

Session 5

Convo kick-starter (3minutes)

Below is a convo kick-starter for Session 5. You will also find a session link for reference.

1. If you were to build your own superhero, what would they look



Vic Verbatim (5minutes)

Couplet up

Cut out the six **A** cards and the six **B** cards – give them a good shuffle and then spread them around the room (*alternatively, divide the cards across the group*).

'Do'

There are 12 cards – six **A** cards and six **B** cards - each with a line from Dai's 'Messiah' poem (or one half of a couplet). Together they sum up Beat 4 of the Bible story through spoken word, from Jesus' birth in Bethlehem with animal roommates, to growing up telling stories and making miracles, to then dying on a cross and rising two days later.

#EmptyTomb #Matthew #Mark #Luke #John

Your mission is to match up the correct **A** card with the correct **B** card. Can you couple up the couplets? Can you find your mini poem's perfect partner?

Hint from Dai

'If you can't find your poem pal, then listen now to me – listen out for rhyme, and listen to the story!'

Leaders note

Below are the answers of the coupled-up couplets, in order of the story. You can reveal the answers and order in one of two ways:

Cannonball option

Once they have matched **A** with **B** cards, ask them to stand in line in their couplets and, starting with **1A**, give the correct answers and rearrange themselves to reveal the Bible story in order.

Deep dive option

Below are the answers of the coupled-up couplets, in order of the story. After they have had a go at matching up, ask them to stand in the order they think it happened in the Bible story – from beginning to end. **Once in order, encourage the group to say the couplets together.**

- 1. A** – The magnificent maker who made everything
B – Worshipped by shepherds, and gifts fit for a king
- 2. A** – Jesus raised up Lazarus, though he lay in a casket!
B – He fed a stadium-full, with just one picnic basket ...
- 3. A** – Then to Jerusalem riding a donkey
B – Passed over palm leaves, *Passover* to Gethsemane
- 4. A** – From denial to trial, to beatings to Pilate
B – With crucifixion demands, Pilate swayed by the riot,
- 5. A** – With one final cry out, sin's curse is extinguished

You're a bit of a character

Leaders note

In this session, ask the group to read the clues and guess which Bible character they're hinting at. Remind the group that these characters will only be from this section of the Bible story. In terms of delivery, think of a pub quiz set-up. This is best as a group activity (aim for three to four per group). You can use print-outs of the activity (one per group) or use the PowerPoint slides. Along with the clues, there is the option of giving multiple choice answers (see below). Encourage them to confer in their groups to come up with the answer. Once everyone's ready, reveal the answer and the 'Did you know?' fact together.

'DO'

Using the following clues, see if you can guess the Bible character from this beat of the story.

Character 1

Clue 1 The greatest storyteller who has ever lived **#TEDTalk**

Clue 2 He'd build stuff with his hands **#DIY #LoftConversion**

Clue 3 Water he turned into wine **#Vintage**

Is it ... a. Peter b. James c. Mary d. Jesus

Answer: Jesus

Did you know? Jesus was into parties. His first miracle was turning bath water into the tastiest red wine at a wedding. The wedding hosts ran out. **#John2** Jesus once said, 'before Abraham was, I AM'. This is the divine name of God – the same phrase God used when he met Moses in a burning bush. Joining the dots – Jesus is saying I AM that same God who met Moses in a bush and created the world! A huge claim, but if it's true, it changes everything! **#John8.58**

Character 2

Clue 1 Travelled to Bethlehem at Christmas **#DonkeyRide?**

Clue 2 Good with farm animals **#OldMacDonald**

Clue 3 Had a surprise visit **#DoAngelsDrinkTea**

Is it ... a. Mary b. Martha c. Esther d. Gabriel

Answer: Mary mother

Did you know After the angel Gabriel told her she'd give birth to God's own son, she was so filled with joy she burst into song. **#Blessed**

Character 3

Clue 1 Sometimes had a face like thunder **#SonOfThunder**

Clue 2 The disciple Jesus loved most (according to himself!)
#YoureSoVainYouProbablyThinkThisSermonIsAboutYou

Clue 3 A fisherman who was best mates with a carpenter
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Is it ... a. James b. John c. Andrew d. Peter

Answer: John (Zebedee's boy)

Did you know? He and his brother James were nicknamed 'the sons of thunder'. John probably wrote the Gospel of John in the Bible, telling the story of Jesus' life. He was one of Jesus' best mates and wrote about many things he said and did, as he was often there when it happened **#JonnyJournal**

Character 4

Clue 1 Keeps on top of the housework **#HostingAndHoovering**

