

Jesus in the Gospel of John

Dear Jmac families,

Welcome to the second term of Jmac! Hopefully you had a great time over the holidays, and the kids are settling back into school. We've got a great term ahead, and we'll be kicking it off with our first night back on **Friday 4 May**.

After looking at **prophets and prophecies** last term, we'll be discussing **the life of Jesus this term**, with specific reference to the Gospel of John. The purpose of this series is to learn about who Jesus is, what he did, and the importance that this holds over our lives.

The term itself will involve two combined nights with our older youth group – Ymac – in Weeks 4 and 8, along with a poverty simulation, bush dance and car-mazing race.

KEY DATES THIS TERM:

4 May (Week 1 of the school term):

First week back for Jmac. Please consider signing up for the supper and dinner roster for the term, or email Mike (mike@macchap.com.au) with a date that you would like to do.

25 May (Week 4):

Our first combined night with Ymac, featuring a car-mazing race.

1 June (Week 5):

A poverty simulation throughout the night, due to popular demand.

22 June (Week 8):

Combined bush dance night with Ymac.

6 July (Week 10):

Planned end-of-term event, possibly involving a family BBQ. This will be finalised closer to the date!

A FEW REMINDERS:

- Remember to sign your child in on the **sign-in sheet**, and sign them out when you pick them up. Please ensure a contact number is recorded each night that will be answered if there is an emergency. This is mainly for duty-of-care purposes.
- If you are new, unsure of what details we may have on file, or if your details have changed, **please fill out a contact form** and leave it on the sign-in table. This allows us to have updated contact and participant information.
- We welcome a **gold coin donation** from each child each week to help us cover the costs of materials and equipment.
- As you would know, Jmac is quite an active bunch, with nights involving running in our games and activities. **Ensure your children are suitably dressed** for active games, and has layers to adjust for hot or cold weather.
- **Covered shoes are essential for safety – thongs are not suitable.**
- Jmac runs from **6.30pm to 8.30pm** on Friday nights.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would simply like to make contact with a leader, please don't hesitate to come and chat with us at the start or end of the night! Alternatively, you can send an email to Mike (youth pastor) at mike@macchap.com.au, or to Zac (Jmac coordinator) at zachary.n.gee@gmail.com.

We're super excited for a fantastic term of Jmac, and we look forward to seeing you on Friday!

From the Jmac team,

Zac, Aidan, Bethany, Guy, Philip and Kiara.

Term Week	Date (all Fridays)	Night Activity	Talk	Details
1	May 4	Wide games	The Word became flesh (John 1)	Welcome back to Jmac! We'll be getting right back into the swing of things with some classic Jmac games.
2	May 11	Minute to Win It	Jesus & the Samaritan (John 4)	How agile are you? A night of fast-paced games and quick thinking.
3	May 18	Follow the Leader	The Good Shepherd (John 10)	Jesus leads us in our lives – will you be able to lead others tonight?
4	May 25	CAR-MAZING RACE!	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13)	A combined treasure hunt and adventure around the Ryde area. We hope you know your way around the neighbourhood.
5	June 1	Poverty Simulation	The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19)	Tonight, we empathise with those less fortunate than ourselves. Will you be able to sustain your family and endure hardships?
6	June 8	Growth	The Vine and the Branches (John 15)	As we look to bear fruit spiritually, how well can you grow physical things? We will soon find out...
7	June 15	Blindness	Spiritual Blindness (John 9)	Tonight will feature blindfolds, mazes, obstacle courses and cooperation. Hopefully you can work well in a team!
8	June 22	BUSH DANCE	Discussion week	The classic youth group bush dance! Get ready for an active night, featuring Jmac, Ymac and dancing!
9	June 29	Movie night	The Holy Trinity (John 14 & 5)	A relaxed night as we watch a movie together – to be announced later in the term. Dress warmly and comfortably!
10	July 6	FAMILY BBQ	Conclusion talk.	TO BE CONFIRMED. We're hoping to run a family BBQ with parents, children and siblings. You'll hear more from us in a few weeks' time.