

# John

6 Stories from  
John 1-10



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# John chapters 1-10

## What will we see in John's gospel?

We will see that Jesus is God himself, come to earth to give us LIFE. This life is knowing God now and into the new creation. WOW how amazing!

## What will we say to Jesus?

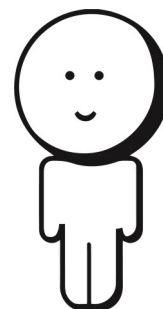
As we hear about Jesus' offer to us of eternal life with him, we need to decide what we will say. Will we welcome Jesus or reject him? Will we say 'Hooray!' or will we say 'Go Away!'?

## Memory verse song

We will be learning John 3:16 in a song with the children at Sunday School. We hope that this verse from John's gospel will help them to remember some of the key truths they see. Each study in this booklet finishes with a 'let's sing' section to give you the opportunity to sing the song with your child.

The tune we will be using is the chorus to this song: 'For God So Loved the World' by Elevation Kids - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVRWuLitCow>

**For God so loved the world  
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eternal life!**



## Using the material – a guide for parents

This term, rather than give out Take Home Sheets we've put together a little study for each week of Sunday School.

We hope these studies will help you:

- To know what we've been teaching in Sunday school - so you can talk to your child about it and pray for them as they hear of the Lord Jesus from John's gospel
- To give you an opportunity to dig into the passage with your child and clarify or build their understanding
- To give you an opportunity to help your child think through further how they are responding to what they're hearing in God's word.

We hope that this will enable us to better partner with you as you continue you to teach your children about the Lord Jesus.

You could go through the study over a meal time or at bedtime. You could also do the study over a whole week, doing a little bit each day. Why not get into the habit of praying with your children, asking for God's help, before you start the study.

### Prayer

In Sunday school we teach the children to pray 4 different types of prayer. This introduces them to the different ways we respond to God. For each of these prayers we have accompanying actions to remind the children what the prayer is and what it means. The different types of prayers and actions are as follows:

- **Adoration.** \*Point your fingers up. Eg "Dear God, we praise you because..."
- **Confession.** \*Point your fingers at yourself. Eg "Dear God, we are sorry for..."
- **Thanksgiving.** \*Hold your hands out, palms facing upwards. Eg "Dear God we thank you for..."
- **Supplication.** \*Put your hands together. Eg "Dear God, please..."

Each story has a prayer time at the end with a suggested prayer.

# Jesus is God himself, come to earth



**Let's read** John 20:31

A long time ago there was a man named John. John was one of Jesus' best friends. John decided to write a book about Jesus. John could have written about what Jesus looked like; he could have written about what Jesus' favourite food was. But he didn't want people to know this. John wanted people to know that Jesus was God himself, and that he had come to earth to give life. Wow, that's quite exciting. Jesus is God. Animals are not God. Other people are not God. Our teddy's are not God. Jesus is God. Jesus was there at the beginning of time. Jesus created everything. Jesus made the sea and the mountains, the sun and the twinkling stars. He gave life to the Giraffe's and the rabbits, he gave life to me and to you. Wow, Jesus is God; and Jesus came to earth as a man. He had a nose for smelling, and eyes for seeing. He had legs for walking around and a mouth for speaking. Jesus, who is God, came to the world that he had made. Hooray!!



**Let's think**

Is Jesus God?

In the beginning what did Jesus make?



**Let's pray**

**Adoration**

"Dear God we praise you for Jesus. Amen"



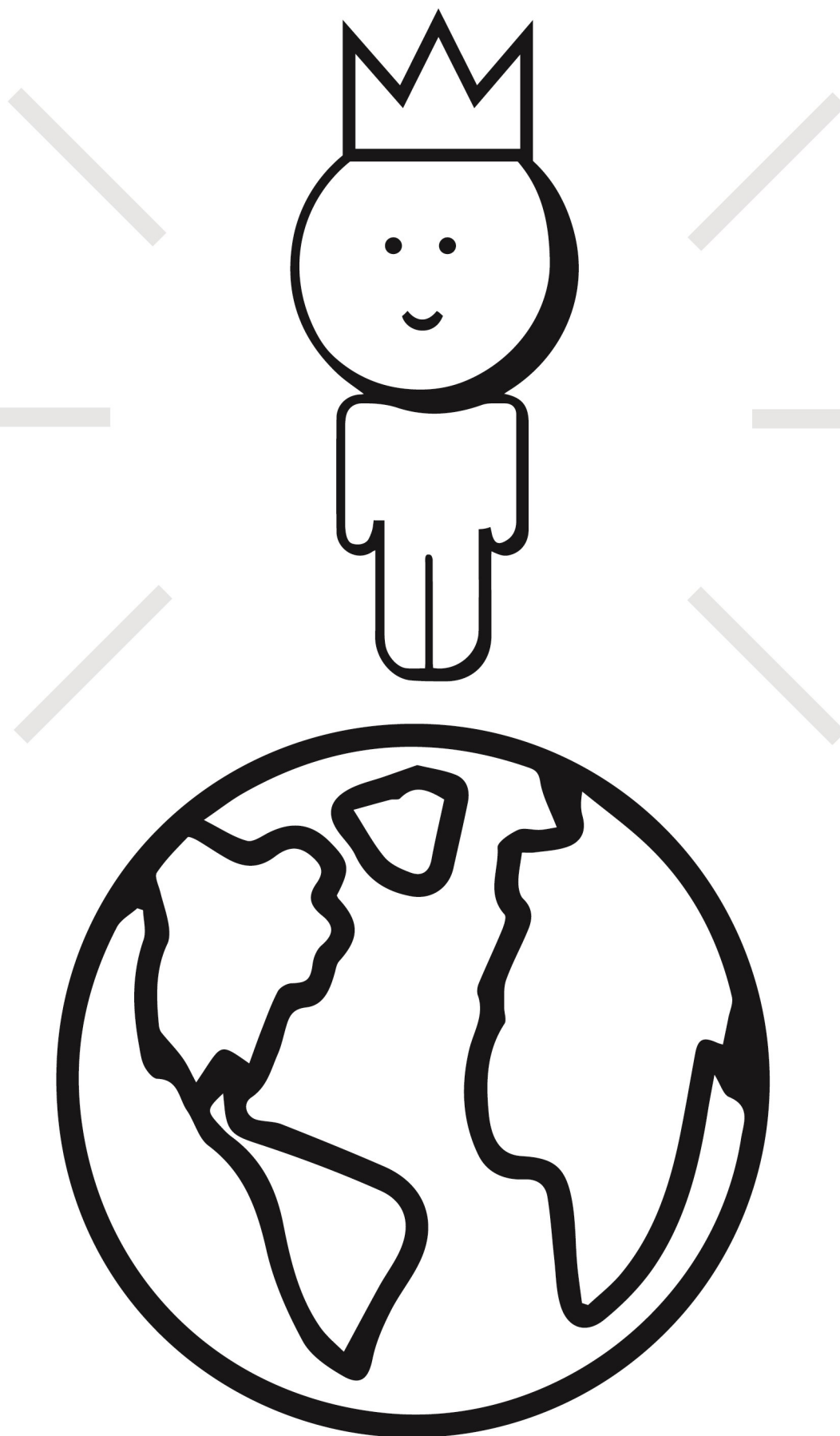
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# Jesus has come to marry a people



**Let's read** John 2:1-2

Have you ever been to a wedding? A wedding is a big party. It's like a birthday party— there are lots of happy faces; there is lots of food to eat; and everyone is having a good time. At a birthday party you celebrate someone growing a year older. But at a wedding, you celebrate two people coming together. Because these two people are such good friends and love each other lots and lots, they decide to be with each other for ever, and to become a new family. In the bible, in John's gospel, John wrote about a wedding. This was a wedding in a place called Cana. This was a wedding that Jesus went to. At this wedding Jesus showed us something very special. He showed us that he was going to marry a people. He loved the world so much. He wanted to be best friends with people forever. He had come to marry them and start a new family. Jesus loves you so much. He wants to be friends with you forever. He came, to marry you and bring you into his family. Hooray!!



**Let's think**

Who does Jesus love?

What did Jesus come to do?



**Let's pray**

**Thanksgiving**

"Dear God we thank you that  
Jesus came to marry us.

Amen"



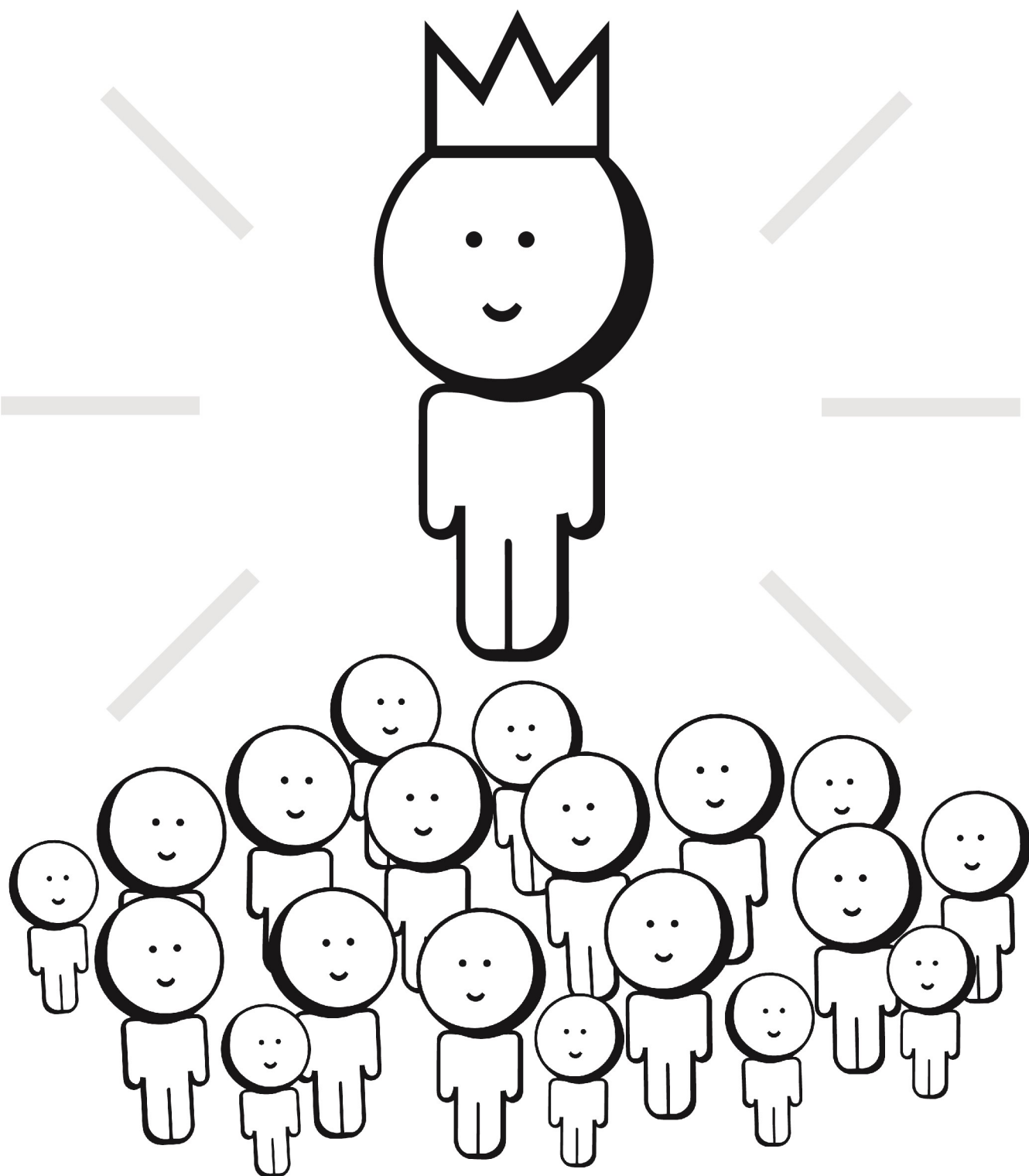
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# Jesus has come to give eternal life



**Let's read** John 3:16

What is eternal life? Eternal life is to be best friends with God. Eternal life is to live with him in his wonderful new creation. Eternal life lasts forever. Jesus came into the world to give people eternal life. But will people say 'Hooray!', or will they say 'Go away!'? One day, Jesus had dinner with a man called Nicodemus. Nicodemus was on the Jewish ruling council. Jesus came to give Nicodemus eternal life. Would he say 'Hooray!', or would he say 'Go away!'? Nicodemus didn't want eternal life. Jesus had come into the world to give eternal life, but Nicodemus said 'Go away!' On another day, Jesus was walking through a place called Samaria. Here he met a Samaritan woman at a well. This Samaritan woman had not lived how God wanted her to live. But Jesus came to give this Samaritan woman eternal life. Would she say 'Hooray!', or would she say 'Go away!'? This Samaritan woman wanted eternal life. Jesus had come into the world to give eternal life, this Samaritan woman said 'Hooray!'



**Let's think**

What has Jesus come to give?  
Who said 'Hooray'?



**Let's pray**

**Thanksgiving**

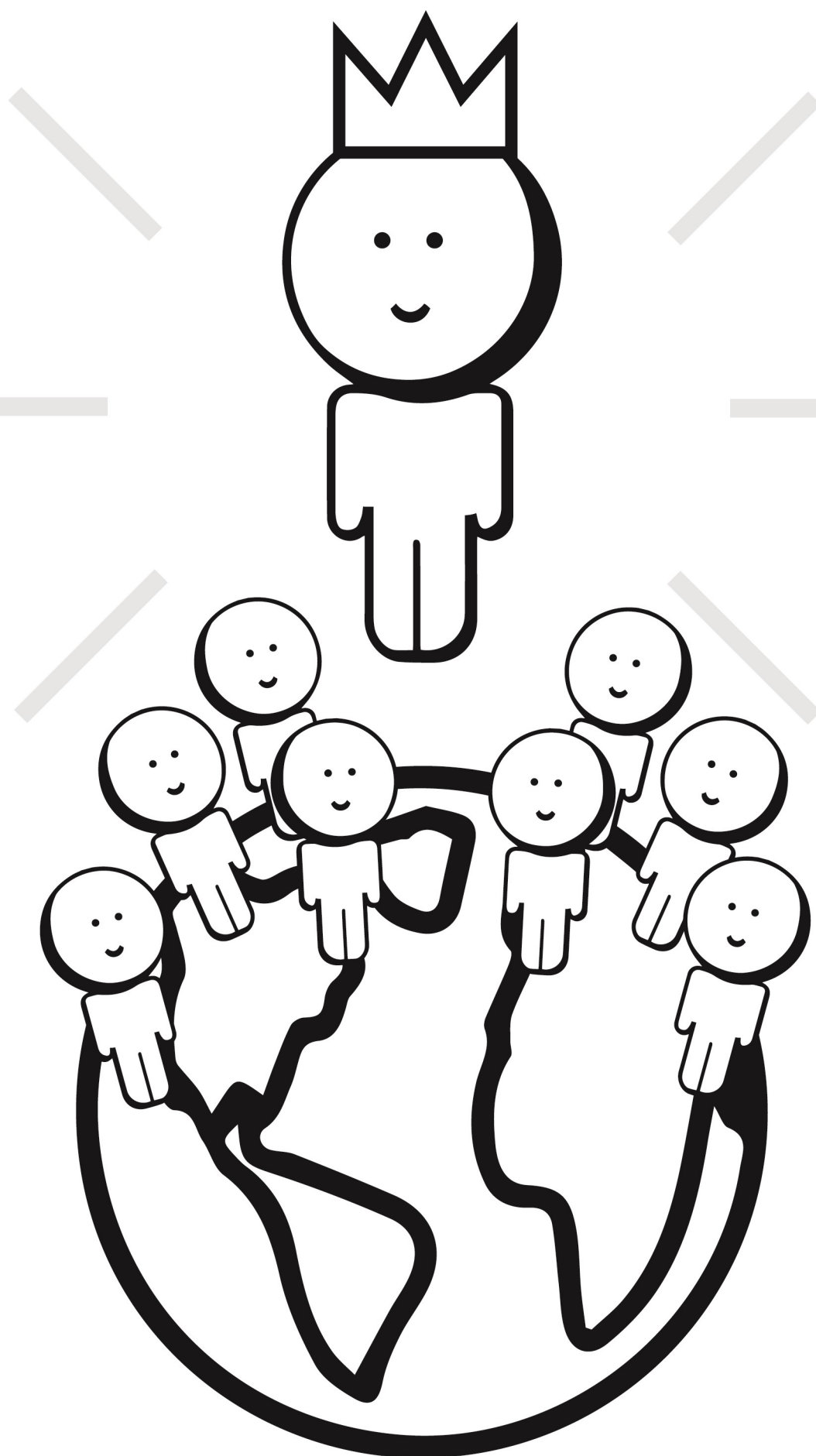
"Dear God, we thank you that  
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life. Amen"



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# Jesus came to give us eternal life... just by speaking



**Let's read**

John 4:50

In our story today a boy was sick. He was so sick that he was dying— how terrible! His Dad was very sad and worried. He heard that Jesus had come back to the town near where they lived. So the boy's Dad rushed to see Jesus. He begged Jesus to come and heal his son. But Jesus didn't come, instead he said to the man, "Go, your son shall live."

So the man went. On the way home he was met by some of his servants. They had good news. His boy was alive! Amazing! All Jesus did was speak. With his words Jesus gave life to a boy who was nearly dead. Just like in the beginning God created everything just by speaking. He spoke and there was life. Our story shows us that Jesus is the creator God who gives new life.



**Let's think**

Who did Jesus give new life to?

How did Jesus make the boy better?



**Let's pray**

**Thanksgiving**

"Dear God, we thank you SO much that Jesus gives life just by speaking. Amen"



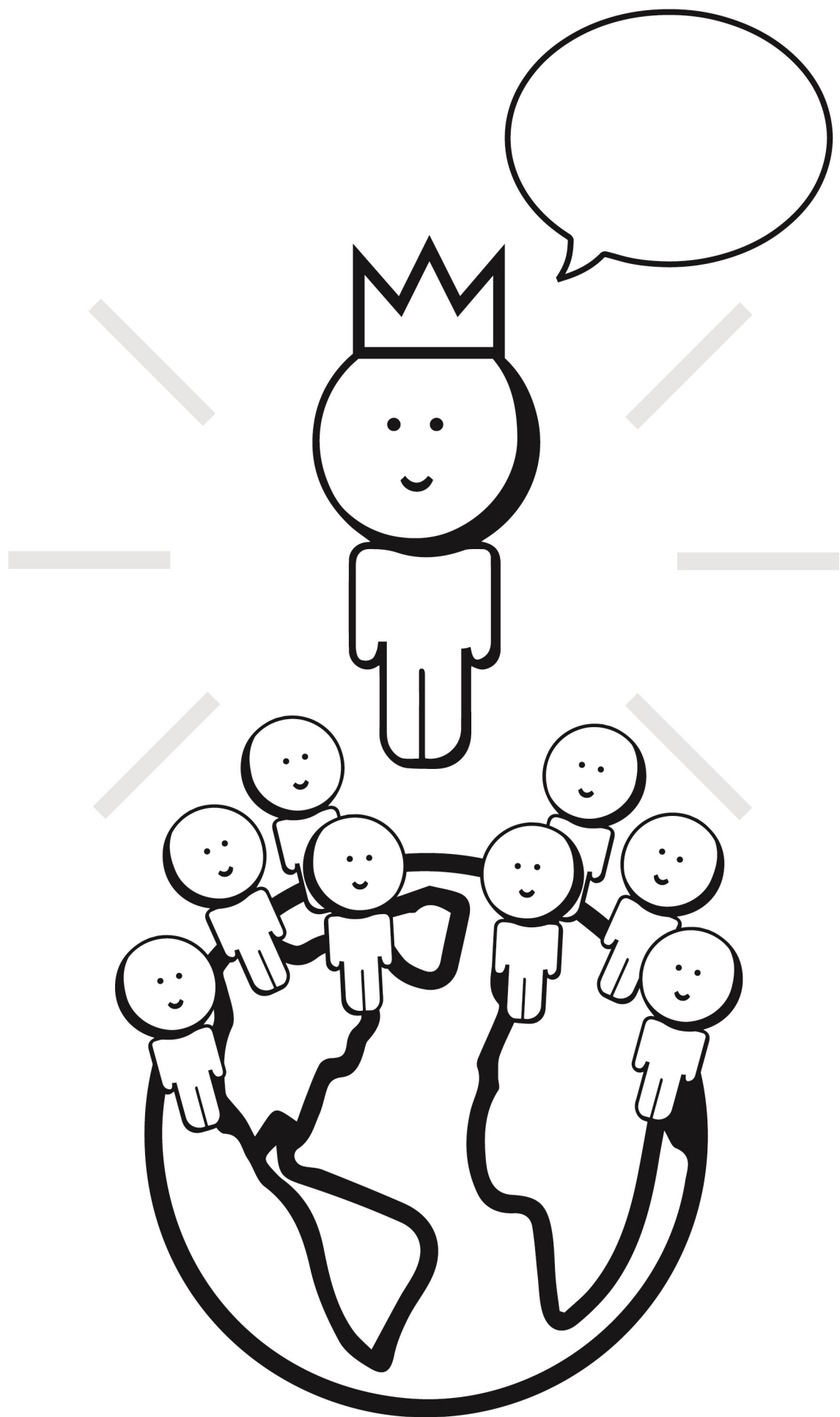
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# Jesus came to give us life by rescuing us



**Let's read** John 6:10-11

In our story today, lots and lots of people had been following Jesus to listen to him speak. But now it was really late and everyone's tummies were rumbling. They had no food and they were in the middle of nowhere. Oh no!

Jesus asked his disciples if they had any bread but all they could find was five loaves and two fish. That's not enough food for thousands of people! But Jesus took the food and told everyone to sit down. Then he broke it up and passed it around. Amazingly there was enough for everyone. They all ate as much as they wanted and there was lots left over!

Wow! This story is a lot like another story in the Old Testament. In that story God fed his people in the middle of nowhere when he rescued them from Egypt. Jesus shows us that just like God rescued his people then, Jesus has come to earth to rescue people too.



**Let's think**

What did Jesus give all the people who were hungry?



**Let's pray**

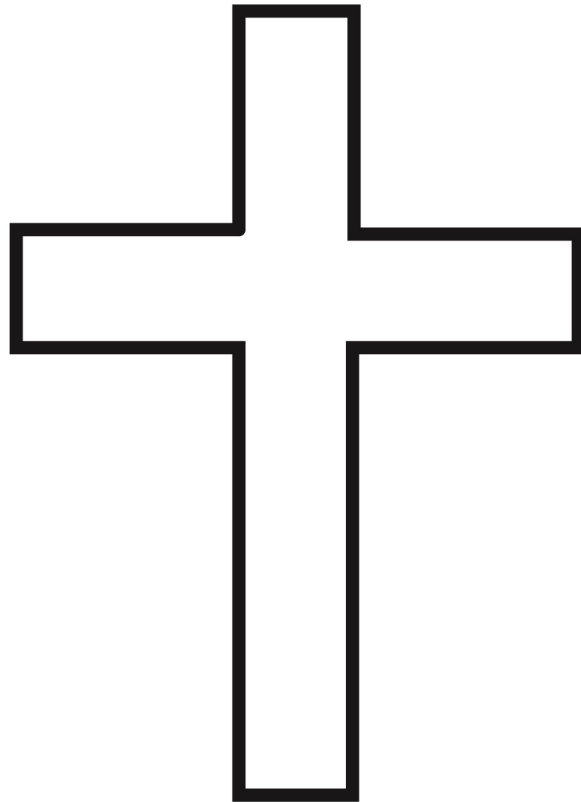
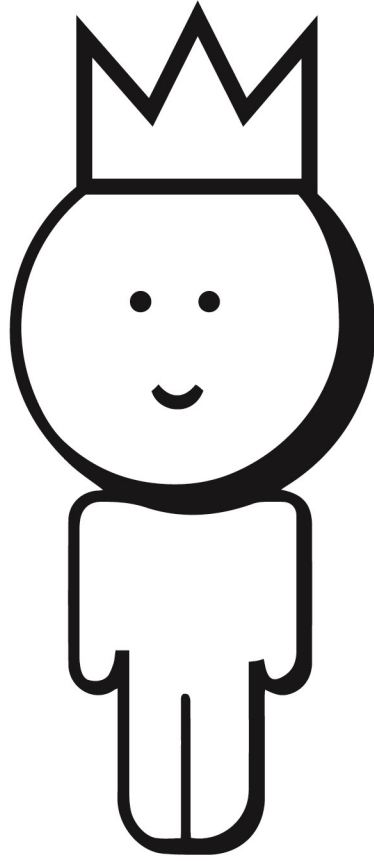
**Thanksgiving**

"Dear God, we thank you that Jesus came to earth to rescue us. Amen"



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# Jesus came to give life to all who welcome him



**Let's read**

John 8:12

In the verse we read, Jesus calls himself 'the light of life'. He says that whoever comes to him can have eternal life with him! Whoever doesn't come to him is still in the darkness and doesn't have eternal life. But that means is that everyone has to decide what they will say to Jesus' offer. Will we say 'hooray!' or will we say 'go away!'.

In today's story, Jesus is in the temple. The temple teachers thought that Jesus was not from God and he must be stopped. They were looking for a way to kill him! They thought they didn't need Jesus. They had said to Jesus 'go away!'.

But what about us? What will we say to Jesus? Will we say 'hooray!' to his offer of eternal life or will we say 'go away!'?



**Let's think**

What does everyone need to decide?



**Let's pray**

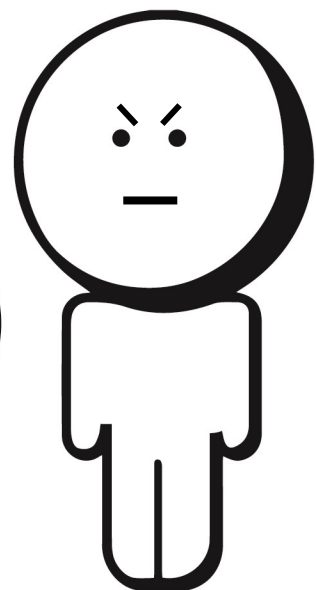
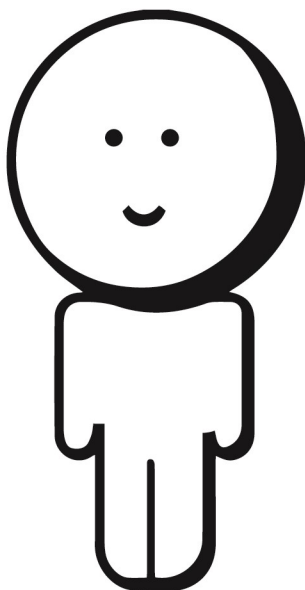
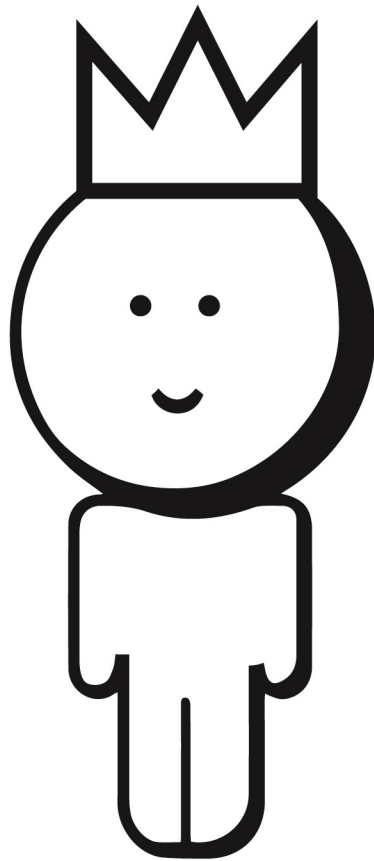
**Supplication**

"Dear God, please would we say 'hooray!' not 'go away!' to Jesus. Amen"



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