



# Goodnight Jesus Lesson: Icon Scavenger Hunt

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The words and pictures in *Goodnight Jesus* may be simple but they draw from deep wells of knowledge and tradition about our faith.

These lessons and activities are designed to help children explore some of the topics introduced in *Goodnight Jesus*. These can be used in Church School classes, by homeschoolers, or by parents at home. I've given age ranges for each lesson but they are flexible enough to be used with wide age ranges.

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# ICON SCAVENGER HUNT

## (Kindergarten - Late Elementary)

Have a scavenger hunt for the icons mentioned in *Goodnight Jesus*. How many can you find in your parish or home? *If you're doing this in your church, do it when there isn't a service happening!*

### Alternative activity

If you can't use your church, try looking at pictures of the sanctuary.

### You will need:

Copies of the scavenger hunt checklist on the next page and something for kids to write with. If you're doing this activity using pictures of the church sanctuary, take pictures of every wall in advance and hang print copies around the room. Children should be able to move around the room looking at the pictures.

### How to teach this:

1. Introduce the book: "Today we're learning about icons in our church."
2. Read *Goodnight Jesus* together. On some pages the Saint or Icon is not listed by name. Take a moment and discuss these pages as you read. For instance, when you get to the page "A kiss for the women, first to know" you could pause and ask "Does anyone know what they knew?" If no one knows, you can briefly tell them the story about the three women coming to the tomb of Christ and being the first to find it empty.
3. Pass out the scavenger hunt sheets and something to write with. Explain that they'll be looking to see how many of the icons from the book they can find. Make sure the kids know which areas are off limits (such as the altar). Give them a time limit. Make yourself available to read text and answer questions especially for younger children.
4. When time is up, go through the scavenger hunt list together. For each one, ask who found it and where. If possible, go to the icon together and look at it or point to it in your pictures.
5. *Discussion point:* How many of the icons were you able to find? Every church has at least 3 of the icons from *Goodnight Jesus*. That's because every church has an iconostasis with Jesus on the right of the Holy doors, St. Mary on the left of the Holy doors, and St. John the Baptist next to Jesus.

## GOODNIGHT JESUS SCAVENGER HUNT

FIND AN ICON OF:

- Jesus Christ
- St. Mary, the Mother of God
- St. Andrew
- St. Peter
- St. John the Baptist
- The Three Holy Youths
- Jesus at the Gates of Hades
- St. George
- The Myrrh-bearing Women
- St. Zacchaeus
- A cross