

Encounters with Jesus

Wintershall Online Assemblies

INTRODUCTION

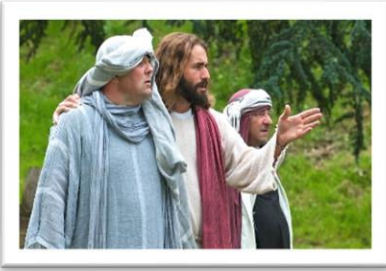
Wintershall's new online assemblies have been put together as part of the Education assembly programme, and can be accessed for free by schools, church and family groups, during a time when visits from actors may not be possible. Just book your chosen theme and 'experience the story' of Christianity from the comfort of your own classroom or home!

PRACTICALITIES

Access to the Assemblies is free. Once you have booked online, we will send you the link to your chosen video, which you can then watch at a time that suits your group or classes. Each video lasts about 10 minutes, but including reflection time, we recommend allowing 20 minutes per assembly. You will need a connection to the internet and a big screen to watch the clip on, or if using for an online meeting or group, a way to share your screen with fellow viewers.

Each assembly includes 5 simple steps:

- 1. GATHER** Settle and focus the group in whichever way you normally would. Perhaps play some music, or light a candle to begin. Once everyone is ready, you might say something like: *Wintershall is a place where actors use drama to retell the amazing stories of Jesus' life. I wonder which story we will hear today...*
- 2. INSPIRE** Press Play! After a short introduction, actors perform their encounter with Jesus.
- 3. EXPLORE** Actors then encourage you to explore the story, using open wondering questions as a stimulus to make connections with thoughts and experiences both past and present.
- 4. REFLECT & RESPOND** An opportunity to pause the video and reflect, both individually and together as a group, using the wonder questions as a guide. Choose the questions that you feel are most suitable for the needs of your class or group.
Depending on the group and situation, this reflection time can be extended to a longer period of imaginative response time if desired. Extending the session provides freedom for viewers to explore the story creatively, whether that is with a pencil and paper, or other creative resources available.
- 5. SEND** Following a short story summary by actors, the Wintershall Assembly Prayer brings the assembly session to an end, but let the wondering continue throughout the day!



The Parable of the Lost Son

Join the crowds out in the countryside, as Jesus tells this well-known story about a man with two sons.

Themes: forgiveness, love, mistakes, family, relationships, getting on and falling out.

Taken from [Luke 15:11-32](#)



The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Jesus was teaching the people about loving God and loving our neighbour, when someone asked “But who is my neighbour?”. To answer, Jesus told a story about this traveller.

Themes: kindness, compassion, love, caring for others, relationships, getting on and falling out. Taken from [Luke 10:25-37](#)



The Healing of the Sick Boy

As Jesus became well known, more and more people followed him and many asked for his help. This is the story of what happened when Jesus met a boy who was sick.

Themes: faith, love, trust, prayer, sickness, healing, miracles, caring for others, asking for help, relationships. Taken from [Matthew 17:14-23](#) [Mark 9:14-29](#) [Luke 9:37-45](#)



The Healing of a Blind Man

Jesus said some amazing things and did some wonderful things during his time on earth. This is what happened when he stopped to talk to a stranger on the roadside.

Themes: faith, trust, blindness, sight, light, healing, miracles, relationships, asking for help, Jesus the light of the world. Taken from [John 9](#)



Judas, Jesus's friend

Jesus called people to follow him and become his friends. Judas was one of these disciples who walked with Jesus as he taught people about God.

Themes: Teachings of Jesus, disciples, friendship, relationships, courage, fear, hope, mistakes, forgiveness, Lent, Easter. Taken from [Matthew 26:14-16](#)

We hope to be able to offer visits to schools again as soon as possible. In the meantime, we offer our Encounters with Jesus assemblies, and would value your feedback on this new on-line series for use in schools, churches or homes. More pieces available soon!

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