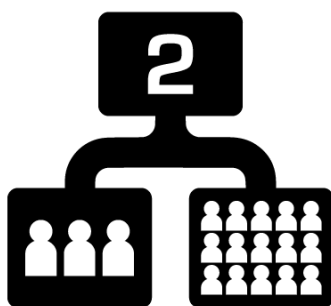


# WELCOME TO *THE BLACK LETTERS OF JESUS SAMPLE*

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## What is it?

A lot of studies focus on Jesus' words—the **red letters** of Scripture. But what would it look like if we focused on his actions—the **black letters**? *The Black Letters of Jesus* is a yearlong curriculum (52 lessons) based on the things Jesus did while he was here on earth. Some themes may be familiar and some will allow students to see Jesus in a new way. These are lessons drawn from the life of the one who became flesh and lived among his creation.



**Each Lesson provides you with TWO TRACKS**—a *Small Group Lesson* or a *Large Group Talk*—and includes these key elements: a Bible study, modern day examples, discussion questions, an experiential activity, a focus on clear life application, a memory verse (in sharable JPEG format), and additional illustrations or object lessons.

## What's Included?

- 52 Lessons (divided into smaller, 4-lesson sets) (PDF and Word)  
(only one lesson included in this sample)
- Parent Guides (with questions and suggested experiences for the whole family)
- Media and Graphics
- Video Training (not included in this sample)
- Memory Verses (ready to share on social media)
- Marks of a Disciple

\*The *Black Letters of Jesus* was created to fit perfectly into the Deep Discipleship system (including the *8 Roots of Discipleship* and *Marks of a Disciple*).

## What do I do next?

It's simple. Included in this sample is one lesson (*Who's First?*) from the *JESUS AND THE LEAST* set of lessons. Open the folder entitled *JESUS AND THE LEAST* and you'll find the lesson, a parent guide for the series, and the memory verse.

To learn more about *The Black Letters of Jesus*, check out the *MEDIA AND GRAPHICS* folder as well as the *SCOPE AND SEQUENCE* that give you an entire overview of this resource.

**Have Any Questions? Give us a call!**



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# The Black Letters of Jesus

## Scope & Sequence

We recommend that you start with the 4 lessons included in *Jesus Redeems*, then base your sequence on the needs of your group. Below is a description for each set of lessons included in *The Black Letters of Jesus*, as well as a suggested sequence. Within each corresponding folder (i.e. *Jesus Redeems*) you will find a *Suggested Schedule* that offers a deeper overview and a recommended order for those 4 lessons.

\*Note that the *Seasonal Lessons* can be used throughout the year during holidays and major milestones in your group.

### Suggested Sequence

#### 1. Jesus Redeems (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn that any hope we have of being reconciled to Creator God comes through Jesus, our Rescuer and Redeemer.
- Main Topics: Redemption, rescue, gospel, hope, mission, faith, mercy
- Connected Roots: Rescue, Apologetics, Outreach

#### 2. Walking with Jesus (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn the basics of discipleship by following in Jesus' footsteps.
- Main Topics: Discipleship, sacrifice, failure, perseverance, sin, relationship, busyness
- Connected Roots: Kingdom, Identity, Community, Worship

#### 3. Jesus and the Great Outdoors (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn how Jesus can speak into difficult seasons of our life with authority and guidance.
- Main Topics: Jesus as king, trust, readiness, God's power
- Connected Roots: Rescue, Worship, Identity, Knowledge

#### 4. Jesus Like Me (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn how Jesus invites us to bring everything about us, including our emotions, to him.
- Main Topics: Love, Jesus' call, anger, sin, death, sadness, persecution, courage
- Connected Roots: Kingdom, Worship, Outreach

#### 5. The Unbelievable Jesus (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn how to rely on Jesus when they experience deep belief as well as when they deal with soul-rocking doubt.
- Main Topics: Faith, doubt, truth, obedience, inner motivation, power and influence, humility
- Connected Roots: Knowledge, Kingdom



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## 6. Jesus and the Ordinary (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn how Jesus uses ordinary people and things to accomplish his extraordinary mission.
- Main Topics: Giving thanks, miracles, mission, humility, sacrifice, treasure
- Connected Roots: Identity, Apologetics, Kingdom, Outreach

## 7. Who Needs Jesus? (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn how much they need Jesus and how much the people around them need him too.
- Main Topics: Grace, adoption, family, identity, gospel, sin, prejudice, Living Water
- Connected Roots: Rescue, Identity

## 8. Jesus and the Least (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn to have compassion for the marginalized and to value the faith of others rather than worldly worth or background.
- Main Topics: Hospitality, the Kingdom of God, value, love, mission, God-given potential, kindness, family
- Connected Roots: Knowledge, Kingdom, Identity

## 9. Solo Jesus (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn the importance of spiritual connection, using Jesus as a model.
- Main Topics: Connection with God, prayer, fighting temptation, doubt, fear
- Connected Roots: Identity, Worship, Knowledge

## 10. Dinners with Jesus (4 Lessons)

- Your students will see how Jesus discipled those around him, welcoming them to share an intimate meal with him.
- Main Topics: Acceptance, faith, salvation, communion, condemnation, forgiveness, failure, calling, mission
- Connected Roots: Community, Outreach, Identity

## 11. Jesus on Purpose (4 Lessons)

- Your students will learn how to know their calling as Christ-followers and how to join Jesus in his kingdom mission.
- Main Topics: Love, service, calling, mission, community, sacrifice, diversity, body of Christ, the church, spiritual gifts
- Connected Roots: Kingdom, Outreach, Community

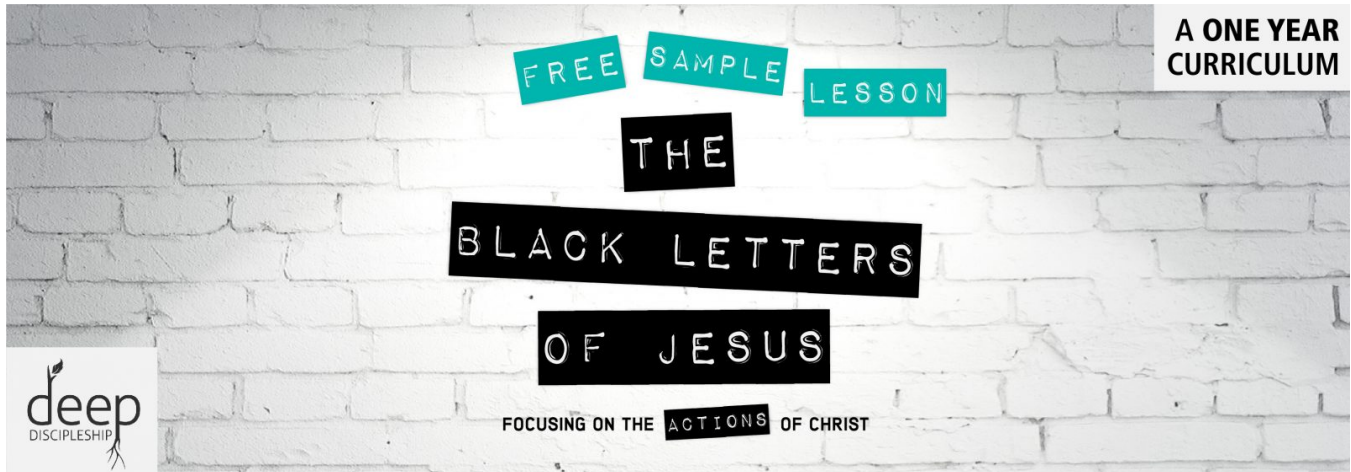
## 12. Seasonal Lessons (8 Lessons)

- Christmas/Advent: 2 Lessons
- Easter/Lent: 3 Lessons
- Thanksgiving: 1 Lesson
- Transitions/Graduation: 1 Lesson
- New Year/Beginnings: 1 Lesson
- Connected Roots: Rescue, Knowledge, Worship, Kingdom, Outreach



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## BLACK LETTERS SAMPLE LESSON

Download a full sample lesson of the Black Letters here:

<https://www.leadertreks.org/black-letters-sample-lesson/>

### YOU'LL FIND A:

- How-to Guide
- Suggested Schedule
- Complete lesson "Who's First"
  - Facilitator Guide (PDF & Word)
  - Student Guide (PDF & Word)
  - Parent Guide
- Media and Graphics
  - Memory Verse
  - Powerpoint & ProPresenter Slides
  - Promotional Artwork