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We're really glad that you have been challenged by God's word!  
We hope this interactive slideshow will be a helpful guide for you regardless of wherever you stand with Jesus.

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Yes! First, do all you can to know God the best you can. Pray to him, trust him, read his Bible, participate at church and youth group.

Then, just do your best when you're talking with your friends and let God take care of the rest. Don't stress! God is doing his work. Just talk about what you think is great about Jesus, and what he's doing in your life.

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Remember, God isn't keeping himself secret, and he isn't trying to hide from you. All Christians find it helpful to read God's word, to pray to him, and to meet with his people. Ask God to help you keep him as your focus, and ask your Christian friends for their help too.



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Lovingly! Listen to them, share your thoughts, try to open the Bible with them. Try not to get bogged down in little issues, and try to resist the temptation to read Genesis like it's a science textbook—it isn't. Remember, the big truths of the Bible and creation are that God made it, God owns it, God loves it, God sustains it, and God is making it new through Jesus.

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But that's hard, isn't it? Some sins are very deeply ingrained in who we are. Keep praying, keep repenting, keep trusting God and find a mature Christian friend to help you. Your youth group leadership would love to help.

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- **I feel so guilty when I keep sinning, Is this right? How should I feel?**

Feeling guilty, or ashamed, is only a tiny bit of what you should feel. Sure, when we are guilty we should feel guilty, but it ruins a person to live their whole life feeling guilty. Thankfully, God doesn't want you to live like that.

The great news of the gospel is that Jesus doesn't just bring forgiveness to Christians, but he also cleans their consciences (Hebrews 9:14 and 10:22). Jesus has taken your sins so far away, you don't even need to feel guilty about them.





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- **How can an ordinary guy who appeared long ago understand what I'm going through?**

An ordinary guy can't. But don't worry, Jesus isn't an ordinary guy. Jesus is God's Son; he lived the life we should live, died the death we should die, and rose to life to bring us salvation. That means he's still alive now, and he says that he has faced everything you have faced, and that he still hears your prayers, and that he will give you everything you need to meet the challenges you are going through right now (Hebrews 4:15, 1 Corinthians 10:13).

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No. Jesus is different from every other human who has ever lived. The Bible says that Jesus was equal to God himself, come as a man to save his people (Philippians 2:5).

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## JESUS' LIFE

- **Why does it even concern me that Jesus was alive?**

Because of who he is and what he did. Jesus is God's son. In the Bible we see that he was amazingly fair—he corrected the people who needed it and cared for the people who needed that. He lived the life we should live, by never sinning against God or any person.





## JESUS' LIFE

- **Is there historical evidence of Jesus?**

Yes there is, and the best sources of it have been put together to make the New Testament. The New Testament was written by people who spent time with Jesus, who saw him live, die and rise again. The Gospel called Luke was written by a historian who gathered the evidence together to present an account so that people could be sure of what happened (Luke 1:1-4). Many of the letters of the New Testament are written by Paul, who saw the risen Jesus and was given a mission by him.

## JESUS' LIFE



- **I really struggle with prayer. What does Jesus teach me about prayer?**

Jesus teaches that you don't have to be fancy, you don't have to use special words, you don't have to pray for ages—you just need to talk to God. In fact, in Matthew 6:5-13 he calls the people who show off when they pray 'hypocrites', and teaches his disciples a prayer we can pray by ourselves or with other Christians. Check it out.

## JESUS' LIFE



- **I really struggle with temptation, what does Jesus teach me about temptation?**

The Bible teaches us to expect it—you are no worse than any other Christian for being tempted. But the Bible also teaches us that we can overcome it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 says that everyone is tempted, but that God never lets us get tempted beyond our abilities to resist, and that there is always a way to escape temptation. So, when you are tempted, ask God for the way out, and make sure you take it!

## JESUS' LIFE



- I'm scared that my school friends think I'm weak and pathetic because I trust in a weak guy. Am I right in feeling like this?

Anyone who thinks Jesus was 'weak' does not know him. Sure, he was gentle with people who needed care, but he was wise and firm with people trying to trick him. Also, he had power over sickness, the wind, the waves, and even death. When Jesus rose to life, he proved he was the king, and God gave all the authority in the universe to him (Matthew 28:16-20). Jesus will return as a visible, powerful king (Revelation 19:11-16).





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## JESUS' DEATH

- **Did Jesus really die?**

Yes. Before being crucified he was whipped with a 'cat-of-nine-tails', which was made to tear flesh apart. He was beaten, he was dehydrated, he was deprived of sleep, he was made to carry a heavy wooden beam through the town, and then he was hung up on a cross to die because of blood loss, heart failure and suffocation. To make sure, a soldier even stabbed a spear into his heart. Jesus really died.

## JESUS' DEATH



- **People live and die all the time. Why should it concern me that someone died over 2000 years ago?**

Firstly, because of who it was who died: the king of kings, who loves us and deserves our worship. Secondly, because he died for our sin, not his own—so Jesus' death can make you friends with God. Thirdly, Jesus' death should concern us because he didn't stay dead—Jesus rose again, and he promises that people who trust him will rise again to be with God, and each other, forever.



## JESUS' DEATH

- **I understand sin needed to be dealt with but why would God use his Son?**

The Bible tells us Jesus was both God's son and also that he was in very nature God (Philippians 2:6-11). So only God's son could live the perfect life we should, and only his son could willingly lay down his life for us. Jesus knew what he was doing when he went to the cross; he wasn't "used". Jesus chose to lay down his life for you, and only his life was good enough to pay the price for your sin (John 10:17).



## JESUS' DEATH

- **Who was responsible for Jesus' death?**

Me. And you. Jesus died for sins—all the sins anyone has ever done and ever will do, which means that we are responsible for Jesus' death.

But there's more—John 3:16 says that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” That means that God gave Jesus, and Jesus gave himself... for you.

# JESUS' DEATH



- **How does Jesus dying deal with sin?**

Jesus took the punishment we deserve. He lived the life that we should live, and he died the death that we should die. We are sinners, but Jesus has defeated sin and death—he proved that by rising to life. Now, if you are a Christian, you can face God confident that your sins are covered.



## JESUS' RESURRECTION

- Did Jesus really come back to life?
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- **Did Jesus really come back to life?**

Yes. Jesus wasn't a ghost or a spirit, he was resurrected. When he appeared to his followers he ate with them, and showed them the wounds in his body to show that it really was him. You can read about it in chapters 20 and 21 of John.





## JESUS' RESURRECTION

- I've heard of miracles happening before, why is the miracle of Jesus' resurrection so important for Christians?

Jesus' resurrection proves that Jesus is the king, God's own son. It shows that sin and death are really dealt with. It shows that God is at work making everything new, just like he made Jesus' body new. And it shows that one day we will be raised, because Jesus is the 'first fruits' of our resurrection. You can read about it in 1 Corinthians 15.

## JESUS' RESURRECTION



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One big reason is that it shows that one day we will be raised, because Jesus is the 'first fruits' of our resurrection (1 Corinthians 15). Also, it shows that Jesus really did finish paying for our sins—he does not need to stay dead, the price is paid.

## JESUS' RESURRECTION



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There are some very good reasons to believe the people who said that they saw Jesus resurrected. One is this: They died because they would not stop talking about the risen Jesus. In Acts 7:54-60 you can read about Stephen, who was killed, by people throwing stones at him, for preaching about Jesus. If I made up a story I wouldn't die for it.



## JESUS' RESURRECTION

- **What does Jesus' resurrection tell me about heaven?**

Sometimes we picture heaven as a bunch of spirits floating around, or people with harps floating on clouds. The great news of Jesus' resurrection is that our resurrected bodies are real bodies, just like Jesus'. Now, it is a different type body to our current one; our new bodies will be immortal, and imperishable, but they will be real bodies. Christians look forward to a real resurrection.



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The Bible says that if you choose not to follow Jesus, you are choosing to stay cut off from God. Jesus said that he came to save people—that means that without Jesus, we aren't saved. Please, read Matthew, Mark, Luke or John with a Christian friend so you can talk about Jesus, and give a fair hearing to his claims. It might be the best thing you ever do.

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- **Why is church and youth group so important?**

Everyone finds it hard to live the Christian life alone; in fact, the Bible teaches us not to try. We are saved to be part of God's saved people. So it's great to meet with God's people to encourage each other, to learn together, to sing together, and to share in God's mission to the world together.



### **RICE Online Expo:**

Our expo site lists all the RICE Youth groups in the different regions in Sydney. We've got details about when and where the meet, and what they do.



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In almost every school, it's hard to be a Christian. The Bible says that all Christians will face periods when they get a hard time for being Christian. You don't need to be ashamed of being God's child. Find some Christian friends who can help you make Jesus known at your school. Think of school as your mission.





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- I find it hard being a Christian at home because my parents don't believe in Jesus. Can you help me?

This can be a really hard situation, and that's OK, God understands. Don't forget, the Bible says that you should love and honour your parents, even if they aren't Christians.

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Maybe "STP" will help you. That stands for Sorry, Thanks, Please. When you're praying, think of what you need to say 'sorry' to God for, then what you'd like to say 'thanks' for, and then the things you would like to ask him for. It would also be great to find a Christian friend to meet up with so you can pray together.



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## JESUS' LIFE



- **Is there historical evidence of Jesus?**

Yes there is, and the best sources of it have been put together to make the New Testament. The New Testament was written by people who spent time with Jesus, who saw him live, die and rise again. The Gospel called Luke was written by a historian who gathered the evidence together to present an account so that people could be sure of what happened (Luke 1:1-4). Many of the letters of the New Testament are written by Paul, who saw the risen Jesus and was given a mission by him.



## JESUS' DEATH

- Did Jesus really die?
- People live and die all the time. Why should it concern me that someone died over 2000 years ago?
- I understand sin needed to be dealt with but why would God use his son?
- Who was responsible for Jesus' death?
- How does Jesus dying deal with sin?
- I still have more questions about Christianity...
- I do believe that Jesus lived & died but what now?





## JESUS' DEATH

- **Did Jesus really die?**

Yes. Before being crucified he was whipped with a 'cat-of-nine-tails', which was made to tear flesh apart. He was beaten, he was dehydrated, he was deprived of sleep, he was made to carry a heavy wooden beam through the town, and then he was hung up on a cross to die because of blood loss, heart failure and suffocation. To make sure, a soldier even stabbed a spear into his heart. Jesus really died.



## JESUS' DEATH

- **People live and die all the time. Why should it concern me that someone died over 2000 years ago?**

Firstly, because of who it was who died: the king of kings, who loves us and deserves our worship. Secondly, because he died for our sin, not his own—so Jesus' death can make you friends with God. Thirdly, Jesus' death should concern us because he didn't stay dead—Jesus rose again, and he promises that people who trust him will rise again to be with God, and each other, forever.



## JESUS' DEATH

- **I understand sin needed to be dealt with but why would God use his Son?**

Only God's son could live the perfect life we should, and only his son could willingly lay down his life for us. Jesus knew what he was doing when he went to the cross; he wasn't "used". Jesus chose to lay down his life for you, and only his life was good enough to pay the price for your sin (John 10:17).



## JESUS' DEATH

- **Who was responsible for Jesus' death?**

Me. And you. Jesus died for sins—all the sins anyone has ever done and ever will do, which means that we are responsible for Jesus' death.

But there's more—John 3:16 says that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” That means that God gave Jesus, and Jesus gave himself... for you.

# JESUS' DEATH



- **How does Jesus dying deal with sin?**

Jesus took the punishment we deserve. He lived the life that we should live, and he died the death that we should die. We are sinners, but Jesus has defeated sin and death—he proved that by rising to life. Now, if you are a Christian, you can face God confident that your sins are covered.



## JESUS' RESURRECTION

- Did Jesus really come back to life?
- I've heard of miracles happen before, why is this one so important to Christians?
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- Could people back then actually make up the story of Jesus' resurrection?
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## JESUS' RESURRECTION



- **Did Jesus really come back to life?**

Yes. Jesus wasn't a ghost or a spirit, he was resurrected. When he appeared to his followers he ate with them, and showed them the wounds in his body to show that it really was him. You can read about it in chapters 20 and 21 of John.



## JESUS' RESURRECTION

- I've heard of miracles happening before, why is the miracle of Jesus' resurrection so important for Christians?

Jesus' resurrection proves that Jesus is the king, God's own son. It shows that sin and death are really dealt with. It shows that God is at work making everything new, just like he made Jesus' body new. And it shows that one day we will be raised, because Jesus is the 'first fruits' of our resurrection. You can read about it in 1 Corinthians 15.





## JESUS' RESURRECTION

- **Why does it even matter if Jesus came back to life?**

One big reason is that it shows that one day we will be raised, because Jesus is the 'first fruits' of our resurrection (1 Corinthians 15). Also, it shows that Jesus really did finish paying for our sins—he does not need to stay dead, the price is paid.

## JESUS' RESURRECTION



- **Could people back then actually make up the story of Jesus' resurrection?**

There are some very good reasons to believe the people who said that they saw Jesus resurrected. One is this: They died because they would not stop talking about the risen Jesus. In Acts 7:54-60 you can read about Stephen, who was killed, by people throwing stones at him, for preaching about Jesus. If I made up a story I wouldn't die for it.

## SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME NOW?

- What if I choose not to believe in Jesus?
- Why is church & youth group so important?
- I believe in all that Jesus did. I believe he lived, died & rose again. Do you have any help/resources to help me growing as a Christian?





## SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME NOW?

- **What if I choose not to believe in Jesus?**

The Bible says that if you choose not to follow Jesus, you are choosing to stay cut off from God. Jesus said that he came to save people—that means that without Jesus, we aren't saved. Please, read Matthew, Mark, Luke or John with a Christian friend so you can talk about Jesus, and give a fair hearing to his claims. It might be the best thing you ever do.



## SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME NOW?

- **Why is church and youth group so important?**

Everyone finds it hard to live the Christian life alone; in fact, the Bible teaches us not to try. We are saved to be part of God's saved people. So it's great to meet with God's people to encourage each other, to learn together, to sing together, and to share in God's mission to the world together.



### **RICE Online Expo:**

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## Resources Page:



### Jesus All About Life:

If you're looking for things to help you as a Christian, check out this website. You'll find downloadable resources (Bible Study discussion guides, Daily Bible Reading guides, Useful Websites referring to Bible Study tools, Bible talks to download and more).



### Bible Society NSW:

- [Bible Reading Guide "Am I a Christian?"](#)
- [Bible Reading Guide "Jesus"](#)
- [Bible Reading Guide "Prayer"](#)
- [Bible Reading Guide "Important things"](#)
- [Bible Reading Guide "Living as a Christian"](#)
- [Bible Reading Guide "The Bible"](#)



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2. Pray before you read that God will help you to understand, and pray after you've read that you'll remember what you've learnt and that it will make a difference in your life.

How can I know that I'm a Christian?	Bible bit to read	Read it?
Have you believed and declared, "Jesus is Lord"?	Romans 10:9; Acts 16:30–32; 1 Corinthians 12:3;	
The Holy Spirit assures us	Romans 8:15–16; 1 John 3:11–24	
Because of what Jesus has done	Hebrews 10:19–25; Ephesians 2:1–10	

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Important things	Bible bit to read	Read it?
Sin & how God feels about it	Romans 1	
All of us sin and we will have to face God	Romans 2:1-16	
God has made a way	Romans 3:21-26	
We are made right with God by faith in Jesus	Romans 5:1-21	
Now we live a new life	Romans 6:1-23	
God gives us new life and adopts us as his children	Romans 8:1-17	
God is always working for our good, even when things are hard	Romans 8:18-39	
Live for God – Part 1	Romans 12:1-21 & 13:1-14	
Live for God – Part 2	Romans 13:1-14	
Live for God – Part 3	Romans 14:1-15:13	



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Jesus' life and what he did	Bible bit to read	Read it?
Birth	Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-20	
Childhood	Luke 2:21-52 Matthew 2:1-23	
Baptism	John 1:6-34	
Temptation	Matthew 4:1-11	
Calling of disciples	John 1:35-51 Mark 2:13-17	
Authority to forgive sins	Mark 2:1-12	
Miracles	John 2:1-11 Mark 4:35-41	
"I am..."	John 10:1-42	
Compassion	Mark 1:29-45	
Teaching	Matthew 5-7	
Arrest and Trial	Mark 14:32-15:15	
Death	Mark 15:16-47	
Resurrection	John 20:1-30 Matthew 27:62-28:20	
Ascension	Matthew 28:16-20 Acts 1:1-11	

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### Living as a Christian

A new life

Live differently

Live well

Even if things are tough,  
live well

Don't live like you did  
before

### Bible bit to read

1 Peter 1:1–12

1 Peter 1:13–2:11

1 Peter 2:13–25

1 Peter 3:8–22 &  
4:12–19

1 Peter 4:1–11  
& 5:6–11

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### Prayer - Examples and reasons

Hannah's rejoicing

King David's prayer

King David's praise

Solomon's prayer

Nehemiah's request

Responding to God's majesty

Acknowledging who God is

Repentance & plea for mercy

Jesus teaches his followers to pray

Jesus' prays the night before he dies

Ask, seek, knock - why we should pray

Jesus prays for all believers

Help from the Holy Spirit

Paul's prayer for the Ephesian Christians

Paul's prayer for the Colossian Christians

### Bible bit to read

1 Samuel 2:1-10

2 Samuel 7:18-29

2 Samuel 22

1 Kings 8:22-53

Nehemiah 1:5-11

Psalms 8:1-9

Psalms 65:1-13

Psalms 51:1-19

Matthew 6:5-15

Matthew 26:36-46

Luke 11:7-13

John 17:20-26

Romans 8:18-27

Ephesians 1:15-23

Colossians 1:3-14

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	Ps 119:1-16	
	Ps 119:17-32	
	Ps 119:33-56	
	Ps 119:57-80	
	Ps 119:81-104	
	Ps 119:105-128	
	Ps 119:129-152	
	Ps 119:153-176	
	2 Timothy 3:15-17	
	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 and Romans 15:4	
	John 20:30-31 & 21:25	
	Luke 1:1-4 and 24:13-27	
	John 14:15-31	
	John 15:1-17	