



FAMILY STUDY

The Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark & Luke

The gospels are four testimonials of Jesus Christ. The book of Matthew was written by Matthew, who was a Jew, to the Jewish people. He outlines the genealogy of Jesus and shows him as the expected Messiah based on His royal blood line.

The book of Mark, was written by John Mark and outlines Jesus as the good servant slave come to serve mankind. John Mark was the nephew of Barnabas and was probably in his late teens during the crucial events surrounding Jesus. He was writing to the Romans.

Luke, a doctor, portrays Jesus as the good man--the God man. Luke records parables, songs and miracles that are not included in the other gospels.

Each of the gospels paints a picture of Jesus that when combined allow us to see a more complete portrait of our King.

Wisdom, Wisdom, Who's got the Wisdom?

Objectives:	Learn who Jesus is, and become familiar with His sayings and the events of His time. Gain insight into your own faith. Have fun with your family.
Number of Players:	2 or more
Length:	15 - 30 minutes
Set up:	<p>Just a note: This game is quiet large. Please look through all the pages and just print the ones you want to use now. You can scale the game down or up based on how difficult or lengthy you would like the play to be. Also, you can break it up into several sessions over the week.</p> <p>First print the pages you want (print an extra copy for the judge to use as a cheat sheet). Cut out each of the verses on the following pages. Then cut each of the verses in half so that there are 2 parts for every verse--the 1st half and the second half; the first half should have the scripture reference intact. You don't have to use all of the verses, just cut out the ones you want to use.</p> <p>They are divided by book title. For an easy game, just choose several verses from one book. For a harder game use all the verses from one book. For the most challenging game, use all the verses from all of the books.</p> <p>Fold each in half and place them in a hat or bowl; stir them up good. Prepare a score card with a column for each player. Write the name of each player as the title for their column. Large paper on the wall or a white board works well for this so everyone can see theirs plus others' scores. Choose one person to be the score keeper and the judge. You can also play in teams rather than individually.</p> <p>This would be helpful for families with younger children.</p>

<p>The Play:</p>	<p>Have everyone sit in a circle and take turns drawing out a slip of paper until all the papers have been drawn.</p> <p>Then, have everyone look at their own slips of paper to see if they have 2 parts to a verse which makes a complete verse. If so, they get 1 point for each completed verse, then they should set the completed verses aside. The rest of their papers can lie face up in front of them or held in their hands so others can't see.</p> <p>Now the fun begins. Pick one person to go first. They should choose one of their partial verses (it should be the front half of the verse - the scripture reference is on the front half only) and read the scripture reference and the verse out loud for everyone to hear. If someone believes they have the other part of that verse, they should say "I've got the Wisdom." and then read their 2nd half of the verse. If it is a match, they receive 5 points (the judge should be prepared with a Bible or the cheat sheet to settle any disputes). If it's wrong, they lose 2 points.</p> <p>Also, if wrong, the person who read the first half of the verse can say the second half from memory if they know it and receive 6 points. If they don't know it from memory then anyone else may say, "I've got the Wisdom," to solve the verse either with the paper copy or from memory. If they get it right, they receive 5 points. If they get it wrong, they will lose 2 points. Place the completed verse aside (use some tape to tape it back together - you may want to use the verses during your discussion time).</p> <p>Play moves to the next player (go clockwise around the room). The next player will read one of their partial verses... (play continues like this, reading, saying "I've got the Wisdom" points given or taken until all of the verse halves have been matched). Tally final score to determine the winner. Then close with discussion and prayer.</p>
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Matthew		
Mat 1:1	The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,	the son of David, the Son of Abraham.
Mat 2:6	But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For	out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.
Mat 3:1-2	In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,	and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
Mat 3:7	But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood	of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"
Mat 3:11	I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose	sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Mat 4:4	But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by	every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"
Mat 4:7	Jesus said to him, "It is written again,	'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"
Mat 4:10	Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written,	'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"
Mat 5:3	"Blessed are the poor in spirit,	For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Mat 5:4	"Blessed are those who mourn,	For they shall be comforted."
Mat 5:5	"Blessed are the meek,	For they shall inherit the earth."
Mat 5:6	"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for	righteousness, for they shall be filled."
Mat 5:7	"Blessed are the merciful,	For they shall obtain mercy."
Mat 5:8	"Blessed are the pure in heart,	For they shall see God."

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Mat 5:9	“Blessed are the peacemakers,	For they shall be called sons of God.”
Mat 5:10	“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,	For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
Mat 5:13	“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how	shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”
Mat 5:16	“Let your light so shine before men, that they	may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Mat 6:25	“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not	life more than food and the body more than clothing?”
Mat 7:15-16	“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing,	but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?”
Mat 7:26	“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like	a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it fell. And great was its fall”
Mat 9:37	Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore	pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”
Mat 11:28-29	Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and	learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
Mat 11:30	“For My yoke is easy and My	burden is light.”

Matthew		
Mat 16:24	Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him	deny himself and take up his cross, and follow Me.”
Mat 22:37-40	Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and	great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
Mat 26:31	Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night for it is written: ‘I will	strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”
Mat 26:56	“But all this was done that	the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”
Mat 27:46	And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli,	Eli, Lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
Mat 28:18-20	And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name	of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Mark		
Mark 1:2	“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will	prepare Your way before You.”
Mark 1:3	“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the	way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.”

Mark		
Mark 1:6	Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather	belt around his waist around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.
Mark 1:7-8	And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal	strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
Mark 1:14-15	Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is	fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."
Mark 2:19	And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is	with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast."
Mark 6:10-11	Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. And whoever will not receive you not hear you, when you depart from there, shake	off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"
Mark 6:49-51	And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He	talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.
Mark 7:6-8	He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain	they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men--the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

Mark			
Mark 7:20-23	And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts,	covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”	
Mark 8:1-3	In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, “I have compassion on the multitude, because	they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.”	
Mark 8:27-29	...and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?” So they (this is a bonus verse; there are three parts. If you have the other two parts of this verse, you get 10 points! If you and two or three other people get this one right, you each get 15 points!)	answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, on the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”	Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”
Mark 10:27	But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but	not with God; for with God all things are possible.”	
Mark 11:25-26	“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may	also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”	
Mark 12:29-31	Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all	your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”	



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Mark 14:72	A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before	the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it he wept.
Mark 16:19-20	So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right had of God. And they went out and	preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Luke		
Luke 1:41-42	And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the	Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"
Luke 1:76-79	<p>"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, To give knowledge of</p> <p>(this is a bonus verse; there are three parts. If you have the other two parts of this verse, you get 10 points! If you and two or three other people get this one right, you each get 15 points!)</p>	<p>salvation to His people By the remission of their sins. Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring</p> <p>from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."</p>



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Luke			
Luke 2:10-12	Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is (this is a bonus verse; there are three parts. If you have the other two parts of this verse, you get 10 points! If you and two or three other people get this one right, you each get 15 points!)	born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the	sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”
Luke 6:39	And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the	blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?”	
Luke 6:41	“And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but	do not perceive the plank in your own eye?”	
Luke 7:46-48	“You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which	are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.” Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”	
Luke 9:23	Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let	him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”	
Luke 9:24	“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but	whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”	
Luke 9:25	“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the	whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?”	
Luke 11:9-10	“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to	you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”	

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Luke 11:13	“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how	much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”
Luke 11:23	“He who is not with Me is against	Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.”
Luke 12:4	“And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the	body, and after that have no more that they can do.”
Luke 12:7	“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do	not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”
Luke 12:24	“Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and	God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?”
Luke 12:28	“If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and	tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?”
Luke 12:40	“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son	of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
Luke 14:10	“But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he	may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.”
Luke 14:11	“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he	who humbles himself will be exalted.”
Luke 14:13-14	“But when you give a feast invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. and you will be	blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”
Luke 15:10	“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence	of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”
Luke 16:13	No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else	he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Luke		
Luke 18:16	But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to	Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."
Luke 19:5-6	And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and	come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.
Luke 20:25	And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the	things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
Luke 21:3-4	So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their	abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."
Luke 22:19	And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,	"This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
Luke 22:20	Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup	is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."
Luke 22:41-42	...and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take	this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."
Luke 22:70	Then they all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" so He said to	them, "You rightly say that I am."
Luke 24:46-47	Then He said to them, "Thus it is written and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and	remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem."
Luke 24:49	"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the	city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."



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Luke		
Luke 24:51-53	Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they	worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Discussion: Discuss with your family the ways that the Gospels give guidance for our lives today. Have each family member pick a verse that was their favorite and tell why. How has the life of Jesus made an impact on you today? Who do you say that Jesus is?

How can you as a family offer encouragement to each other to follow the guidance found in God's word?

Prayer: Close in prayer thanking God for His provision, His unchanging and uncompromising word and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family. Bless His holy name!