

The Early Years of Jesus Discussion Guide

Breaking the Ice

1. We watched a video of kids telling us what they think Jesus was like when He was their age. What do you think Jesus was like when He was 12 years old? Do you think he had a best friend? If so, how do you think they played, learned, interacted, etc.?
2. How does this compare to what you were like when you were 12 years old (or when one of your children/grandchildren were 12 years old)?

Getting Started

1. Brandon offers 10 “we know” statements about what Jesus was like as a growing child. What “we know” statement did you most identify with? Are there any other “we know” statements that you would add on top of what Brandon listed?
2. Brandon lists the statements as “we know” statements. Are there any that you would disagree with or are skeptical about? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper

1. What can we gain from spending an entire message looking at the early years of Jesus when there is so little we know about that time period?
2. Where are you looking to get clarity regarding your identity (is it social media, peers, occupation, family, or the Scriptures)?
3. What are some of your favorite ways to keep learning?
4. When you're struggling, where do you typically go first for support?

5. What are some of the most formative things that you experienced as you were growing up that have influenced who you are today and what your purpose is?

Bringing It Home

1. Considering how important the early years are, how are you instilling these values that we've discussed in your children now?
2. As we've discussed the timeless truths that the early years of Jesus reveal, are you living out these values in your own life? How can you get better at aligning your life with scripture, at continuing to learn and be teachable, at going to Jesus first, and at being intentional with living out your early lessons and sharing them with your kids?