Jesus began His ministry of miracles and teachings, not everyone responded in the same way. Some rejected Jesus outright. Others were amazed by Jesus but didn't understand Him. But some came to place their faith in Him and worship Him for who He is: the Son of God.

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How can we be saved?  
We are only saved through faith in Jesus.

KEY  
PASSAGE:  
HEBREWS  
11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

MAY 7

### SESSION 1: PEOPLE REJECTED JESUS LUKE 4

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus read Isaiah's words and announced that He is the promised Messiah. The people of Nazareth rejected Jesus because of their unbelief. God invites us to trust in His Son, Jesus. Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners.



#### Family Discussion

##### Starters:

- What did Jesus do in the synagogue?
- Why were the people in the synagogue angry?
- Have you ever struggled with not believing that Jesus is who He says He is? Why?

#### Family Activity:

Partner with another family to host a neighborhood cookout. Provide sidewalk chalk, yard games, food, and drinks for the neighbors on your street. Use the time to meet people and help them feel welcomed and loved in your community.

MAY 14

### SESSION 2: PEOPLE WERE AMAZED BY JESUS LUKE 4

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus' miracles proved that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. His miracles strengthened people's faith and met their needs. Through Jesus, God did what is impossible for us to do on our own. He provided forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.



#### Family Discussion

##### Starters:

- How was Jesus' teaching different than that of the scribes?
- Why did Jesus say He had come?
- How did Jesus' miracles prove that He is the Messiah?

#### Family Activity:

Look up some amazing animal facts online. Then discuss how what Jesus has done for us is even more amazing than those facts.

MAY 21

## SESSION 3: PETER WORSHIPED JESUS LUKE 5

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Peter understood that he was a sinner and recognized that Jesus is God. He responded to Jesus' grace and kindness by following Him. When we understand that Jesus is God and that we are sinners, we can turn to Him for forgiveness and follow Him by faith.



### Family Discussion Starters:

What did Jesus do that amazed Peter and the other fishermen?

Why did Jesus call the disciples “fishers of men”?

How did Peter, James, and John obey Jesus?

### Family Activity:

Go to a local fishing pond and fish or walk around the pond and watch others fish. Talk about the miracle that Jesus performed. Reenact the story of Peter, James, and John leaving everything and following Jesus.

MAY 28

## SESSION 4: WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH IN JESUS HEBREWS 11

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** The Bible gives examples of people who had faith, but the true hero of the Bible is Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. We are saved from our sins by faith in Jesus.



### Family Discussion Starters:

What is faith?

Who in the Bible has shown faith?

How does faith in Jesus give you hope?

### Family Activity:

Take time to identify “heroes of faith” in your family or church. Talk about the ways they displayed faith in God’s plan and trusted Jesus through different circumstances. Celebrate these heroes by hosting a dinner, writing a card, or calling them on the phone. Thank them for the ways their faith has strengthened your faith in Jesus.