



# *Religious Education*

*Lesson 3 - 29/1/21*

*Jesus and his Family*

*Know that Jesus belonged to a family. Think about the things he may have done with his family.*



# Read The Story

Look at the picture on page 14 in Big Book: Jesus and his Family

Jesus lived in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph.

Joseph was a carpenter.

Perhaps he let Jesus help him.

Perhaps he showed Jesus how to work with wood.



## Questions to ask about the picture:

- Who can you see in the picture?
- What are they doing?
- Name some things you can see in the picture.
- How do you think Jesus helped Joseph in the workshop?

## Text to read to children

Jesus grew up in a little town called Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. He was strong and good and he loved God. Joseph worked as a carpenter. He might have had a little workshop next to the house. When Jesus was older, Joseph probably let Jesus help him in the shop. Perhaps he taught him how to use the tools and make things out of wood.

Mary was always busy around the house. Jesus probably helped her with the sweeping and tidying. He would have enjoyed going to the well with Mary to fetch water for cooking and washing. He would have played with the other boys and girls of Nazareth. Mary taught Jesus to pray to God our Father. She would have told him stories from the Holy Scriptures. Jesus must have been very happy living with Mary and Joseph.



# Discuss The Story

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### Questions to ask on the story

- What was Joseph's job?
- What kinds of things do you think a carpenter could make? (*Cupboards for kitchens, door frames for houses, tables, etc.*)
- What do we have in the classroom that is made of wood?
- What games do you think Jesus would have played with the other children? (*Remember no electricity, no motorised vehicles, warm climate, rural environment*).
- What stories do you think Jesus would have learnt from Mary? (*Guide children to stories they may know from the Old Testament*).



# *Activities*

*(Choose 1 or more)*

1. Imagine Mary was out. When she came home and she was putting Jesus to bed, he told her about his day.
  - a) What do you think he said?
  - b) Role-play the conversation between Mary and Jesus.
  - c) Write what Jesus said.
2. **Work Book** page 16 Jesus with his Family
3. Use wood to create something, e.g. a box, a table or a picture frame (for a family photo).



# Activities (continued)

## Jesus with his Family



Words to help

helping

working

talking

sweeping up

Who do you see in the picture? .....

What are they doing? .....

What do you do to help at home? .....