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LEADER'S BRIEFING

the mission:

engaging tamariki in the adventure of discovering who jesus is, through bible stories.

the premise:

tamariki are the newest recruits at chronos detective agency. they have been given their first mission as spy detectives. to travel back in time and investigate the greatest mystery of all, who exactly is jesus?

over a series of 6 weeks, children will travel back through time and experience bible stories that help build a picture of who jesus is.

the lessons:

each week will have the following 3 lesson components:

- mission briefing: agents receive a mysterious clue from the past and their mission for the week.
- time portal: agents pass through a "time machine" into the bible setting with sounds, props, and costumed witnesses. (get your talented actors on a roster quick!)
- detective debrief: agents will discuss what they found and learned and add clue cards to the evidence board.

week 1: matthew 13, jesus the wise guy

week 2: matthew 14 jesus the miracle man

week 3: matthew 14 jesus the boss of creation

week 4: matthew 15 jesus the healer

week 5: matthew 16 jesus the messiah (!?!)

week 6: case closed.... or is it. plot twist! matthew 16, jesus's unexpected mission.]

if you are lectionary lovers, these lessons follow july 26th - august 30th.



MISSION EQUIPMENT

resources needed:

a time machine! (inspiration pic to the right)
a pin board
string
pins
clue cards for each week.
mission briefing envelopes for each week
manila envelope or folder (write top secret on it)

cute extras:

for kids to wear/use
sunglasses
magnifying glasses
mini notebooks for the kids
id badges (see templates)

agent outfit for leaders:

long trench coat
fedora or detective hat
fingerless gloves
torch
belt covered in "gadgets" (old remotes, calculators, toy binoculars)
ear piece or head set.





week 1 july 26th

mat 13:31-33,44-52

JESUS

THE WISE GUY

resources needed

time machine

clue cards #1

snacks

cushions

mustard seed

old coin

speaker

"top secret" manila folder or envelope with clue card, mustard seed and old coin inside.

leader's briefing

go hard out my friends. this is my best advice.

commit to the bit. whatever helps you embody an agent of a top secret time travelling detective agency, do that.

also allow children to offer ideas without confirming or denying. no idea is a bad idea! ramariki will think they already know the answer to this mission, your secret mission is to help them see jesus and these bible stories in a new and fuller way.

encourage curiosity however you can: "that's a great theory. write that down!"

this week help children notice that jesus didn't simply tell people what to do. he helped them see god's kingdom in a completely new way.

everyone expected god's kingdom to arrive with powerful armies and famous leaders. but jesus said god's kingdom often starts small, grows quietly, and is worth giving everything for. jesus understood things about god that nobody else could explain like he did. here's a great [bible project article on why parables](#) are so awesome.





MISSION BRIEFING

"agents, welcome to the chronos detective agency!

today, you are no ordinary tamariki. you are now officially time travelling detectives. our agency has been given the most important case in all of history. (hold up the envelope.) inside this case file is a mystery that people have been asking for over 2,000 years: "who is jesus, really?"

some people said he was a teacher. others said he was a prophet. some thought he would become a powerful king. others believed he was god's promised rescuer. but what does the evidence say?

that's where you come in.

over the next six weeks, we will travel back through time to investigate the people who met jesus face-to-face. we will interview witnesses, examine clues, investigate evidence, and build a case file.

every week a new clue will arrive from the past. sometimes it might be a coded message, a secret document, an intercepted scroll, or a mysterious object. your job is to figure out what it tells us about jesus.

to do that, we'll step through the time portal and travel to a different moment in history. there, we'll meet witnesses who saw jesus with their own eyes. we'll listen carefully, ask questions, and collect evidence. then, working as detective teams, you'll investigate one important question:

"what does this tell us about who jesus is?"

each week we'll add a new clue to our evidence board. (point to the board.)

at first, the clues might seem confusing. some pieces won't fit together. some clues may even seem to point in different directions. we'll connect each clue and keep following the evidence wherever it leads."

"so, agents, are you ready to open the case file? (hype them up!)

then welcome to your first mission, the investigation begins now."

(open manila folder, read clue card and pass around mustard seed and coin)



week 1 july 26th





walk tamariki through the "time machine" ([sound effects available here](#))
once tamariki are through [play ancient marketplace soundtrack](#) (have jesus "freeze" until the soundtrack starts)
have jesus waiting on the other side, cushions on the ground and snacks available.
jesus beckons the tamariki to come and sit and listen.

jesus actor reads aloud:

"have you ever seen a tiny little seed? it doesn't look like much, does it? but when you plant it, it grows into a huge plant where birds can come and build their nests.
god's kingdom is like that.

it's also like yeast that someone mixes into bread dough. at first you can't even see it working. but after a while, the whole batch of dough has changed.

also, imagine you're digging in a field... and clunk! your shovel hits a treasure chest!
you open it and it's packed with gold and jewels! you'd be so excited! you'd think, 'i have to have this!' so you sell everything you've got so you can buy that field.
that's what god's kingdom is like. knowing god is worth more than anything else you could ever own."

now imagine someone who spends their life searching for beautiful pearls.
then one day... they find the perfect one. it's the most amazing pearl they've ever seen.
they know it's worth it, so they sell everything they own just to get it.
that's what god's kingdom is like. it's the greatest treasure you'll ever find."

"does anyone have any questions?"

take tamariki back through the time portal, turn market sounds off and [play time machine sounds](#)



week 1 july 26th





DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

back at "headquarters"

"time travellers, welcome back! you made it safely home. let's look at everything we discovered and see what evidence we've collected. remember, detectives don't jump to conclusions, they look carefully at the clues!"

invite children to discuss in pairs:

- what did jesus know that surprised you?
- what did jesus say god's kingdom is like?
- what do all of those pictures tell us about god's kingdom?
- is this what kingdom's are normally like? why or why not?
- did jesus sound like an ordinary teacher? why or why not?
- how do you think jesus knew so much about god's kingdom?

allow children to offer ideas without confirming the final answer. encourage curiosity: "that's a great theory. let's keep collecting evidence over the next few weeks and see where it leads."

evidence gathering

write some summarising thoughts on this weeks clue card and pin it to the evidence board.

ideas:

jesus understands god's kingdom better than anyone else.

jesus is a wise teacher.

closing challenge

"this week, watch for small things that grow into something amazing, a seedling, bread rising, or even a tiny act of kindness. every time you see one, remember what jesus taught: god's kingdom often starts small, but god can use it to do something incredible."

either send ramariki away with id badge template (see resources)
to complete at home or complete together if you have time.



week 1 july 26th





week 2 august 2nd

matt 14:13-21

JESUS

THE

LIFE GIVER

resources needed

time machine

clue cards #2

bag of chocolate fish and a slice of bread

actors (jesus and philip the disciple)

"top secret" manila folder or envelope with clue card #2, choc fish and bread inside.

leader's briefing

your mission this week leaders is to help ramariki really imagine themselves in this biblical story, by giving them the opportunity to be a key character.

this is a story they may have heard before, and here they will be asked by one of jesus disciples to give up their hai for the sake of a hungry crowd (good luck)

as well as this miracle being a "sign" (like a sign post, jesus is pointing to who he is) it also reaches us about god's kingdom. classic jesus doesn't just tell the people, he shows them, god's kingdom is abundant as! there's enough for everyone.

go deeper on what matthew is up to with his gospel narrative in this [bible project video](#)



nerdy side mission: notice where jesus tells people to sit in verse 19.

what season would this be in desert israel? (think new growth)

what are agrarian community food stores like at this time of the year? (we're close to it here in aotearoa)

how does this change jesus' request to the disciples and the nature of his provision.





recap

"detectives, before we head back through the time portal, let's remind ourselves what we discovered in our last investigation."

ask the tamariki:

- what was our big question last week? (who is jesus?)
- what did he compare god's kingdom to? (a tiny seed, yeast, hidden treasure, a pearl.)
- what was the clue we added to our evidence board?

new clue

open the top secret envelope.

inside you'll find:

- a slice of bread
- a bag of chocolate fish
- a clue card that says: population: 5000

show the children each item one at a time. hand every child one chocolate fish and say: "you can eat your chocolate fish... if you want....but remember, we're detectives. around here, everything could be a clue! you might need it later."
ask them to whisper to a friend what this week's clues might mean.

"let's travel back in time and see if we can work out what they mean."



week 2 aug 2nd





walk ramariki through the "time machine" (sound effects here)
once ramariki are through play crowd soundtrack (have actors "freeze" until the
soundtrack starts) philip the disciple waiting on the other side

philip says:

"oh! you're here! thank goodness! we've got a huge problem. there are people
everywhere. like... everywhere! five thousand of them! everybody's been listening to
jesus all day...and now everyone's getting hungry. like...really hungry. (looks worried.) you
know what hungry turns into? hangry. and hangry crowds are scary crowds!

i said, "jesus... maybe we should send everyone home so they can buy some food."
do you know what he said? he said..."you give them something to eat." me! (turns
pockets inside out.) i've got nothing! no bakery. no supermarket. no lunch truck. nothing!

(looks at children.) hang on...did any of you bring anything to eat? (allow children to hold up
their chocolate fish.) wait... you actually did? what a weird looking fish! (sniffs) well... it's
not exactly what i had in mind... has anyone got any bread? (leader hands philip the slice
of bread.) oh! one slice of bread. so... let's see... one slice of bread...and a few fish...for over
five thousand people. (looks doubtful.) this is never going to work...

.unless...maybe jesus has a plan. come on! let's ask him. (jesus enters calmly.)

philip: jesus...these guys have shared what they have. it's everything we could find.
(hands jesus the bread and gathers the chocolate fish.) it's not much... but it's all we've
got.

jesus: (smiles at the children.) thank you for sharing what you had. sometimes god can
do amazing things with things that seem very small. (jesus lifts the bread up.) let's thank
god. (jesus looks toward heaven.) "father, thank you for providing everything we need.
please bless this food. amen."

(just as jesus is about to begin breaking the bread... alarms begin.)

time portal: warning! temporal window closing!

philip: what? no! not now! you're going to miss the best part! quick! get back to your time
portal before you're stuck here forever! go! go!

we'll make sure the story gets written down so you can find out what
happened when you get home!

take ramariki back through the time portal, turn crowd sounds
off and play time machine sounds



week 2 aug 2nd





DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

back at "headquarters"

"time travellers, welcome back! you made it safely home. let's look at everything we discovered and see what evidence we've collected. remember, detectives don't jump to conclusions, they look carefully at the clues!"

invite children to look at clue card again. "notice" backwards numbers and letters on the bottom of the card. (it's matthew 14:13-21 backwards) look up reference in the bible and have someone read it aloud.

ask the children to discuss in pairs:

- what happened after we left? (note the abundance, it's one of the things jesus really emphasised about god's kingdom, there's more than enough for everyone!)
- where else do we hear about bread in the bible?
- i wonder what people were thinking and feeling when they went home?
- did people have supermarkets back then? where did their food come from (made and often grown or caught at home)
- how often do you think the people got to have all you can eat meals?
- what does this miracle tell us about jesus?

for older tamariki ready to go deeper:

- where do you notice jesus is doing this amazing miracle? (deserted place or wilderness)
- what other times in the bible has bread been miraculously provided in the desert? (manna)
- if the crowd was thinking about moes and the manna in the desert, what might they wonder about jesus?

share back to the group and write some bullet points on the clue card before pinning to the evidence board.





week 3 august 9th

mat 14:22-33

JESUS

THE

RESCUER

resources needed

time machine

clue cards #3

"top secret" manila folder or envelope

mug of tea / towel

peter (actor)

speaker and a device that can read qr codes (your phone)

leader's briefing

jesus walks on water: it's a tried and true classic! but just like last week, this miracle is a "sign" it's supposed to point to something. and not just that jesus is powerful and awesome. here's some more context for ya.

in aotearoa, we would mostly classify ourselves as beach people right? we know how important it is for kids to get swimming lessons and have beach safety sessions and we pay surf life savers and have rules about how to use our beaches safely. we also love beaches! they are a really important hang out place in our country!

this was not the case for the israelites. in fact, the sea was scary. a lot like "the deep dark forest" in european fairy tales, the sea was to be feared in jesus' israel.

can you think of other times in the bible when israelites were rescued out of the sea?

what clues might matthew be leaving us here about jesus identity?

these links to the old testament are crucial context for
what jesus was revealing to his people.





recap

"detectives, before we uncover our next clue, let's remind ourselves what we discovered in our last investigation."

ask the tamariki:

- what was our big question last week? (who is jesus?)
- what did he do or say?
- what was the clue we added to our evidence board?

new clue

open the top secret envelope.

inside you'll find:

- a clue card with a qr code.

scan the qr code to listen to a mayday message from the disciples aboard a ship. just after this message is finished peter (disciple/actor) is to burst through the time machine. kids aren't going through today (if they ask, it's too stormy, no one bought a raincoat or a wetsuit did they?)

see next page for peter's script.



week 3 aug 9th





[sound effects as peter burst through time portal]

peter [with soaked hair, looking cold shivers through portal]

leader: whoa!! who are you? you're absolutely soaked! here... [hands him a towel.] dry yourself off. would you like a nice cup of tea? [hands him mug.]

peter: oh... thank you. i needed that. you have no idea what i've just been through. actually... maybe you do. you're the time-travelling detectives, aren't you? well... you picked a crazy day to try and visit! don't go in there, it's a storm!

leader: what happened?

peter: well... jesus told us to get in the boat and head across the lake. he stayed behind to pray. at first everything was fine. then... the wind started getting stronger the waves got bigger... and bigger... and bigger! our boat was bouncing everywhere! we'd been rowing for hours! none of us was getting anywhere. then... [whispers] we saw someone.. walking across the water. walking. on. the. water.

leader: seriously?

peter: seriously! we all screamed. we thought it was a ghost! but then we heard jesus saying, "take courage! it is i. don't be afraid. well... if it really was jesus... i wanted proof. so i shouted, "lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you on the water!" do you know what he said? ... "come on"... i don't usually think things through... i just do them. so... i climbed over the side of the boat. and... i didn't sink! i was actually... walking. on. water! can you believe it? i was walking towards jesus! [smiles proudly.]

but then... i looked away from jesus. i noticed the wind. the waves. the storm. and suddenly... i wasn't thinking about jesus anymore. i was thinking... "i'm standing on water!" that's when... i started to... sink. [slowly crouches lower.] down... down... down... i shouted, "lord! save me!"

[a loud voice is heard offstage.] jesus [offstage]: peter! come back!

peter: oh! that's jesus! i've got to go! you'll have to find out what happened next! quick! read the clue card closely! [runs back through the time portal.]

leader: detectives... peter didn't finish the story.

[look at clue card and find reversed bible reference at the bottom]



week 3 aug 9th





DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

read matthew 14:22-33

ask the children to discuss in pairs:

- what happened when peter went back?
- i wonder why jesus chose to walk out to them?
- i wonder what other stories about being rescued from the sea, might have popped into the disciples minds?
- i wonder why peter picked walking on water as the test to see if it was actually jesus
- what does this miracle tell us about who jesus is?

share back to the group and write some bullet points on the clue card before pinning to the evidence board.



week 3 aug 9th





week 4 august 16th

mat 15:21-28

JESUS

ON A

MISSION

resources needed

time machine

clue cards #4

jesus and a canaanite woman (actor)

speaker

two ziplock bags and a selection of toy animals including a sheep
[prep work involved for this week! see below!]

leader's briefing

to help get to the juicy truths, i've pulled a eugene peterson and taken liberties with this week's bible reading. but don't take it from me, check out what nt wright has to say about this passage, (which can make us modern readers wonder "is jesus racist?") nt does it better than me, so please, read on! [excerpt's from nt wright's "matthew for everyone"](#)

what other stories can you recall, where god's mind seemed to be changed by the persistance of a person in need?

clue prep: write on your first ziplock bag "step 1" and on the other "step 2"
put sheep toy in step 1 bag, and other animals in step 2 bag



week 4 aug 16th





recap

"detectives, before we head back through the time portal, let's remind ourselves what we discovered in our last investigation."

ask the tamariki:

- what was our big question last week? (who is jesus?)
- what did he do or say?
- what was the clue we added to our evidence board?

new clue

open the top secret envelope.

inside you'll find:

- a clue card that says "the mission"
- 2 ziplock bags, one with a sheep inside, one with a bunch of other animals.

what might these clues reveal about jesus identity

"let's head into the time portal and find out what these clues can teach us about who jesus is"





[walk ramariki through the "time machine" \(sound effects here\)](#)

jesus: (to kids) hi guys you're just in time, we're walking to the next town, tyre.
let's go, (starts walking away and talking) it should take us about 3 days, does that sound good?

canaanite woman (yelling from the other side of the room): excuse me!!! jesus!!! hey! son of david, you're that guy ay!? (jesus ignores the yelling)

leader: umm jesus, i think she wants to talk to you....

jesus: yes but i'm on a mission

leader: to tyre?

jesus: well... no.... it's a bit more complicated than that... i'm here to help israel be who god made them to be, and so my mission is to help israel, my lost sheep i call them, and that lady is from canaan, not from israel.

leader (to kids) : hmm weird, i'm sure jesus has helped people who aren't from israelites before....

canaanite woman (comes and kneels down in front of jesus) : lord help me, my daughter is really unwell, she needs your help!

jesus: i'm really sorry lady, i'm on a mission to feed the lost sheep of israel, you're not a sheep though are you? the food i've got is for my sheep, i can't take it out of their mouths to give it to other animals, imagine taking the food away from your sheep to feed a dog?

canaanite woman: yeah, but dogs also get fed by their owners, don't they?

jesus (really looking at her, then smiling): you are right. wow, your faith in god is huge! you were asking about help for your daughter? she's healed.

canaanite woman: running off, "thanks jesus! you're the best"

leader (to kids) ok we'd better head home and figure out our clues!



week 4 aug 16th





DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

ask the children to discuss in pairs:

- i wonder why jesus ignored the woman at first?
- i wonder what would have happened, if the woman hadn't kept pushing and asking?
- i wonder why jesus' mission to the israelites was so important to him?
- i wonder why the woman called him the son of david?
- what does this story tell us about who jesus is?
- what might our clues have been trying to tell us? (step 1/step 2.)
- what do you think step 2 looked like? (jesus' rescue plan is not just for israel but for the whole world.)
- how do you think the canaanite woman knew about step 2 in jesus' plan before even his disciples did?

share back to the group and write some bullet points on the clue card before pinning to the evidence board.



week 4 aug 16th





week 5 august 23rd

exod 1:8 - 2:10

matt 16:13-20

JESUS

THE

MESSIAH



resources needed

time machine	cushions
clue cards #s	hai
speaker	mirror in manila envelope
phone with google translate app downloaded (open app before hand to set languages to hebrew/english)	
actors: jesus, peter, and miriam	

leader's briefing

this week is supposed to be a bit of a mic drop, but really, the clues have been there all through the last 4 weeks. jesus has been hinting that he's the messiah, and matthew the gospel author has certainly been making it obvious that he's acting a lot like moses, the og rescuer of the israelites.

man, what would you do to get to actually time travel and sit in on this epic moment ay. where peter, brave, jumping in head first peter, finally spits it out "i reckon you're the messiah" were victory fist pumps a thing back then? i wish i could've seen the look on jesus' face.

anywho, to really bring home for the tamariki, the reason why being "the messiah" is such a big deal, the time machine is going to begin to malfunction.... and accidentally send them back to old testament times. you're welcome.

here's a bible project [video](#) that teases out the jesus/moses connection



week 5 aug 23rd





recap

"detectives, before we head back through the time portal, let's remind ourselves what we discovered in our last investigation."

ask the tamariki:

- what was our big question last week? (who is jesus?)
- what did he do or say?
- what was the clue we added to our evidence board?

new clue

open the top secret envelope.

inside you'll find:

- a clue card with a photo of a stone tablet etched with hebrew lettering.
- a second clue card
- a mirror

"i wonder when this artifact is from? it looks like they didn't use paper at that time!"

"i wonder what this says?"

"who know what sort of code or alphabet this might be?"

"i have a spy gadget that might help us decipher this!"

(use the google translate app on your phone to translate, note that it should say it detects hebrew as well as translating)

which people group speak hebrew?

let's go through the time portal and find out more!





play time machine soundtrack (important to use this one as it has a "malfunction message" to explain where they are)

play army marching sounds

miriam: (bursts in carrying a tightly wrapped baby bundle. she is frightened, constantly looking over her shoulder. she rocks the bundle while trying to stay hidden.)

miriam: (whispering urgently) you shouldn't be here! you have to leave! can you hear them? they're coming. the soldiers. the pharaoh has given an order. every hebrew baby boy...must die. (hugs the bundle tightly.)

leader: wait...who are you protecting?

miriam: my little brother, mooses. if the soldiers find him... they'll kill him.

leader: why would pharaoh do something so terrible?

miriam: because there are too many of us. we're hebrews. we've become slaves. pharaoh is afraid we'll become stronger than egypt. so first he made us work until we could hardly stand... and now... he wants our baby boys gone. (gasps) quick! everyone hide! (duck down together.)

leader: (whispers) how long has this been happening?

miriam: for years. we've cried. we've prayed. we've begged god to rescue us. but nothing changes.

leader: then why don't you give up?

miriam: because god promised. a rescuer would come one day. we're still waiting. she turns desperately to the children.

miriam (turning to children) have you seen him? the rescuer? do you know where he is?

leader: well... we're actually looking for—we can't tell you, but he's coming!

miriam (almost crying.) then please... if you see him... tell him... we need him. tell him we're waiting. where is our messiah, our rescuer?

(she clutches the baby and begins to leave. then stops.)

here they come! run!

(leader takes kids back through portal, sound effects [here](#))

week 5 aug 23rd





"wow. that wasn't the time of jesus... but it was part of the story that leads to him.

let's think like detectives:

investigation questions

- why were god's people desperate for a rescuer or messiah, in hebrew?
- who was that baby?
- could this baby be the rescuer they were waiting for?

"we'll have to keep investigating..."

let's try to get through to our jesus story again and see how the time machine goes this time.....



week 5 aug 23rd





walk ramariki through the "time machine" [\[sound effects here\]](#)

jesus and peter sitting on cushions in a circle with food in the middle

jesus: welcome guys come and join us! (kids to sit down and have some snacks)

jesus: so, you've been hanging out with me for a while now, i've got a question...who am i?

peter: we'll jesus, people have got also sorts of theories, what about you detectives, who do you reckon jesus is? (give kids opportunities to answer)

jesus: what about you? (points to peter) you've been hanging out with me for nearly 3 years! who do you think i am?"

peter: you're the messiah, the chosen one, the rescuer, the son of the living god.

jesus: "god bless you, simon you didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. my father in heaven, god himself, let you in on this secret of who i really am. and now i'm going to tell you who you are, really are. your a rock, i'm going to call you rocky (or petros to your greek friends).

(to the ramariki) this is the rock on which i will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

"and that's not all. you will have complete and free access to god's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. a yes on earth is yes in heaven. a no on earth is no in heaven."

but guys you can't tell anyone that i'm the messiah ok? promise me!

(leader takes kids back through portal, sound effects [here](#))



week 5 aug 23rd





DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

"wow, that was a huge clue wasn't it! we heard from peter himself about who jesus is!
let's write down what we know about jesus now on our clue card.

now what exactly is a messiah? miriam and peter used that word today?
let's check our clue cards again....."

(look at writing on clue card s.2, use mirror inside the manila envelope to read text.)

so jesus is going to be the new leader of israel?
he's going to kick out the romans and rescue the israelites from the romans?
what sort of rescue might he be planning?
why might he not want people going around saying that he was the messiah?
why might he want that to be a secret?
what does all this teach us about jesus?



week 5 aug 23rd





week 6 august 30th

matth 16:21-28

JESUS'

SHOCKING

PLAN

resources needed

time machine

clue cards #6

cross

speaker

actors: peter/rocky

leader's briefing

this week's reading is really a series cliff hanger, and the tamariki will be waiting until next easter to hear the conclusion!

again nt wright absolutely nails setting the scene to establish just how shocking it was when jesus said his plan was to die and rise again. absolutely not what rocky aka peter had envisaged ay.

[here's the deets from nt](#)



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recap

"detectives, i think we've solved it! let's read through our clues and report back to hq with our findings."

play [final transmission track](#)

children to give some responses, thoughts from on the evidence board but then.....
peter comes bursting through time portal



peter aka rocky comes bursting through time portal. he is distraught.

peter: its not what i thought at all. here, there's one last clue. you're not going to believe what jesus has just said. i can't even wrap my head around it. he's supposed to be our messiah right? the rescuer? smash the baddies? become the next awesome king? gah!
[storms back through the portal]

open manila envelope to see last clue. a cross and a bible reference to matthew 16:21-28.
read passage together.



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DETECTIVE DEBRIEF

ask the ramariki:

- i wonder why jesus said god's plan was so different from peter's plan?
- i wonder what the disciples were thinking after hearing jesus say he would die... and then rise again?
- i wonder why jesus had to suffer instead of defeating his enemies with an army?
- i wonder why nobody seemed to understand jesus, even though he kept telling them what would happen?
- i wonder what jesus meant when he said, "take up your cross and follow me"?
- i wonder what it means to lose your life in order to find it?
- i wonder how you would have felt if you had been standing with the disciples that day?
- i wonder whether you would have believed jesus' words... or agreed with peter?

what final words might we put on our evidence board?

ideas (because this is a tricky one)

- jesus wasn't what people expected
- jesus is going to die and rise again and that's part of his plan
- jesus's way of rescuing looked like a failure to a lot of people at first.
- jesus had a very long term plan that included rescuing us!
- jesus plan is still in action today, and we can be part of it!

share these with "hq" you might want to play the [final transmission track](#) again.

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