

ICONIC

- Welcome
- Prayer
- Survey
- Leaderboard



- We will choose random artist to draw the clue.
- Person to guess the clue, wins the point!
 - Electric guitar
 - Microphone
 - Bass guitar
 - Pick
 - Drumsticks
 - Drum set
 - Piano
 - Acoustic guitar
 - Saxophone
 - Flute
 - Violin
 - Banjo
 - Trumpet
 - Amplifiers
 - Cello



- *What are the names of musicians whose lives you follow and what do you admire about them.*
- *Me: Fiona Apple*

I'M A FAN



THE BIBLE

It is a legitimate resource for information about Jesus and Christian practices.



BROKEN DOWN

- Old Testament – Jewish faith
- New Testament – after Jesus was born



THE GOSPELS

These four books are eye witness accounts that reveal events in Jesus' life.



WHEN?

- New Testament- as early as 40 to 100 years A.D.
- Compiled as early as 200 A.D.
- Solidified in fourth or fifth centuries



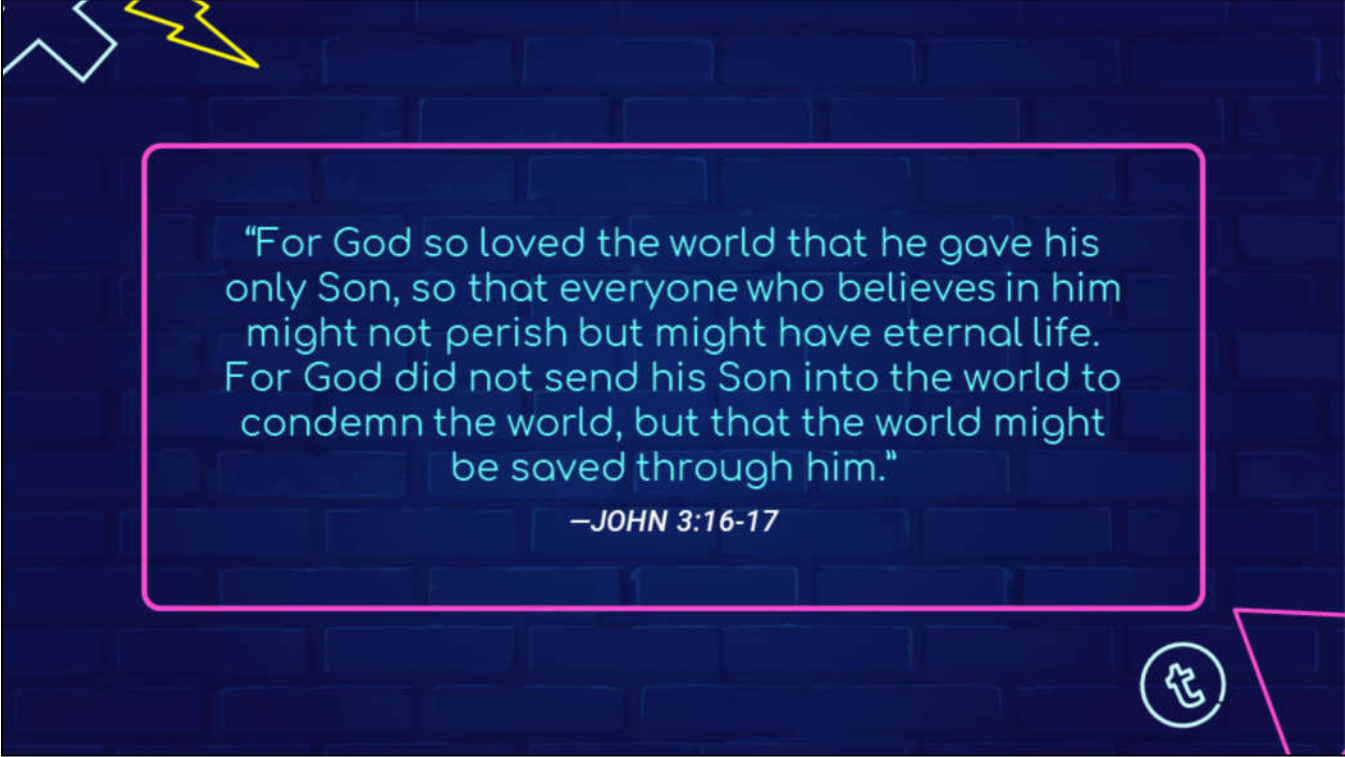
- Jesus did many admirable things during His life that we learn about through Gospel witnesses in the Bible.
- While we use the Bible at church and for prayer, it is also considered a legitimate resource for information about Jesus and Christian practices
- The Bible is broken down into two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament books were sacred to the Jewish faith and were written before Jesus was born. The New Testament was written after Jesus was born. Four of the books, the Gospels, are eye witness accounts that reveal events in Jesus' life.
- The fact that the four Gospel accounts do not match perfectly does not mean that they are not reliable. Those who study ancient writings actually say the differences help us know they are actually separate eyewitness accounts and not a story that a few people made up and copied down word for word.
- The books of the New Testament were written as early as 40 to 100 years after Jesus' death, and they began to be compiled as early as A.D. 200. It was not until around the fourth and fifth centuries that the books of the Bible were decided upon by the Church and the canon of the New Testament was solidified.
- At different points in history, there have been discoveries of other books or letters with information or accounts of Jesus' life that were not included in the Bible. The Church holds and affirms that the books that were chosen for the Bible, starting as early as the fourth and fifth centuries, are the most

accurate and divinely inspired. The Church does not hold these other books as legitimate sources.



- **Jesus was a great teacher and performed many miracles, healing those who could not see or walk or had suffered from terrible diseases.
- He drove out demons from people who were possessed, and He even brought people who had died back to life.
- He cared for the poor, orphans, widows, and those who were unnoticed or rejected and living on the margins of society.
- As a person, Jesus had many admirable qualities worthy of a massive number of followers, but Jesus is more than just a nice guy or a good teacher. Jesus is the Son of God.
- There are many Scripture verses that reveal to us that Jesus is the Son of God.
- For example, there is a story in the Gospel of Luke about an angel visiting Mary and telling her of God's plan for her to be the mother of Jesus: "The angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy child shall be called the Son of God'" (Luke 1:35).
- Jesus Himself tells us that He is one with God the Father in the Gospel of John (John 10:30), and God explicitly calls Jesus His beloved Son at His baptism and Transfiguration (Luke 9:35, Matthew 17:5).
- Jesus is God, and we should care about what He says and does. As God, Jesus is more than just a nice guy or a good teacher; He is all-knowing and all-powerful. He was there when the world was created, and He was there

when you were created. Everything Jesus said and did applies to you and your life. Every promise He made, every word He spoke, every story He told, and every warning He gave were not just for His followers then; they are for you and your life now.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

—JOHN 3:16-17

- ***Read verse*
- Jesus became man to save us from our sins, repairing our broken relationship with God. He came so we would know of God’s love for us. Jesus came to be the model of how to live our lives and to make us part of God’s family as His sons and daughters.
- Jesus continues to impact the world, not because He is simply another important historical figure but because He is God and His entire life reveals who God is.
- Through every action and word of Jesus, we see that God cares about the things we care about. God cares who our friends are and if we feel sad or lonely. God wants to teach us what truth is and see us do good things for those around us.
- Through Jesus, we learn that God does not leave us when we make bad choices, but He does hold us accountable and calls us to ask for forgiveness. Jesus reveals to us the great mercy of God and shows us how great His love for us is, even to the point of dying for us.

FOLLOW ME

THE INVITATION

- WE ARE ALL INVITED
- BECAUSE HE LOVES US
- AWESOME PROMISES

BEING A FOLLOWER

- KNOW HIM (bible, church)
- LOVE HIM (sacraments, pray)
- SERVE HIM (love one another)

NEW WORDS OF GOD FOR THE NEW WORLD
MATTHEW 6:33-11

- *What do you do as a follower of a musician?(social media, concerts, dress like them)*
- *And what do you receive in return from that musician? (free tickets, texts or calls)*
- ****As a follower of Jesus, it is never a one-sided admiration. Jesus invites each of us, personally, to come and follow Him. It is never for the sake of larger numbers or greater fame, but because He loves us and wants us to share in His life.**
- Jesus promises remarkable things to those who choose to follow Him, and He shows us what it means to live a full and holy life.
- Throughout the Gospels, Jesus makes radical remarks about what life is like for those who follow Him. ******
- >While Jesus gave His followers literal bread to eat, He also gives His very body and blood in the Eucharist and offers a personal relationship with Him that would never leave them hungering or thirsting for love.
- When we discover a new musician, we might follow them on social media, listen to their music, or dress in a certain way. But being a follower of Jesus is more than that.
- ****To be a follower of Jesus, we have to believe Jesus is God and live our lives according to His teachings, loving one another as He has loved us. As His followers, we are a part of the community of the Church He established, and we draw near to Him in the sacraments He gave us.**

- Being a follower of Jesus is not always easy, and, while He asks for our whole selves, He also gives Himself fully to us. As a follower of Jesus, we do not simply admire Him and the things He does from a distance; rather, we invite Him into every part of our lives, so He might fill us with His love and transform every aspect of our lives.



- The apostles were Jesus' first followers.
- They were not perfect and did not always do the right thing, but they were compelled by love to follow Jesus.
- Through them, we find an example of real people whose lives were changed by an encounter with Jesus.
- We can also see what their lives looked like as His followers.

Break into small groups

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

❓
If you could get VIP seating for any concert, which one would it be?

❓
Why does it matter that Jesus is God and not just a "nice guy who made a big difference in the world"

❓
Do you consider yourself a disciple (follower of Jesus)? Why?

❓
What difference does following Jesus make in your life?

❓
What have you learned about God through Jesus?

❓
Name someone in your life that you think knows Jesus.

❓
How can you tell if someone follows Jesus?

Everyone participate! There are no wrong answers. Give everyone a chance to speak.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE PRAYER

Jesus thank you for I am really good at giving me the gift of _____.

The world would be a better place if _____ Jesus help me see your work in the world and work with you toward _____.

- Each of the apostles had a vision of the world becoming a better place that was rooted in people knowing the truth about who Jesus is and the work He did.
- We are each a combination of different cares, experiences, passions, and abilities that shape our hopes for the world, our communities, and our individual lives.
- **We are going to take a moment to prayerfully fill in two statements about ourselves: I am really good at _____. The world would be a better place if _____. (1 MIN)
- The apostles each had different cares, experiences, passions, and abilities, too. It was the combination of these aspects of themselves that determined what work God asked them to do and contributed to the mark they left on the world.
- God created you with a passion for each of the answers you placed in the blanks. Jesus already knows these things about you, and He cares about what you care about.
- He loves that you are really good at the things you are good at. When we follow Him and live as His disciples, all of the things we are good at, all of the things we love, and all of the ways we want to make a difference can become ways we get to know Jesus and live for Him.
- **One of the most important ways we make Jesus a part of our lives is through prayer. Sometimes praying can seem difficult, but it is actually quite simple.
- **Take a moment to pray by thanking God for the answers you filled in. Then, using the same words you wrote down, fill in the following statements: Jesus

thank you for giving me the gift of _____. Jesus help me see your work in the world and work with you toward _____.

- HAIL MARY...



- Put all your stuff in your bags
- Leaderboard update
- Sanitize your hands before getting snack