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TALK ONE

Teaching the Bible to Children & Youth

Equipping the Saints Conference, St Bart's, March 2026

making, maturing, and
multiplying disciples of
Jesus Christ for God's glory

children, youth, and families sessions

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Teaching the Bible to Children and Youth

*Practical skills in
teaching the Bible to
groups of children and
youth, primarily in the
context of a church or
group setting*



Why Early Childhood Ministry is not babysitting

*Vision for early
childhood ministry, and
be equipped with
practical ministry skills
for the youngest disciples*

*Throughout the day,
keep in mind, your:*

1. Context
2. Vision
3. Next Step



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why teach the Bible?

What is your Mission & Vision?



Knowledge?

To be familiar with and know the stories from the Bible.



Understanding?

To understand more about God's love for them through his great big rescue story.



Discipleship?

To equip in being followers (not pharisees) of Jesus in their frontlines.

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Question

IN PAIRS:

**How is teaching the Bible to
Children/Youth reflected in
your current context?**

**Remember,
keep in mind:**

The **CONTEXT** in which
God has placed you

The **VISION** of where
you're going

The **NEXT STEP**
towards your goal

WHERE to begin

- ★ Bible Passage
- ★ Focus (main point)
- ★ Multiple approaches to support learning

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01 Ground your teaching in Scripture



> *age-appropriate literacy level*

> *decide on a focal teaching point*

> *multimodal storytelling
(reading, video, drama,
picturebook, etc)*

Feeding 5000

John 6:1-14



example



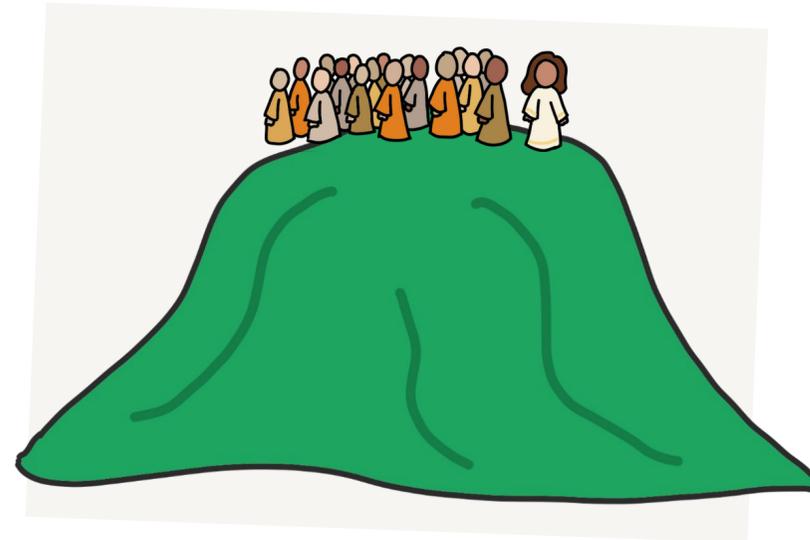
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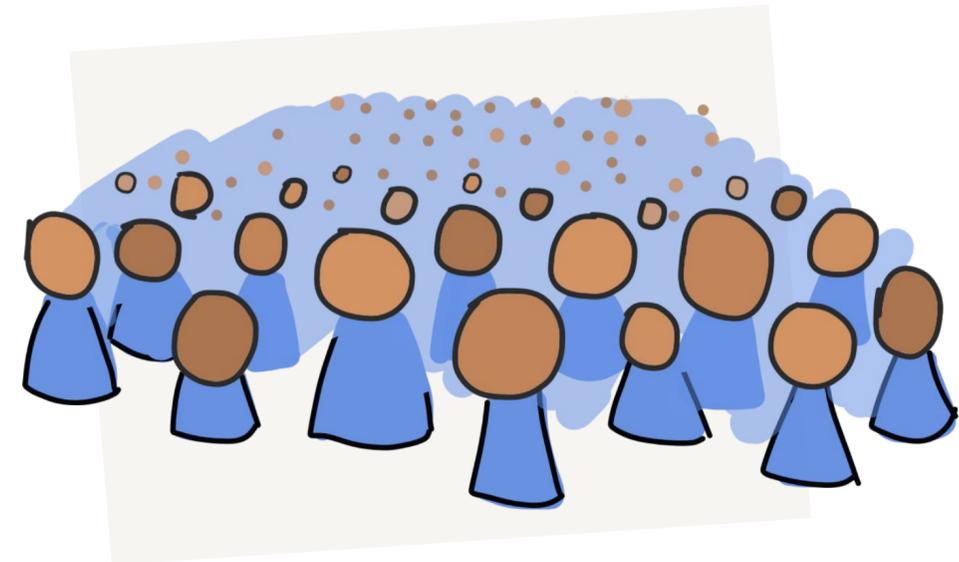
Feeding 5000



Jesus had been very busy doing many signs and miracles. Large crowds of people followed him.

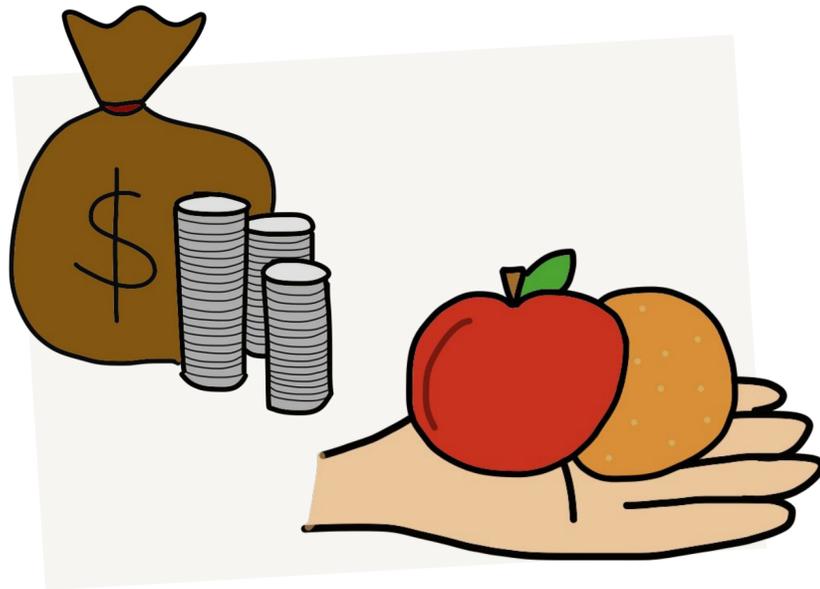


So Jesus took his disciples up a mountain to try and have some quiet time.

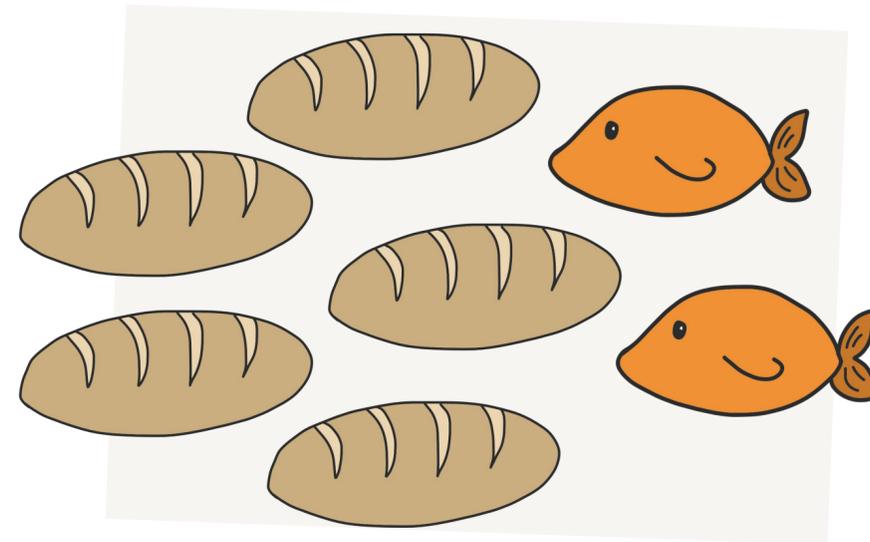


But the crowds followed. Jesus could see they were hungry, so he asked one of his disciples to find some food so they could feed them.

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The disciples knew that to feed that many people would cost a lot of money.



One disciple found a boy that had 5 small loaves of barley bread and two small fish.



So Jesus took the bread and fish and gave thanks. He broke it into pieces and shared it around to the people.

There were 5000 men who ate that day.

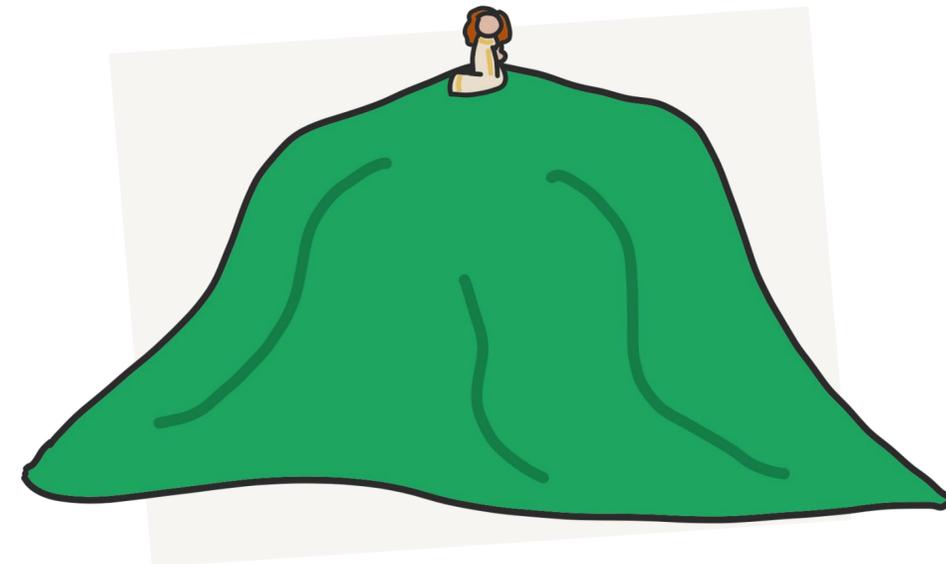
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When everyone had fully tummies, the disciples collected the bits of bread that were left.



The people were amazed and believed this must be the promised Prophet.



Jesus then went up to another mountain, to try and be by himself.

They filled 12 baskets!

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Opportunities

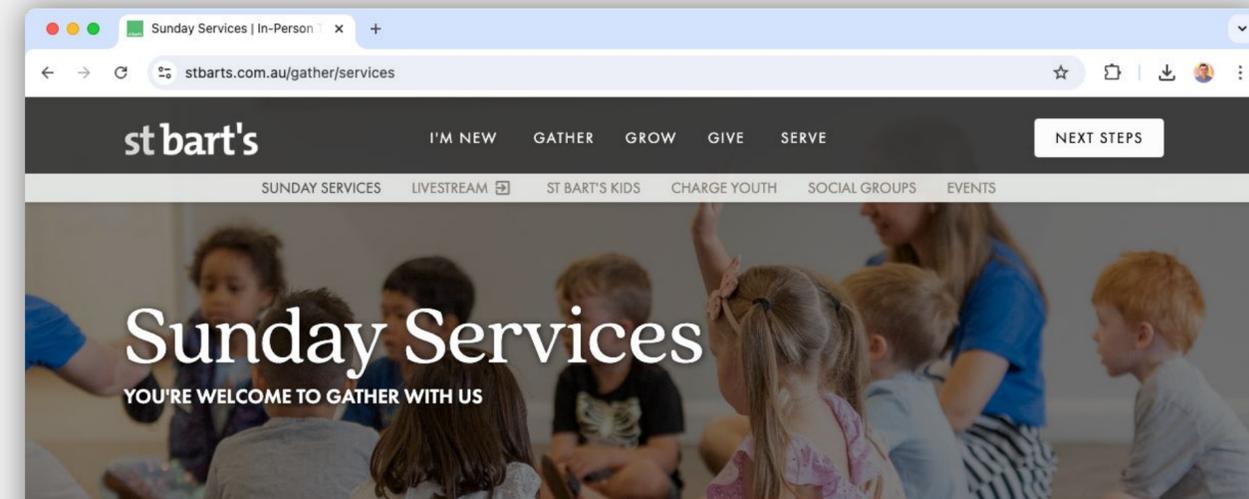


Resource Hub

St Bart's Kids have a wide range of resources available to share with others.

- > Curriculum (including Kids Talks, ebooks, full children's program, Youth discussion questions)
- > Articles and How To
- > Special Resources

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St Bart's Kids provides a range of wonderful opportunities to nurture children 0-12 years.

We love helping children at every stage of faith journey, with—safe and age-appropriate—activities and spaces to enable this to happen. Stay up to date with St Bart's Kids on Instagram and Facebook.

Betrys Lowe (Children & Families Minister),
Hannah LeDilly (Early Childhood Coordinator).



7.30AM TRADITIONAL

[In-Person](#) [Online](#)

Around 100 adults gather each Sunday for this traditional yet lively service at 7.30am. This weekly Communion service draws on the richness of our Anglican heritage, expository preaching, and a mix of ancient and modern hymns (music is provided by a small band). Prayer after the service is available.

9.30AM CONTEMPORARY

[In-Person](#) [Online](#) [St Bart's Kids](#)

A larger multi-age service with a contemporary worship style, expository preaching, and fantastic children's ministry. St Bart's Kids caters for children of all ages (with parent's room, crèche, and Sunday School) where teaching aligns with the preaching. CHARGE host a high-school discussion after the sermon.

ST BART'S 6PM

[In-Person](#)

A contemporary and relaxed service. Each Sunday night we gather with great music, an emphasis on teaching, and a genuine desire to grow as disciples and make new disciples. The service is followed by a light supper and sometimes dinner out. This weekly service celebrates the Lord's Supper once per month.

Dig *deeper*

- ★ Look at context
- ★ Ask questions
- ★ Encourage reflection

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02 Unpack the details



> are there cultural things that need to be understood in order to understand what is happening in the passage (i.e., flat roof vs A-frame)

> foster imagination (i.e., “I wonder...”, “how would you have felt?”)

> how have I understood more about God through this passage?

> how does understanding this make a difference to me this week?

02 Unpack the details



Types of Questions

Literal - 5Ws (who, what, where, when, why)

Interpretive - how, why, what do you think.... context

Reflective - inviting questions and thoughts, application (so what?)



Group Activity

**Sort these example Bible
small group questions into
different categories of
ages.**

Categories:

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Lower Primary

Middle Primary

Upper Primary

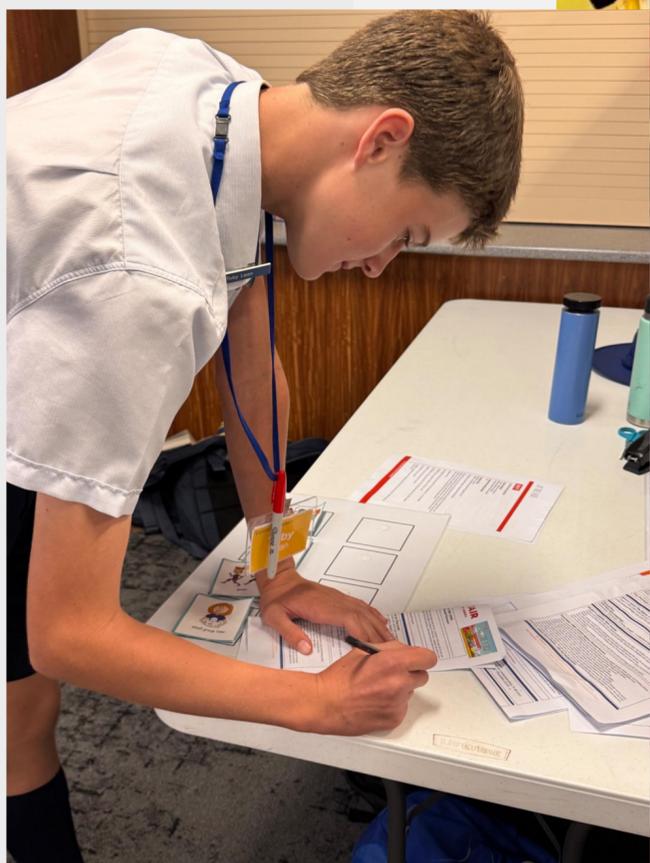
Youth

Adult

Put *into Practice*

- ★ activities
- ★ games
- ★ quiz
- ★ memory verse

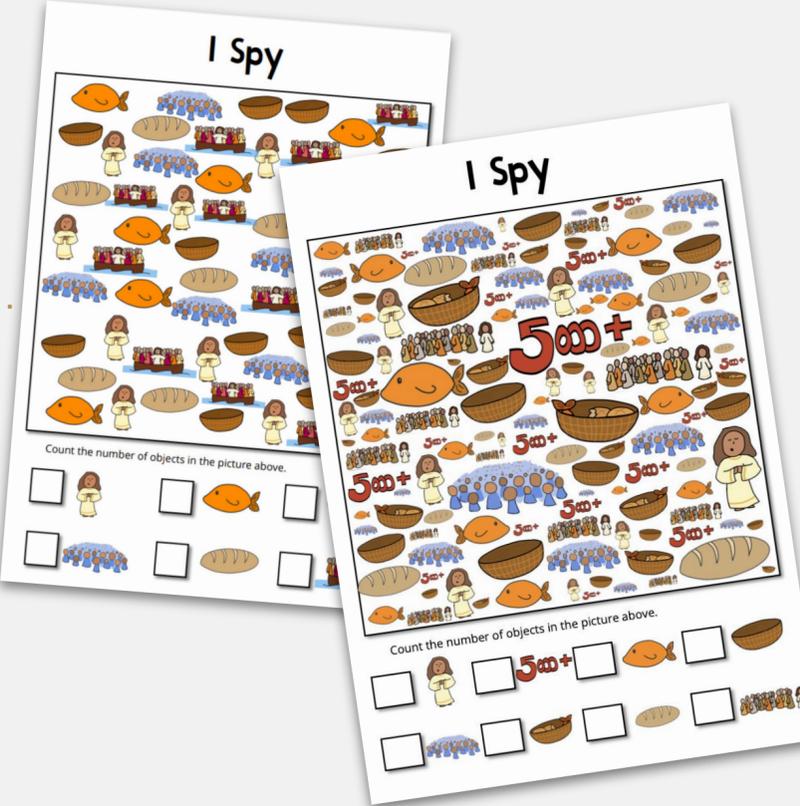
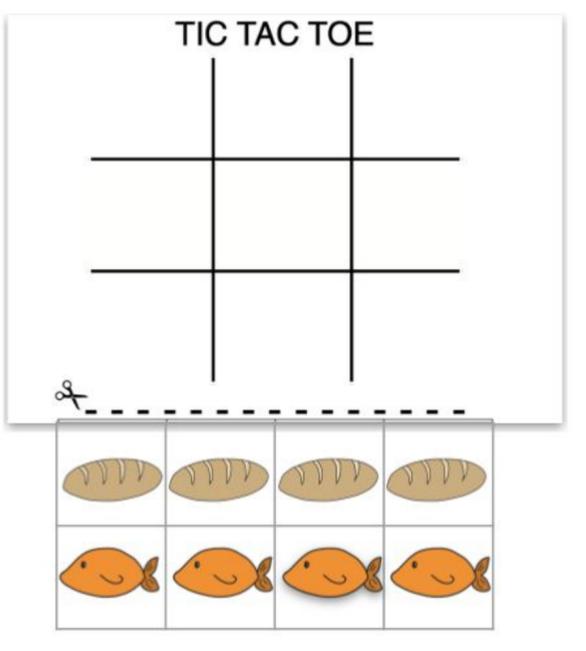
03 Active Learning



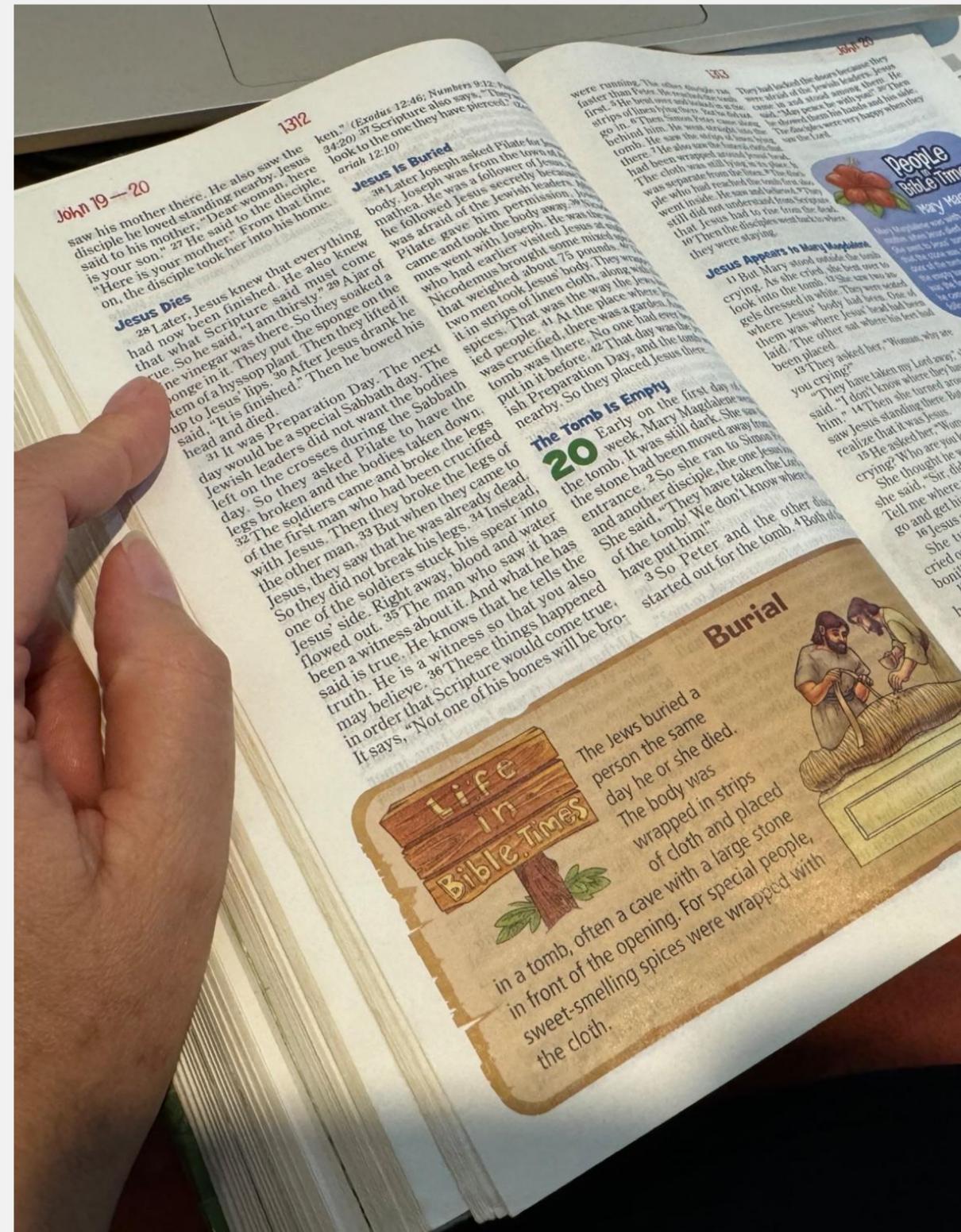
- > *consider your children/youth (learning styles, neurodiversity, favourite activities, etc)*
- > *link it back to the Bible passage and focus point*
- > *memory verses (make them simple, repetitive, helpful)*
- > *make it challenging (and fun!)*

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activity examples



memory verse example



But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31



Question

IN PAIRS (or parish groups):

**What is one key takeaway
for your context worth
following up?**

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