



## Junior Youth Programme Autumn Term 2016-17

Series	Date	Session Title	Scripture	Notes
<b>Launch</b>	4 Sep 2016	(Launch Session)	-	Starting the new ministry year and settling in.
<b>Choice &amp; Consequence</b> <i>Making Wise Decisions</i>	11 Sep 2016	1. 'Sensible Decisions at School'	Romans 7:21-25	Making daily choices at school and with friends is part of every young person's life. We want to learn ways to make great decisions in the hope of glorifying God.
	18 Sep 2016	2. 'Sensible Decisions of Friends'	Proverbs 13:20	
<b>Matthew</b> <i>Christ our Teacher</i>	25 Sep 2016	1. 'Jesus' Temptation'	Matthew 4:1-11	This five-week series on the Gospel of Matthew takes an in-depth look at the example Jesus sets for us in both actions and words. Focusing primarily on Jesus' teachings, this study will challenge our junior youths to [Continued below...]
	2 Oct 2016	2. 'Being Salt and Light'	Matthew 5:13-16	
	9 Oct 2016	3. 'Compassion for Suffering People'	Matthew 9:35-38	
<b>Fellowship Week</b>	16 Oct 2016	(Social Session)	-	Opportunity for intentional relationship building.
<b>Matthew</b> <i>Christ our Teacher</i>	23 Oct 2016	4. 'Finding Rest'	Matthew 11:28-30	[continued...] completely re-evaluate their relationships with Christ. They will be exposed to what an authentic faith looks like and what it means to be a disciple.
	30 Oct 2016	5. 'Will You Follow Jesus?'	Matthew 16:24-26	
<b>CCiL Mission Conference</b>	6 Nov 2016	(Mission Sunday)	-	Youth members to join CCiL Mission Sunday.
<b>Things Jesus Did</b> <i>Understanding Signs &amp; Wonders</i>	13 Nov 2016	1. 'Jesus Healed People in Need'	Mark 5	The idea of walking on water is familiar to many people in our culture, but what do the miraculous stories in the New Testament teach young people about faith today?
	20 Nov 2016	2. 'Jesus Performed Incredible Miracles'	Mark 6:30-44	
<b>Evangelism</b> <i>Sharing the News &amp; Love of Jesus</i>	27 Nov 2016	1. 'Talk With Your Ears'	Matthew 4:18-22	As followers of Jesus, we experience friendship with our loving God and have the opportunity to share this great news with our friends. This series looks at God's incredible plan for using his people, including young people, to spread the good news of Jesus.
	4 Dec 2016	2. 'Know the Basics'	1 Peter 3:13-17	
	11 Dec 2016	3. 'Knock, Knock'	Acts 8:26-40	
<b>Christmas</b>	18 Dec 2016	(Christmas Celebration)	-	-
	25 Dec 2016	(Christmas Break)	-	-

## Junior Youth Programme Outline Autumn Term 2016-17

### Choice & Consequence - *Making Wise Decisions*

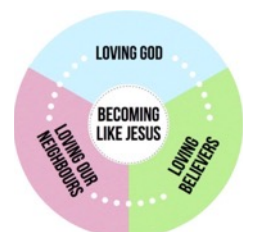
Making daily choices at school and with friends is part of every young person's life. This mini series will help our junior youths discover that every decision has a consequence and learn ways to make great decisions - all in the hope of glorifying God and making life better.

Week one focuses on helping youths discover why it is important to do the right thing at school. Week two gives them ideas and tips for choosing the best type of friends.

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| 11 Sep | 1. 'Sensible Decisions at School'   | Romans 7:21-25 |
|        | <p>Every decision we make has a consequence. Young people spend many hours of the week at school and make hundreds of decisions that impact their lives. In this session, they will discover how making sensible decisions at school honours God and helps them grow closer to him. Wise choices are also a demonstration of their love for God.</p>  |                |
| 18 Sep | 2. 'Sensible Decision of Friends'   | Proverbs 13:20 |
|        | <p>Friendships sit at the centre of the junior high school experience. Sometimes they choose their closest friends wisely; other times they don't. This session will help our young people discover the importance and value of being smart as they find their close friends. They'll also discuss how they can have a positive impact on their friends, acquaintances, and classmates.</p> |                |

#### Objectives:

- What: Every choice has a consequence, and making great choices results in a better life and a life that honours God.
- Why: When young people make an effort to follow and live by God's truths, they show that they love him and they open the door to having a greater impact on the people around them.
- How: Our young people will discover the rewards of doing the right thing, they'll explore why it's important to choose friends who will encourage them to do what is right, and they'll consider ways to grow as wise decision-makers.



## Matthew - Christ our Teacher

This five-week series on the Gospel of Matthew takes an in-depth look at the example Jesus sets for us in both actions and words. Focusing primarily on the teachings of Jesus, this study will challenge our junior youths to completely re-evaluate their relationships with Christ. They will be exposed to a solid understanding of what an authentic faith looks like and what it means to be a disciple.

25 Sep 1. 'Jesus' Temptation' Matthew 4:1-11

Temptation is a part of life. Everyone who claims to be a Christ-follower and who takes discipleship seriously must deal with resisting temptation. So often, we feel the pull to give in - after all, it's almost always easier to indulge our urges than to resist. Our young people will see that Jesus contended with temptation and won, taking encouragement from this fact as they face temptation.

2 Oct 2. 'Being Salt and Light' Matthew 5:13-16

Christ-followers are called to be salt and light to their world and culture. Jesus calls us to lead lives with a dynamic presence, where we are expected to make a radical impact on the world around us. This session gives our youths the opportunity to practically embrace this concept in their own lives.

9 Oct 3. 'Compassion for Suffering People' Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went to the cross with our suffering in mind. He had compassion for the needy, and he calls us to have that same compassion by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the needy and suffering. This session challenges youths to be faithful workers in the harvest field of the world.

23 Oct 4. 'Finding Rest' Matthew 11:28-30

*(16 Oct: Social Session)*

Stress. Over-commitment. Anxiety. Exhaustion. These are all familiar feelings for many of today's young people, not just physically but also spiritually. What is the solution? Nothing but an authentic and vibrant relationship with Christ can provide the peace and rest that students need. This session will call students to pursue this type of relationship with Jesus.

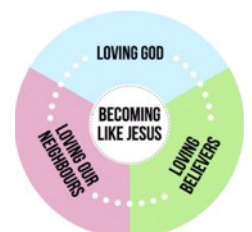
30 Oct 5. 'Will You Follow Jesus?' Matthew 16:24-26

This final session gets to the heart of discipleship. Jesus cut to the chase: "If you want to follow me, you have to follow me with abandon." Jesus helped his followers understand that he must be at the centre of our lives. Our love and devotion for God must trump our love and devotion for all else - that's Christ's call to radical discipleship.

*(6 Nov: Mission Sunday)*

### Objectives:

- What: Jesus calls us to an authentic relationship with him.
- Why: Studying Jesus' teachings in Matthew can help young people discover and follow the pattern of a vibrant faith.
- How: Our young people will be challenged with a picture of authentic faith and discipleship, and will be called to make changes in their lives that will draw them closer to God.



## Things Jesus Did - Understanding Signs & Wonders

Even among people who aren't his followers, Jesus remains known for the miracles he performed. The idea of 'walking on water' is familiar to many people in our culture, including people who've never opened a Bible. But what do the miraculous stories in the New Testament teach us? What does God want to communicate to our young people through these accounts?

This two-week series examines the life of Jesus and focuses on some of the miracles he performed. In the first week, we'll discuss several of Jesus' healing miracles. In the second week, we'll talk about other miraculous moments, including how Jesus fed thousands of people with five loaves of bread and two fish, how he walked on water, and how he transformed water into wine.

13 Nov      1. 'Jesus Healed People in Need'      Mark 5

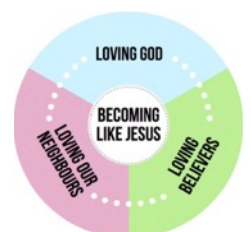
Jesus' earthly ministry was marked by frequent healings. Mark 5 tells the stories of three healings: a man possessed by demons, a woman with an incurable illness, and a young girl who was dead. In this session, we'll see how these healings amazed the crowds, revealed Jesus' great compassion toward people, and showed that Jesus was unlike anyone people had ever seen.

20 Nov      2. 'Jesus Performed Incredible Miracles'      Mark 6:30-44

Jesus demonstrated his authority and power in many ways. Jesus' miracles were seen as signs - evidence that God was trying to communicate something. The miraculous feeding of the thousands demonstrated that natural limitations don't constrain Jesus, and that nothing in our lives is too big or too small for God's help.

### Objectives:

- What: Focusing on the things that Jesus did can give us a better understanding of God and how he wants to remain active and involved in our lives.
- Why: We may hear about the supernatural, but many young people lack awareness of why Jesus performed miracles.
- How: Our young people will spend time exploring stories of Jesus' miracles and will consider ways these are relevant to their lives - with a focus on how God cares about them.



## Evangelism - Sharing the News & Love of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, we experience friendship with our loving God, the Creator of the universe. We never have to live a day without God's love, wisdom, or support, and we receive the gift of living forever with God. We also have the opportunity to share this great news with our friends. This series looks at the importance of telling others about Jesus - God's incredible plan for using his people, including young people, to spread the good news of Jesus.

27 Nov      1. 'Talk With Your Ears'      Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus shared God's love with everyone around him. He called his disciples to follow his example, and it's our responsibility to do the same. Before our friends care to hear we know about Jesus, they need to know we care for them. One great way to communicate care is to learn how to listen well.

4 Dec      2. 'Know the Basics'      1 Peter 3:13-17

Having been challenged to ask their friends about Jesus and listen to the responses, are our young people prepared if those friends want to know more? This session will cover some of the basics of choosing to follow Jesus and explaining faith to people who aren't yet Christians.

11 Dec      3. 'Knock, Knock'      Acts 8:26-40

Many Christians are intimidated by the idea of starting a spiritual conversation with a friend. This session challenges us to think about the reasons and excuses we might give for avoiding these important conversations. God wants to use us to 'knock' on the hearts of people who aren't yet followers of Jesus.

### Objectives:

- What: God wants young people to be equipped and prepared to share their faith with friends and family members who aren't yet followers of Jesus.
- Why: Junior youths don't need to wait until they're older to share their faith; they can have an impact on people today who wouldn't be open to hearing about Jesus from an adult.
- How: Our young people will examine biblical foundations for their faith, discuss ways to have Jesus-centred conversations with other people, and consider how they can overcome excuses that keep them from talking about Jesus.

