

JESUS FACTORY / RICA FOR TEENS

THE LIFE OF JESUS

From the Annunciation
to the Ascension

LESSON 04 • COMPLETE PRESENTATION



FIRST, THE ESSENTIALS

Who is Jesus?

Christian faith presents Jesus as more than an inspiring teacher.

**TRULY GOD**

The eternal Son of God, who became man out of love.

**TRULY HUMAN**

Born of Mary, he grew, worked, felt, and suffered.

**SAVIOR AND MESSIAH**

In him, God fulfills his promises and offers us new life.



Jesus reveals who God is and how much he loves us.

THE GOSPEL STORY

Four movements of one story

Not exact dates: these are the major stages of Jesus' mission.

GOD DRAWS NEAR

God enters our history.

HE PROCLAIMS THE KINGDOM

He teaches, heals, and forms disciples.

HE GIVES HIS LIFE IN LOVE

He undergoes his Passion and death.

HE RISES AND SENDS US

He opens the way to new life.

The complete timeline is a separate downloadable PDF.

THE ANNUNCIATION

God calls Mary

The angel Gabriel announces that Mary will be the mother of Jesus.

**AN UNEXPECTED VISIT**

Mary hears news that will transform history.

**A FREE RESPONSE**

She trusts and says: “Let it be done to me according to your word.”

**GOD WITH US**

The Son of God takes on our humanity.



Jesus' story begins with God's initiative and Mary's "yes."

CHRISTMAS

Jesus is born in Bethlehem

The Savior comes into the world in the simplicity of a family.

**MARY AND JOSEPH**

They welcome and care for the child Jesus.

**THE SHEPHERDS**

They receive the news of the Savior's birth.

**THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST**

Matthew tells how they seek the newborn king.



God draws close to everyone, especially the humble.

THREE GOSPEL SCENES

Jesus' early years

Matthew and Luke preserve different scenes from his childhood.

**PRESENTATION**

Simeon and Anna recognize the Messiah in the Temple.

**FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**

Joseph protects Mary and the child from danger.

**LIFE IN NAZARETH**

Jesus grows up in a family and community.

The Gospels tell different childhood episodes; both reveal who Jesus is.

THE HIDDEN LIFE

Jesus grows up in Nazareth

Before preaching, Jesus spends many years living an ordinary life.

**IN A FAMILY**

He learns, works, and lives in a real community.

**AT TWELVE YEARS OLD**

In the Temple, he speaks about his Father's concerns.

**HE MAKES ORDINARY LIFE HOLY**

His hidden life teaches the value of simple days.



Our daily lives can also be places where we meet God.

THE FIRST MIRACLE IN JOHN

The Wedding at Cana

Mary notices there is no wine left at the celebration and tells Jesus.

**MARY INTERCEDES**

She sees a need and turns to Jesus.

**“DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU”**

Mary asks the servants to trust her Son.

**WATER INTO WINE**

Jesus changes water into wine.



At Cana, Jesus reveals his glory, and his disciples believe in him.

THE PUBLIC MINISTRY BEGINS

Baptism in the Jordan

John the Baptist baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Descends upon him in the form of a dove.

**THE FATHER'S VOICE**

His identity as the beloved Son is revealed.

**A MISSION BEGINS**

Jesus prepares to proclaim the Kingdom.



Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

FORTY DAYS

Jesus is tempted in the desert

Before preaching, Jesus prays and faces temptation.

**HUNGER AND TRUST**

He does not use his power to avoid every hardship.

**NO TO EASY POWER**

He rejects domination and putting God to the test.

**FAITHFUL TO THE WORD**

He answers with Scripture and remains faithful to the Father.



Following God also means learning when to say “no.”

COME AND FOLLOW ME

Jesus calls his disciples

He does not carry out his mission alone: he invites others to follow him.

**ORDINARY PEOPLE**

Fishermen and people from different walks of life leave their routines.

**A NEW COMMUNITY**

Jesus gathers the Twelve and teaches them to serve.

**AN INVITATION FOR TODAY**

Being a disciple means listening, learning, and acting.



Jesus still calls real people, with their gifts and limitations.

THE HEART OF HIS PREACHING

Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God

A Kingdom that begins to appear in his own person.

**CONVERSION**

Change your heart and trust the Good News.

**LOVE AND MERCY**

God draws near to the little ones and those who suffer.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE**

The Kingdom calls us to treat others better.



The Kingdom is not just a place: it is God at work among us.

THE WAY OF JESUS

The Beatitudes

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches how to live the Kingdom.

POOR IN SPIRIT

Trust God more than appearances.

MERCIFUL

Forgive and accompany those who suffer.

PEACEMAKERS

Bring people together instead of dividing them.

HUNGERING FOR JUSTICE

Seek what is good for everyone.

Jesus calls blessed those whom the world often overlooks.

STORIES THAT AWAKEN THE HEART

Jesus tells parables

His simple stories reveal what God's love is like.

THE SOWER

The Word needs a heart ready to listen.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Our neighbor is also the person we choose to help.

THE MERCIFUL FATHER

God joyfully welcomes those who come home.

Question: which parable speaks most to your life today?

THE KINGDOM BECOMES VISIBLE

His miracles are signs of love

Jesus does not seek to impress: he responds to human suffering.

**HE HEALS A PARALYZED MAN**

He shows compassion and the authority to forgive.

**HE FEEDS THE CROWD**

He sees their hunger and shares what is needed.

**HE CALMS THE STORM**

He invites us to trust even when we are afraid.



His signs show that God is not indifferent to suffering.

NO ONE IS OUTSIDE HIS GAZE

Jesus encounters people

He approaches those whom others avoid or judge.

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

He listens to her and offers her
“living water.”

ZACCHAEUS

A visit invites him to change and
make amends.

LEVI AND SINNERS

Jesus calls people to conversion
without despising anyone.

Jesus sees people, not labels.

LIGHT ALONG THE WAY

The Transfiguration

On the mountain, Peter, James, and John see Jesus' glory.

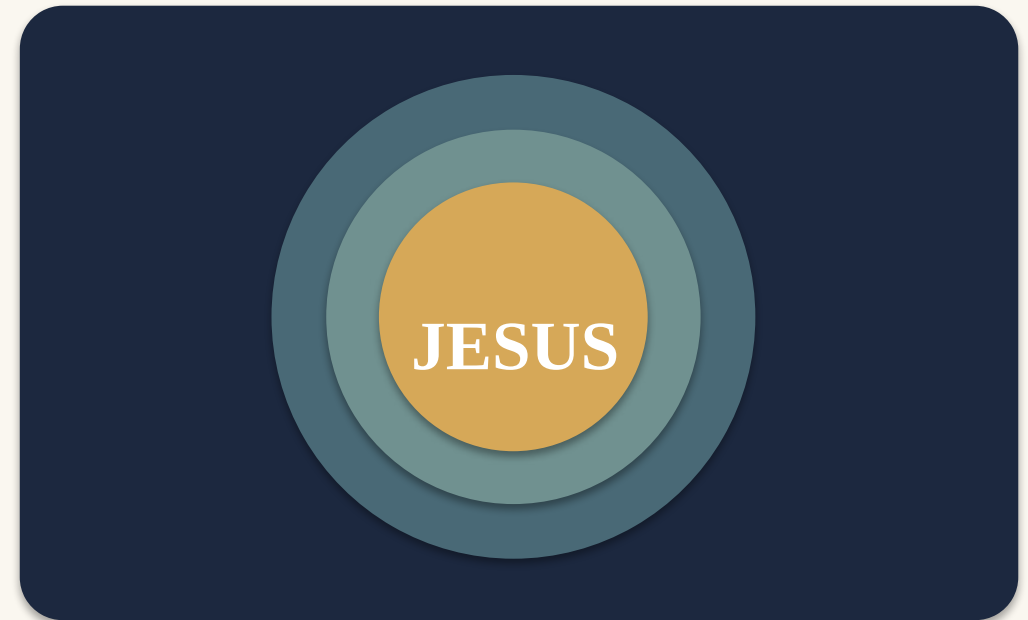
MOSES

The Law

ELIJAH

The Prophets

In Jesus, the Law and the Prophets find their fulfillment.



Glory does not erase the cross: the disciples will learn to recognize it in Jesus' love.

PALM SUNDAY

Jesus enters Jerusalem

The crowd welcomes him with palms; Jesus enters as a humble king.

**A PROPHETIC ACTION**

He rides a donkey, not a warhorse.

**THE CROWD REJOICES**

Many are hoping for the arrival of God's Kingdom.

**PASSOVER DRAWS NEAR**

His path of love will lead to the cross.



The King who brings peace does not rule through force.

THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST

The Last Supper

Jesus gathers with the Twelve before his Passion.

**BREAD AND WINE**

He gives them as his Body and Blood.

**A NEW COVENANT**

His self-giving expresses the love that saves.

**A LIVING MEMORIAL**

The Church celebrates this mystery in the Eucharist.



The Mass unites us to Christ's sacrifice and presence.

A CHOICE MADE IN LOVE

Gethsemane and the trial

Jesus does not deny his pain; he remains united to the Father.

IN THE GARDEN

He prays in suffering: "Your will be done."

ARREST AND TRIAL

He is arrested, questioned, and handed over to Roman authority.

FAITHFULNESS

He does not answer with hatred; he gives himself freely in love.

The Passion is not an accidental defeat: Jesus loves to the very end.

LOVE TO THE VERY END

The cross and the burial

Jesus dies on the cross, and his body is placed in a tomb.

WHAT DOES THE CROSS REVEAL?

God's faithful love.

Jesus shares our suffering.

His forgiveness is greater than sin.



For love of all

Jesus' death leads us to the mystery of the Resurrection.

EASTER MORNING

Jesus is risen!

The women find the tomb empty: Jesus is alive.

**UNEXPECTED NEWS**

The angel announces that he has risen.

**THE DISCIPLES BELIEVE**

The Risen Lord allows his followers to encounter him.

**GOD'S VICTORY**

Death does not have the final word.



The Resurrection is at the heart of our Christian faith.

EMMAUS AND THE APPEARANCES

Jesus walks with us

The Risen Lord helps his friends understand what happened.

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

He explains the Scriptures to two discouraged disciples.

IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD

They recognize him when he shares a meal with them.

THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

He appears to his disciples and restores their hope.

Sometimes we recognize Jesus' presence when we listen and share.

JESUS SENDS US

The Ascension and the mission

The risen Jesus returns to the Father and remains with his Church.

-  **HE ASCENDS** He enters fully into the glory of the Father.
-  **HE PROMISES** The Holy Spirit strengthens his disciples.
-  **HE SENDS** “Go and make disciples” of all nations.



**GO AND
PROCLAIM**

Our faith story continues in the life of the Church and in our witness.

BEING DISCIPLES TODAY

What changes in my life?

Jesus is not just someone from the past: he invites us to follow him.

LISTEN

Spend time with the Gospels and in prayer.

LOVE

Serve those who suffer and defend the most vulnerable.

SHARE

Bear witness through our words and actions.

Which of these three steps could you try this week?

WE FINISH TOGETHER

We listen, pray, and respond

We do not need perfect answers to draw close to Jesus.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
teach me to know you through the Gospel,
to trust you when I am afraid,
to recognize your love in others,
and to follow your footsteps with courage.
Amen.

TO DISCUSS

Which moment in the life of Jesus surprised you most?

If Jesus said “Follow me” to you today, what would you answer?

Separate activity: see the PDF timeline of Jesus’ life; it is not included in these slides.

SOURCES AND NEXT STEPS

The life of Jesus in the Gospels

The Gospel is Good News to know, celebrate, and live.

MAIN READINGS

- Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- Catechism: the life of Christ (CCC 422–682).
- Suggested chapters: Luke 1–2 and 22–24.
- Bible online: bible.usccb.org
- Catechism: vatican.va

SEPARATE RESOURCE

The timeline of Jesus' life

Separate downloadable PDF.
Not part of this presentation.

Lesson 04: English version of the approved presentation.