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—Imaginary stories of children living around and learning from Jesus during His younger years

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Introduction

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to be living in times past, at the time when Jesus was a boy?

Did you ever wish you could have been one of His friends?

Let's take a trip back to those times, and imagine that we are there, living in Nazareth.

What might it have been like? What might He have helped to teach and show you, as you played and grew up together?

Grapes of Gentleness

Jude, a childhood friend of Jesus, tells of one day in the vineyard:

The hot sun was beginning to set. This was our favourite time to play. My sister Tamara and I, along with our neighbour friends met in the central courtyard, while our mothers prepared the supper.

Suddenly Tamara leapt with joy. “Jesus is here!” she exclaimed.

We asked our mothers if we could go to the nearby vineyard. It belonged to my uncle, and we could snack on the ripening grapes as we played. We always enjoyed it when Jesus was with us.

As Tamara and I walked up the road, I saw Jesus holding the hand of a little child who wanted to come along.

He always seemed to notice the youngest ones, and took great care to see that no harm came to them. He was never too busy in play to stop and help the littlest children.

“Tamara,” I said. “I want to be like Jesus.”

“Yes, Jude,” she agreed. “He’s so kind to those who are smaller, or in need of care.”

“And He doesn’t seem to mind whether He is first, or if He wins a game. He’d rather that all of us are safe and happy, and treating each other well.”

I added.

“He doesn’t act roughly, or speak harshly to others. Even if someone taunts Him to do something unkind, He won’t do it.” Tamara said.



“Jesus shows gentle care to animals too.” I said, remembering a time when He helped to rescue a baby sparrow that had fallen from its nest.