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CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

A SERIES ONJESUS' MINISTRY

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THIS MONTH:

READ | MEMORIZE | ASK

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JESUS SHOWS ME THE TRUTH.

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WEEK 1

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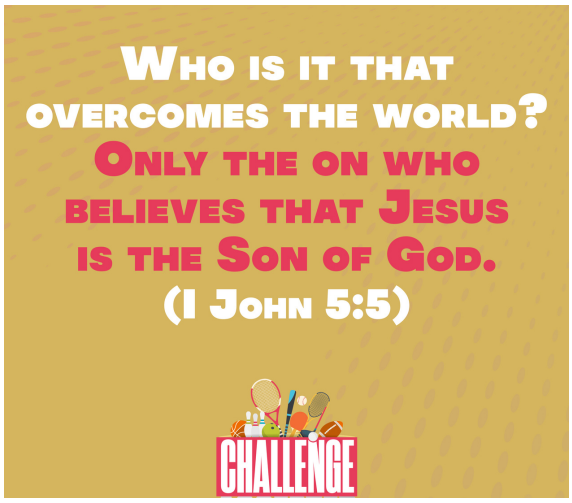
Mark 1:29-39; Psalm 147:1-11



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FAMILY DISCUSSION

- How many disciples did Jesus have?
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- Re-read 1 John 5:5. What do you think it means to overcome the world?
- What do you think the disciples thought when they saw Jesus healing people?
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- How does Jesus take care of you?

PRAYER

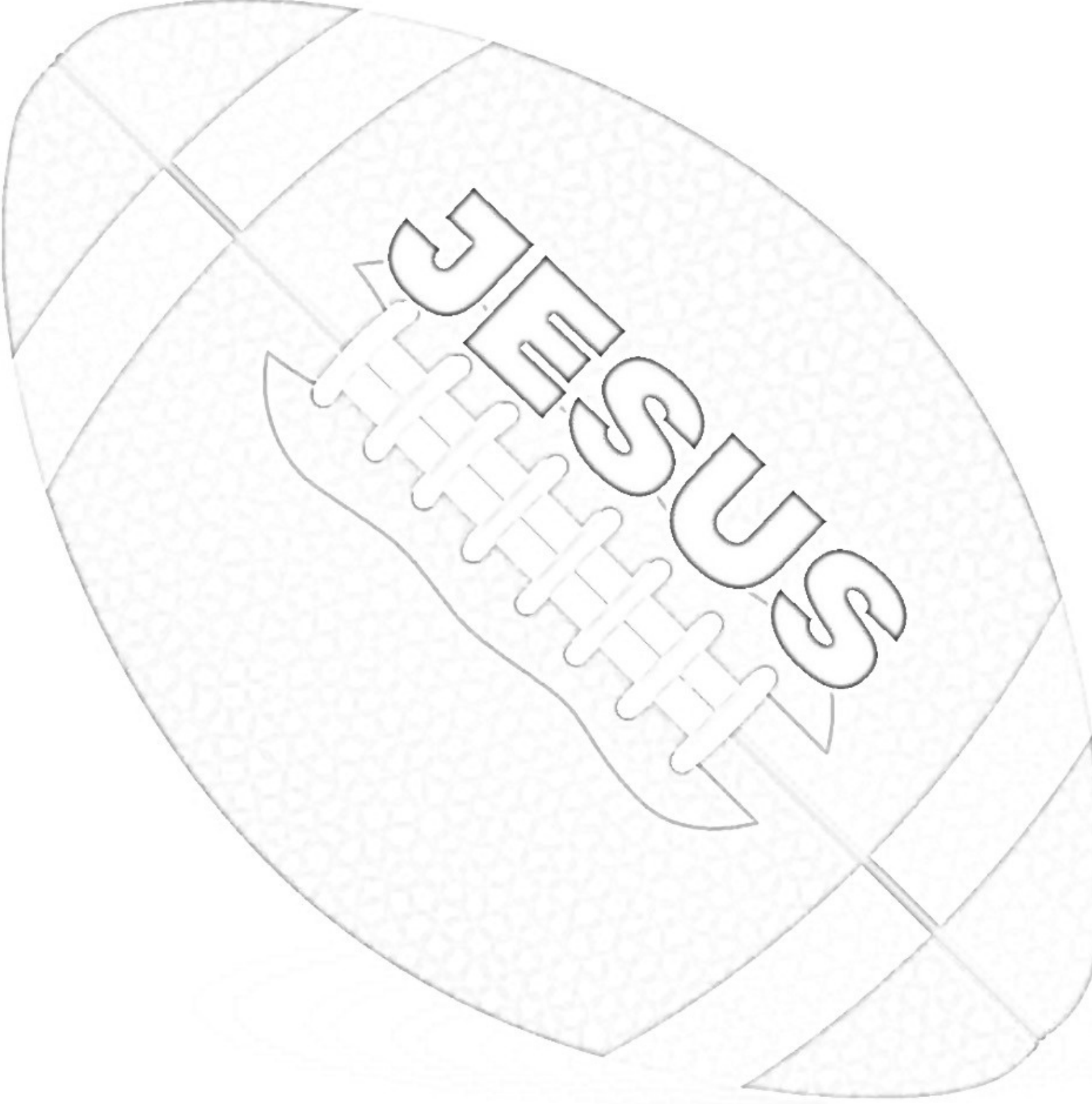
Dear God, we thank You so much for always taking care of us. Thank You for sending us Jesus and for giving us different people to take care of us as well. Help us to remember that You are always with us. Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Box of Gifts

There are three balls.
This football has "Jesus" on it. This baseball has "Simon" on it. This basketball has "woman" written on it. Ask a question, and you will point to the ball with the answer — Jesus, Simon, or woman.

Use the included printable.

Whose house did Jesus go to? (Simon.)
Who was so sick and had a fever? (Woman.)
Whose mother-in-law was the woman? (Simon.)
Who made the sick person all better? (Jesus.)
Who got better and started serving food? (Woman.)
Who made even more people all better? (Jesus.)
Who cares for me? (Jesus.)



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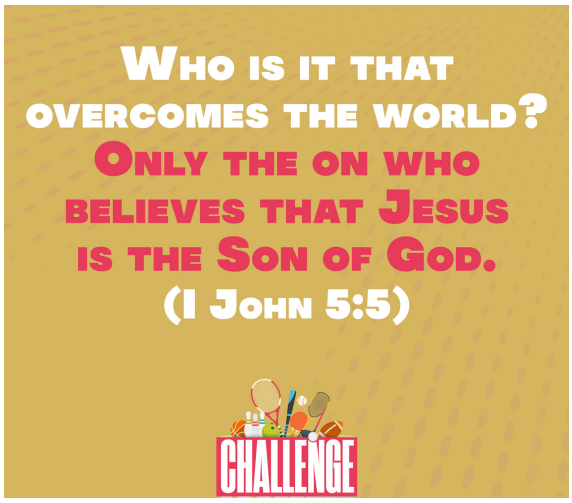
Mark 9:2-9; II Corinthians 4:3-6



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- Who came with Jesus to the top of the mountain?
- Who appeared at the top of the mountain?
- Who spoke through the cloud?
- Re-read Mark 9:7. Why do you think God told James, John, and Peter that Jesus was God's son?
- What is the truth Jesus shows us?
- Who else do you think helps us see the truth?
- Why is it more appealing sometimes to tell a lie rather than the truth? Why should we always choose truth?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You transformed to show us the truth! We are so glad that God loves us, God cares about us, and God forgives us. We know all of this is true because You have shown them to us! Help us to always search for and only follow the truth. Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Game Plan

Write down one thing you know is true about God/Jesus. Once every one is done read your statements aloud, and discuss what you think Is true about eachs tatement.

Our game plan for this week is to go out and live out the truth Jesus shows us: that Jesus is the Son of God and loves us – and everyone – very much!

What is something you can do this week to show someone else this truth?

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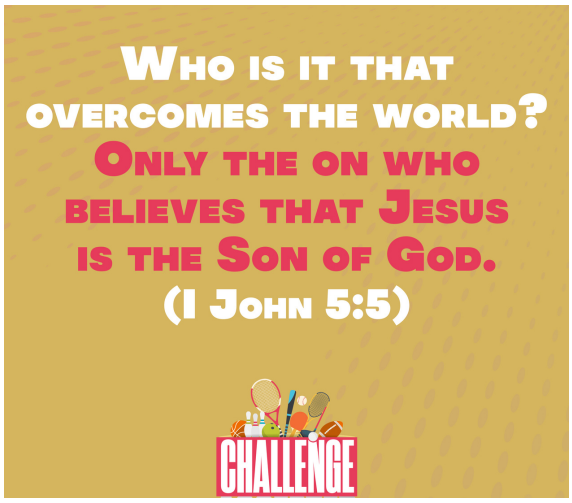
Mark 1:12-13; Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 25:1-10



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PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for knowing what it's like to be tempted. Our struggle with temptation is very real, but You are here to help us with them. We believe You can help us with everything at all times, including when we are tempted. Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: All Ears

Pick a family member, give them a stack of ten cups and a blindfold . They will have to to build a tower based on the instructions from the team.

The blindfolded member will have to listen closely to their family to build their tower quickly!

Set a timer! Pick a time!

Sometimes, it can be very difficult to follow directions, especially when we think we're right or we just really want something. Today's Bible story is going to tell us what to do whenever we are tempted to do things our own way instead of God's way.

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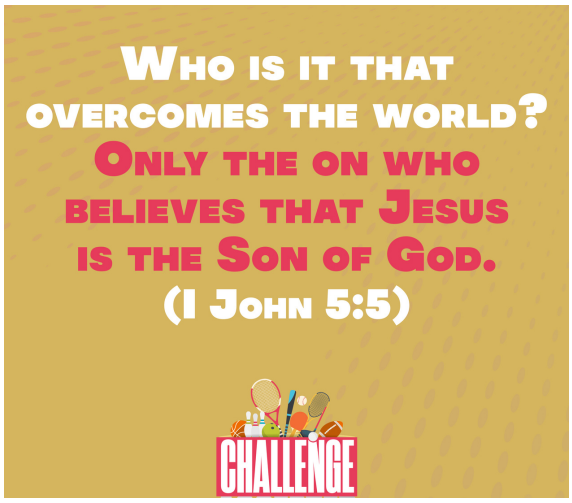

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- How many days later did Jesus raise from the dead?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What did Jesus say a Jesus follower has to do?
- Re-read Mark 8:33. What do you think it means to have in mind the concerns of God instead of human concerns?
- What do you think it means to “take up your cross?”
- When Peter found out Jesus’ death was inevitable, how do you think Peter felt?
- Do you think it was challenging for Jesus to tell the disciples about the upcoming death?

PRAYER

Jesus, we love You so much. Thank You for the way You understand our challenges. Thank You for helping us through difficult times. We know that You went through challenges here on Earth, and that’s how You help us through ours. Remind us to look to You whenever we have a challenge in our own lives.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Box of Gifts

Ask kids to describe what they’ve learned this month in a catchy sports slogan of five words or less (e.g., “Challenge Accepted,” “Jesus is the real MVP,” “Team Jesus,” “Jesus is goals,” etc.).

Then have kids create a bracelet, necklace, or keychain containing that phrase.

This month, we talked a lot about the challenges Jesus faced, and how Jesus shows us what to do when we face challenges of our own. Remember that whatever you are going through, you are not alone – Jesus has been there. Jesus understands your challenges. Jesus accepts you and your challenges. Let’s accept the challenge to follow Jesus the best we can!