



## 2023 | **CHILDREN'S TIME** DECEMBER 3-24

### What Child is This?

#### Preparation:

Before beginning, collect “baby” or “young child” photos of either the children who are likely to come forward for children’s time or of church adults whom most of the children would know (like Sunday School teachers, pastors, frequent volunteers).

#### **INVITE**

Children to come forward and sit comfortably where they can see what you are going to hold up in front of you.

#### **SAY**

“This is a baby/young child picture of someone you know from THIS church. Who do you think it is?” Allow time for several guesses before revealing the correct answer. Before revealing the final answer, have the group ask together, “What child is it?” If your church has a screen, consider also showing the photos on the screen, so the whole church can also enjoy the photos.

#### **ASK**

After showing several photos, ask, “Was it hard to guess who was who? What made some of the photos easier or harder?”

#### **SAY**

“It is easier to know who we are looking at when we know them very well. We usually recognize images of the people we love and see the most more than images of others. It is the same way with Jesus. We may not see Jesus’ face very often (in fact, we do not really know what Jesus looks like), but the more we learn about Jesus and the more time we spend with Jesus, the more we can recognize Jesus in our world. We can see how Jesus helps our whole world by showing us how to love each other, how to be compassionate, how to help each other (insert other examples that may be relevant in your church).”

## ASK

Children to join you in looking for Jesus in their world. Encourage them to notice when people are helping one another and to say thank you to God for those gifts.

## PRAY

*Dear God,  
Thank you for giving us Jesus.  
Teach us to act like Jesus by feeding others,  
helping others and loving others.  
Amen.*



## QUESTIONS?

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