

## Sample Activities for Messiah

### **The Life of Jesus: A Gospel Comparison**

Objective: Show the unique perspectives of the four Gospels.

Give students different accounts of the same event from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (e.g., Jesus' baptism, feeding the 5,000, resurrection). Have students compare and contrast how each Gospel presents the event.

Discuss: Why do the Gospel writers emphasize different details?

Assessment Option: Students create a chart or short essay explaining the differences and what they reveal about Jesus.

### **Paul's Letters: Writing a Modern Epistle**

Objective: Help students understand the purpose of Paul's letters.

Have students read a short passage from one of Paul's letters. They rewrite it as a letter to a modern audience, keeping the same message but updating the language.

Discuss: How do Paul's teachings still apply today?

Assessment Option: Grade students' letters for clarity, biblical accuracy, and application.

### **Lectio Divina**

Latin for "divine reading." This practice invites the student to read, meditate, and pray on Scripture.

- (1) Find a quiet place. Try to slow your thoughts. Sit in the presence of God.
- (2) Pick one Psalm, slowly read it again, and ask God to show you something in it.
- (3) Does a word or phrase catch your attention? Ask God what he is saying to you through the phrase or word. Be open. Listen and wait.
- (4) Read the text again. Now enter into a personal dialogue with God. What feelings did the text produce in you? How do you feel in relation to God? Be honest. There is no right or wrong way to do this.
- (5) At the end, rest and wait in God's presence. Wait for his Word to sink deeply into your heart and mind. Surrender yourself to God. Submit to his Word.