

# Young Apprentices

A RESOURCE FOR THE RCIA

## INQUIRY SESSION: JESUS



### My Story

We will meet many people in our lifetime. Some people – a teacher, a sports coach, a teammate – we may know only for a short time. Others – classmates, neighbors – will become our close friends, and will make a lasting difference in our lives.



### AND THINK

- *Who is a special person in your life?*
- *Why is that person so special and important to you?*



### God's Story

Jesus may be the most important person in each of our lives. He is our Savior. Only God can forgive sins, heal this broken world, and bring us home to Heaven. Only God can bring an end to evil, sin, and death itself. Jesus is God, and it is he who does these things for us.

Jesus is also known by the name Christ. This name comes from the Hebrew word for Messiah, and means “anointed one”. Jesus was anointed by God the Father, with the Holy Spirit, to be the Savior of the world. There is no other like him.

### KEY



### POINTS

- *The name Jesus means Savior, or God saves.*
- *Our Salvation is in Jesus.*
- *Jesus reveals to us God's power, judgment, mercy, and love.*



### Our Response

Think of what you know about who Jesus is and what he has done for us.



- *What would you like to ask Jesus, thank Jesus for, or tell Jesus today?*
- *Put your thoughts into a simple prayer.*
- *If you wish, share the prayer aloud with your group today.*

## Sharing God's Word

With your family, read one or more of the Scriptures listed below. Share what each passage says about **Jesus**.

**Matthew 1:18-25**

(The Birth of Jesus)

**Isaiah 9:5-6**

(The Prince of Peace)

**Matthew 1:23**

(The Birth of Jesus, emphasizing "Emmanuel")

The above readings are available at  
[usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings).

## Faith Words

### Messiah

Messiah is the title for Jesus that means he is Christ, the Anointed One God the Father promised to send to save all people.

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### Savior

One of the titles, or names of Jesus, who died on the Cross to save us from our sins.

## Witness of Faith



### Saint Joan of Arc (1412-1431)

Joan of Arc lived by the motto, "Let God be served first." Joan grew up in France at a time when England and France were at war. She believed that God was calling her to help France, so she became a soldier and led France during the war. When in battle, Joan of Arc carried a flag called a standard. On the standard was a picture of God in Heaven, and pictures of the archangels Michael and Gabriel worshipping God. The holy names of Jesus and Mary were written on the standard in letters of gold. The leaders of France did not approved of Joan. They had her killed when she was just nineteen years old. The Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Joan of Arc on May 30.