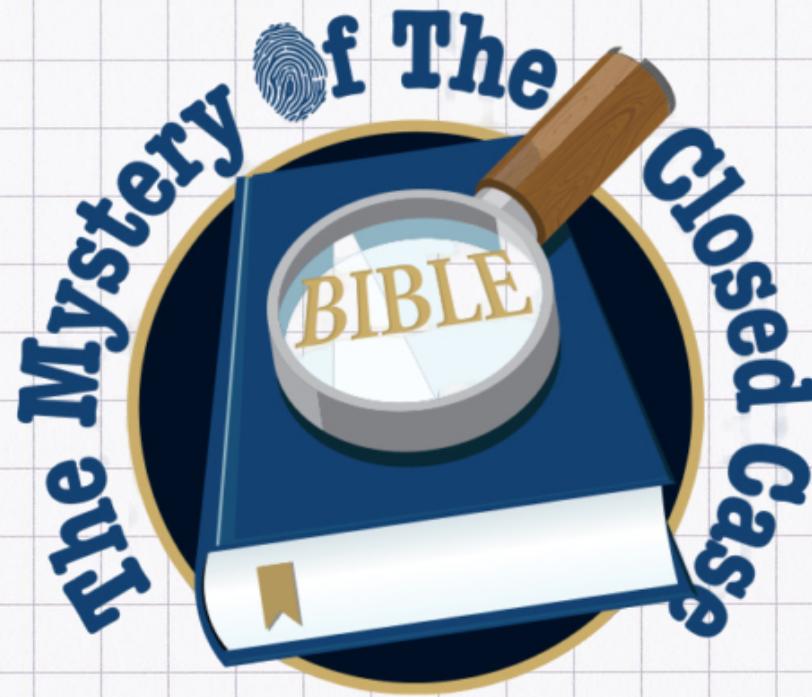


# OPERATION: SUMMER FUN



Your Mission: Embark in an at-home adventure and examine the clues...is Jesus who he says he is?

## HOME GUIDE



## WELCOME:

We are delighted that you are joining us for OPERATION: SUMMER FUN with Redeemer Church. Many of the videos and written resources contained here have been made available to us through the Church of the Apostles. We are so grateful that they made these resources available for use in local churches and homes. Their mission in this, like ours is to disciple a generation of children in the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ, our Savior; teaching children to think, at a young age, about the evidence of the truth of the Gospel. Our strongest desire is to lift up the name of Jesus, the name which is above every other name

## GETTING STARTED:

Each day is divided into these six parts:

- Scripture Memory
- Worship through Song
- Drama with The Clueless Kids
- Lesson with Sylvester Sleuth
- Craft
- Optional resources for snacks and extended activities

We encourage you to watch these videos with your children and discover The Mystery of the Closed Case. Following the lesson, you can review using the study guide questions to uncover new clues each day. The physical copy of this guide will be useful for the portions that will be done at-home. However, you might also find it useful to have the digital version handy so that you have quick access to the daily links for videos and other resources.

The Resource Packet will contain materials needed for the crafts listed. It will be helpful to have basic craft supplies available (crayons, pencils, scissors).

All children love a good mystery! This week we're going to investigate a closed case, the greatest mystery of all time — the HIS-story Mystery. The Messiah is identified in Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6 as Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. These names offer insight into who Jesus was and still is today. During our search for the truth, we will look for clues in the life of Jesus that point towards evidence of who He is. This mystery has been investigated for centuries and the evidence is clear. God has a very big story to tell us! It details His rescue plan for the world and His work in every human heart. This case is between you and God. Is the case closed for you? Investigate the clues for yourself!

- Who is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- Why is Jesus called by the names Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace?
- How has God left clues to help us know Him?

Join our team as we follow the clues and evidence presented throughout the Bible. Discover the truth about God's plan as you attempt to solve The Mystery of the Closed Case!



## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

This week we will be memorizing 2 Timothy 3:14-17 in simple, easy-to-digest sections:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

# DAY 1



## JESUS IS EMMANUEL (GOD WITH US)

**INTRO:** If you are joining us live we invite you to start each day at 9:30 AM with a short face-book live introduction. You can see the live videos [here](#) from Redeemer's Facebook

Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God with us." He was born in a manger, died on a cross, and came back to life. Why did God come down to Earth to be with us in the first place? Why did He die, and how is He alive today? Today we discover how even Jesus' disciples who knew him personally had questions about His life, death, and resurrection. After Jesus' death, He returned to Earth and walked with them, answering many of their questions about God's rescue plan for the world. Even though He died, Jesus' return demonstrated how He is Emmanuel — God with us. He is still alive today and is close to us even though we cannot see Him. Please take the time to read the Scripture passage of Jesus on the walk to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-34. This is a very big story that stirs hearts.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY:** You can learn the hand motions during the FaceBook live intro each morning. If you aren't joining us live, you can still watch the video anytime after 9:30 AM each day. Today's Scripture is 2 Timothy 3:14

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it."

Once you've learned today's verse, be sure to add the "DAY 1" sticker to your Memory Challenge Tracking Sheet included in your Resource Packet.

**WORSHIP:** Mr. Will will lead us in learning some new songs this week.

Others will probably be familiar to you. We'd love to see what hand motions you come up with to go with each song! We encourage you to take some video and send it to us @ [amber@redeemerriverview.org](mailto:amber@redeemerriverview.org). You can see each day's worship video [here](#) on Redeemer's YouTube channel.

**DRAMA:** Join the Clueless Kids [here](#).

### CONSIDER THE CLUES:

The Bible is the Word of God. With that in mind, take a moment to read Luke 24:13-34. What clues can we learn about Jesus here? Jesus told a story to two of His disciples while they walked seven miles. That's a really long way to walk, and really long time to talk. His disciples said that the story caused their hearts "burned within them," as they were stirred by the story. The story that Jesus told must have been amazing. Sometimes when Jesus appeared to His disciples they did not recognize Him, but still wanted to stay with Him. They must have liked Him a lot even if they didn't know who He was. Eventually their eyes were open and they recognized Jesus for who He was. The story that Jesus told the men is written down for everyone to read in the Bible.

**LESSON: THE MYSTERY OF THE SPILLED BOWLS** Listen to today's lesson [here](#).

### DO YOU BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE?

Going back to Luke 24:13-34, what evidence have we found about who Jesus is?

- Jesus is God, and He is alive.
- Jesus is with me even though I can't see Him.
- The story that Jesus told (the Bible) is so
- amazing that it makes hearts burn and eyes open. Have you ever felt like that?
- You can trust and believe the Bible; it can stir your heart and open your eyes.

**CRAFT:** Decorate your very own Spy Journal. Included in your resource pack you will find a "top secret" journals and stickers to decorate the cover. Older children can use the pages to write out each day's memory verse. Younger children may need to use the included stickers with the memory verse for each day. Remember to come back to your Spy Journal each day to add new verses!

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:** Go to the back of this guide to find suggestions for daily snacks, recreation, and extension activities.

## DAY 2



### JESUS IS WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

**INTRO** You can see the live videos [here](#) from Redeemer's Facebook

Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor. He is not mainly concerned with outward appearance; He cares about what happens inside our hearts. Today we will learn about Nicodemus and the rich, young ruler. Both realized that they needed something that they did not have. The two men came to Jesus with questions. They both watched Jesus, saw the miracles He performed and were curious about His teaching. Jesus told them that their status, possessions and abilities could not save them. Jesus' answers to their questions revealed that we need to be born again and to follow Him as Lord of our lives.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY:** Today's Scripture is 2 Timothy 3:15

"and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Remember to add today's sticker to your Memory Challenge Tracking Sheet!

**WORSHIP:** You can see each day's worship video [here](#) on Redeemer's YouTube channel.

**DRAMA:** Join the Clueless Kids [here](#).

#### CONSIDER THE CLUES:

Take a moment to read John 3:2 and Mark 10:17-22. What clues can we learn about Jesus here?

- Both Nicodemus and the Rich Young Ruler saw
- Jesus perform miracles and realized that
- He had something that they did not have, and could not get on their own.
- Jesus said that He came to save the world, not to condemn it.
- Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again, something that cannot be seen.
- Jesus told the Rich Young Ruler that his things and abilities were not enough—Jesus wanted the Rich Young Ruler to follow Him.

**LESSON: THE MYSTERY OF THE DIFFICULT DREAM** Listen to today's lesson [here](#).

#### DO YOU BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE?

Going back to John 3:2 and Mark 10:17-22, what evidence have we found about who Jesus is?

- Jesus has something that we need but cannot get on our own.
- Jesus came to save the world, not condemn it. What does being saved mean?
- We must be born again to inherit eternal life.
- We must be willing to give up everything to follow Jesus. How do you respond to Jesus' invitation to "Come, follow me"?

**CRAFT** Follow the Instructions on the Spy Decoder and then see if you can solve the attached message. You can also use your decoder to write secret messages of your own!

## DAY 3



### JESUS IS MIGHTY GOD

**INTRO** You can see the live videos [here](#) from Redeemer's Facebook

Jesus is Mighty God. When we are in need, He is able to heal and fix our hearts. Today we see how nothing is too difficult for Jesus. He gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. He enabled the crippled to walk again and healed people with incurable conditions instantly. He demonstrated His power to not only restore our bodies but our hearts as well. Jesus is the Mighty God that rescues us from our sin—something we cannot do by ourselves. Not everyone accepted Jesus as being sent by God. The Pharisees were religious leaders at the time and hated what Jesus was doing. Like today, many had sin in their hearts that needed to be healed by Jesus' love. Jesus can heal and save each of us, no matter who we are. Fixing the Sin in human's hearts is God's priority. Having the sin in our hearts fixed is our greatest need. In one story in the Bible, Jesus heals ten lepers. Nine of the lepers walk away, not realizing that Jesus is God. Only one returned to thank and worship Him—even though the leper was a Samaritan, someone who wasn't allowed in church. This shows that Jesus can heal and save us, no matter who we are, if only we ask Him.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY:** Today's Scripture is 2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,"

Remember to add today's sticker to your Memory Challenge Tracking Sheet!

**WORSHIP:** You can see each day's worship video [here](#) on Redeemer's YouTube channel.

**DRAMA:** Join the Clueless Kids [here](#).

#### CONSIDER THE CLUES:

Take a moment to read Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 17:11-19. What clues can we learn about Jesus here?

- Jesus came to rescue His people from sin.
- We also learned that everyone has sinned; nobody is righteous.
- Jesus healed incurable conditions to prove that
- He is God and able to heal our hearts and sin.

The Pharisees did not like what Jesus said or did. They did not see that He was Mighty God even though they were the most important people in their church. Only one leper out of ten realized that Jesus was God and returned to thank Him and praise Him, even though the leper was a Samaritan, someone who would never be allowed inside of a church

**LESSON: THE MYSTERY OF THE MIGHTY MUG** Listen to today's lesson [here](#).

#### DO YOU BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE?

Going back to Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 17:11-19, what evidence have we found about who Jesus is?

- Jesus is the Mighty God who came to Earth to
- heal our hearts and forgive our sins.
- Everyone has sinned; nobody is righteous. Do you think we can earn God's approval by leading a good life?
- Jesus sees us in our sin and will heal us if we ask Him.
- We should show our gratitude to God every day for His blessings, big and small. What are you thankful to God for today?
- Help your children navigate besetting sins in their lives through this list

**CRAFT** Use the yellow and black construction paper in your Resource Packet and attach the flashlight sticker to the black paper. Then use the brad to attach the black sheet to the top of the yellow sheet. In one area of the "light" write "Who is Jesus?" In another area write some of the names of Jesus that you have learned so far.



## JESUS IS EVERLASTING FATHER

**INTRO** You can see the live videos [here](#) from Redeemer's Facebook

Jesus is Mighty God. When we are in need, He is able to heal and fix our hearts. Today we see how nothing is too difficult for Jesus. He gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. He enabled the crippled to walk again and healed people with incurable conditions instantly. He demonstrated His power to not only restore our bodies but our hearts as well. Jesus is the Mighty God that rescues us from our sin—something we cannot do by ourselves. Not everyone accepted Jesus as being sent by God. The Pharisees were religious leaders at the time and hated what Jesus was doing. Like today, many had sin in their hearts that needed to be healed by Jesus' love. Jesus can heal and save each of us, no matter who we are. Fixing the Sin in human's hearts is God's priority. Having the sin in our hearts fixed is our greatest need. In one story in the Bible, Jesus heals ten lepers. Nine of the lepers walk away, not realizing that Jesus is God. Only one returned to thank and worship Him—even though the leper was a Samaritan, someone who wasn't allowed in church. This shows that Jesus can heal and save us, no matter who we are, if only we ask Him.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY:** Today's Scripture is 2 Timothy 3:17

"that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work,"

Remember to add today's sticker to your Memory Challenge Tracking Sheet!

**WORSHIP:** You can see each day's worship video [here](#) on Redeemer's YouTube channel.

**DRAMA:** Join the Clueless Kids [here](#).

### CONSIDER THE CLUES:

Today we discover that Jesus is Everlasting Father. Fathers know their children and rescue them in times of need. Jesus is able to rescue us from sin and death, our greatest, and is in a hurry to forgive his children. Today we will hear a story about two sons, one who obeyed, and one who did not. In Jesus' story, the one who disobeyed tried to return home and finds that his father is not only waiting to forgive him, but is actually running toward his son to forgive him! We also see that the obedient son is angry with his father for forgiving his brother. He too needed forgiveness. Whether we know it or not, all of us need our heavenly Father's forgiveness of our sins. Through this story Jesus shows His disciples and shows us that He is the Everlasting Father (He is God) who is hurrying to forgive His disobedient children, and that means all of us.

**LESSON: THE MYSTERY OF THE HAPPY HEART** Listen to today's lesson [here](#).

### DO YOU BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE?

Going back to Luke 15:11-32, what evidence have we found about who Jesus is?

- Jesus is the father in the story.
- Jesus is in a hurry to joyfully forgive His children. It is why He suffered and died on the cross. He is God's way of running to us and forgiving us.
- Some people realize their sin and are stirred by God to ask for forgiveness.
- Some people do not think they have any sin that needs forgiveness.

The two sons in the story show that hearts can be blind and hard, or they can burn within. Which son are you?

**CRAFT** Find the white crayon, white paper, and watercolor set in your Resource Packet. Write a message with the white crayon on the white paper or have someone write a secret message for you. Then, discover what the message says by painting over the words with watercolor paint.



## JESUS IS PRINCE OF PEACE

**INTRO** You can see the live videos [here](#) from Redeemer's Facebook. In our final lesson, our evidence is that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He is able to rescue us from sin and death and wipe away every tear. He can change our hearts because He has forever conquered sin and death through His death on the cross and resurrection. He is our savior. There is nothing we can do to make Him love us less. Today we will learn about Thomas, who needed to see evidence that Jesus was alive before he believed it. Even if we cannot see Jesus, he comes to each of us in the midst of our doubt and says, "peace be with you." Because Jesus really died on the cross and really was risen from the dead, He has power over sin and death. Jesus tells Thomas that people will believe in Him even if they do not see Him, and that they are blessed. We, like Thomas, need to see the evidence of Jesus for ourselves. Even if we cannot see Him, Jesus comes to each of us in the midst of our doubt and unbelief and says, "peace be with you." It is then that our hearts are stirred and we know that He is our Lord and our God, and are never the same again! Because we know that Jesus is our Lord and our God, we can trust Him when He says, "it is finished." He has conquered sin and death, and will bring us peace. The case is closed.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY:** Today's Scripture is 2 Timothy 3:14-17

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom[a] you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God[b] may be complete, equipped for every good work."

**WORSHIP:** You can see each day's worship video [here](#) on Redeemer's YouTube channel.

**DRAMA:** Join the Clueless Kids [here](#).

### CONSIDER THE CLUES:

Take a moment to read John 20:19-29. What clues can we learn about Jesus here?

- Thomas, a disciple and friend of Jesus, doubted that He was alive.
- Jesus came to Thomas to show him what he needed to see.
- Jesus showed proof that He really had died, and really had risen.
- Jesus tells Thomas that people will believe in Him even if they never see Him.

**LESSON: THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING CASE** Listen to today's lesson [here](#).

### DO YOU BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE?

Going back to John 20:19-29, what evidence have we found about who Jesus is?

- We all need to see the evidence for Jesus.
- (Remember, the evidence is the Word of God.)
- Jesus brings us the evidence, even while we are in the midst of doubt.
- Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Because Jesus
- really died and really was risen back to life, He has conquered sin and death, and can bring us peace.
- We can trust Him when He says: "It is finished." The case is closed.
- Even though we cannot see Jesus, we can believe in Him, and are blessed because of it.

**CRAFT** Find the Spy Fingerprint and Certificate Set in your Resource Packet. Use the included ink pad to record your fingerprints and make your spy ID. Then have a parent sign your completion certificate!



## THE CASE IS CLOSED

This week, we have been investigating a closed case. We have seen the clues and evidence that lead us to answers about who Jesus is.

We have seen how He is Emmanuel (God with Us), Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. We have seen how Jesus can be near to us even if we can't see Him. We have seen how He sees and speaks to the secrets of our hearts, not our outward appearances. We have seen how He has power of everything, and how nothing is too difficult for Him. We have seen how the sin in our hearts is the biggest problem that we have, and how Jesus is hurrying to joyfully forgive us of our sins.

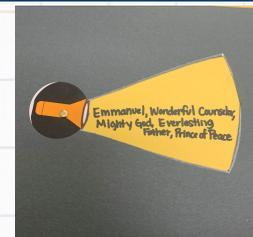
We have seen how Jesus has conquered sin and death, comes to each of us individually in the midst of our sin and doubt, and helps us to believe. We have seen, above all, what the Bible says about Jesus: that Jesus loves us all individually. He loves you, He loves me. He is the Son of God sent in love that whosoever believes in Him may not perish, but live forever. Long before His birth the Bible gives His job description: Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace—His life, death, and resurrection was planned all along. He came to Earth to save us all. He came to Earth to save you. He came to Earth to save me. The more we understand all of this, the more our hearts will burn within us. Have you seen Jesus? Do you believe even though you have not seen Him?

The case is between you and God. Is the case closed for you?



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### CRAFT EXAMPLES:



### SNACK IDEAS:

Day 1: "Hot on the Trail" Mix. Buy a pre-made trail mix or get creative and make your own!

Day 2: "Pop Secret" Popcorn. Pop a microwave bag or try making it at home and adding a new flavor.

Day 3: I Spy Jello/Cheerio mix. Make up a batch of jello and put in edible snacks like fruit chews and then play a game of I SPY. You could also do the same thing with Cheerios instead of jello.

Day 4: Mystery Snacks. Use whatever snacks you have on hand and have kids use a blindfold, take a bite of each snack, and try to guess what they are.

Day 5: "Eye" Spy Snack. Stack a graham cracker, a large marshmallow, and an M&M to create your eyes.

## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

Check out these links for some ideas of how to extend your OPERATION: SUMMER FUN day.

- [Escape Room \(at-home\)](#)
- [Scavenger Hunt](#)
- [Beach Detective](#)
- [Lego Codes](#)

## SNACK SUPPLY LIST:

To make the suggested snacks you will need the following:

- Trail mix or assorted ingredients
- Popcorn
- jello
- fruit chews or other brightly colored snack
- graham crackers
- marshmallows
- M&M's



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