



Invite Flat Jesus to Join You on Your Summertime Adventures!

*In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells His Disciples, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28:20)*

Flat Jesus is inspired by a national school project called Flat Stanley, based on a book written by Jeff Brown. Just as Flat Stanley has helped children with literacy and geography, Flat Jesus helps children remember that Jesus is always with them.

Flat Jesus is an invitation to keep him at the front of our mind and in our heart as we move through our days. When we seek Jesus, we find him, and we want to share him with our friends. This is more than a photo opportunity, this is a call to live out our faith no matter where we are and what we are doing.

1. For each child in your family, print a Flat Jesus to color and cut out. (If you are unable to print, email Rev. Joanne at jtetrault@stjohnsec.org and she'll mail you one along with these instructions). Attach your Flat Jesus to a craft stick or glue it to a piece of cardboard to make it sturdier.
2. What will you and Jesus do this summer, even as you practice social distancing, wearing a mask when needed, and other safe practices? Take a picture of you and Flat Jesus enjoying an adventure or activity together. If you would like to share, send your picture to us at [blessings@stjohnsec.org](mailto: blessings@stjohnsec.org). (Parents, please note: We will post submissions on social media, the St. John's website, and/or St. John's publications. We will not include children's names.)

Here's a list of 30 possible activities and adventures for you and Flat Jesus. Keep track of all that you do with Flat Jesus and take pictures of as many as you can! There will be prizes at the end!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Build a fort or a tent | <input type="checkbox"/> Play a game |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a trip with your family | <input type="checkbox"/> Go for a bike ride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat ice cream or a snowball | <input type="checkbox"/> Build with Legos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave Flat Jesus in a window for the day so people can see him as they walk by | <input type="checkbox"/> Play with a favorite toy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read a book | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a nap or go to sleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read the Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a movie or favorite show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retell a Bible story that has Jesus in it | <input type="checkbox"/> Play a musical instrument |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go for a walk or a hike | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a picnic or tea party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk your dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Create art or make a craft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climb a tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise, play a sport, or do yoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do a household chore | <input type="checkbox"/> Play with your pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play outside | <input type="checkbox"/> Draw with sidewalk chalk outside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do yardwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a card for someone special |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with the garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Make and mail a Flat Jesus to a family member or friend to share Jesus with them |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cook or bake | <input type="checkbox"/> Choose your own adventure |

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