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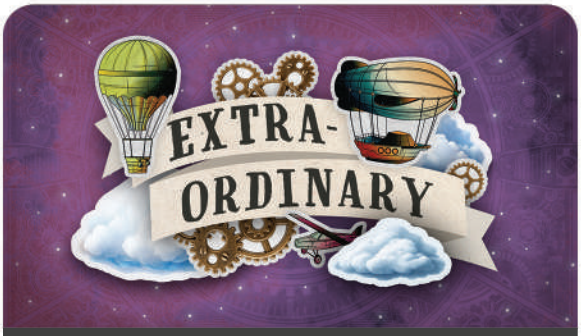

A SERIES ON JESUS' EARLY LIFE & MINISTRY

Inventors take ordinary objects and transform them into extraordinary innovations with some creativity and a lot of tinkering. But Jesus didn't need tools, blueprints, or a workshop to make extraordinary things happen. On the outside, Jesus may have seemed ordinary, but his life, actions, and love regularly defied expectations. He transformed ordinary people and situations, showing us what an extraordinary God can do. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **Jesus is one of a kind, Jesus is humble, Jesus trusted God, and Jesus calls us to follow.**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 Jesus is one of a kind.
Luke 2:41–52; John 1:10–14

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray and ask for the wisdom to follow Jesus' example and share his love with those around you.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you make space in your life to know Jesus better? In what ways can you reflect Jesus' unique love in your daily interactions? Who in your life needs to hear about the one-of-a-kind hope Jesus offers? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 Jesus is humble.
Matthew 3:13–17; Philippians 2:5–11

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray for the strength to put others before yourself, and to serve with love.

GROW

So what's your next step? Where in your life is God inviting you to practice humility? Are there times when pride or the desire for recognition gets in the way of serving others? How can you shift your mindset to reflect the humility of Jesus? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

Jesus trusted God.
Luke 4:1–13; Psalm 40:1–4

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray for the strength to follow God's way when you're tempted to go a different direction.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can Jesus' example in the wilderness encourage you when you're facing struggles or temptations? How can you practice using God's words in situations where you feel tempted to make a poor choice. What would it look like to wait on God with confidence, knowing that God's plans are good?

WEEK 4

Jesus calls us to follow.
Matthew 4:13–23; Ephesians 5:1–2

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. **What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

PRAY

Pray and ask God to help you recognize the ways Jesus is calling you to follow.

GROW

So what's your next step? What does following Jesus look like in your daily life? Is there something specific God is calling you to do right now? Who can you invite to walk beside you as you follow Jesus together? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.