

# JESUS IS THE GREATEST!

**Concept:** Jesus is the greatest of all

**CHARACTERS:**

- Detective Dennis (Denise)  
(Befuddled, Columbo-like)
- Assistant Detective Samantha  
(Sam) (Christian)

**PROPS:**

- Trench coats
- magnifying glasses
- notebook & pen
- 3 character profiles—to be handed out to audience members (red books)  
(Older kids will be asked to read the profiles, and Samantha will read for the younger kids)
- 6 characteristics of Jesus (green books) will be handed out to audience members. (Older kids to read theirs, Samantha will read for the younger ones)

*(Dennis & Samantha enter, wandering to the front, looking at the children through their magnifying glasses)*

**Samantha:** So Detective Dennis, what's today's assignment?

**Dennis:** Assignment? *(Looks surprised.)* Oh, yes. The Chief says we need to discover, 'Who's the greatest?'—though if you ask me, I think he's talking about himself.

**Samantha:** Wow! That should be interesting! So how do we find that out?

**Dennis:** We'll start by interviewing various subjects and then use our deductive powers to compare them, Samantha.

**Samantha:** That should be great for my training. So where do we start?

*(Dennis looks over the audience and finds red book #1)*

**Dennis:** You there, young lady, please come forward and tell us about yourself.

**#1:** *(Reads profile)* I've been voted the most beautiful girl at my school. Everyone copies my hair style, and even what I wear. Department store clerks weep for joy when I buy something, because my friends buy up all the rest. And with Daddy's money so welcome everywhere, I buy quite a lot!

**Dennis:** So she has beauty, lots of friends, and a rich family. Those are her claims to greatness. Got it?

**Samantha:** Got it!

**Dennis:** Good! Thank you young lady! You may return to your seat

*(#1 goes back to audience. Dennis finds #2)*

**Dennis:** Ah, young man. Please come up front and tell us about yourself.

**#2:** *(reads profile)* Well, I don't like to boast, but the truth is I'm a great basketball player. I average 150 points a game with 84 rebounds and 50 steals. I've been voted 'most valuable player' in the US—Elementary school division, of course—and I hope to be in the Olympics in 10 years to help us gain the world title.

**Dennis:** Impressive, young man! Write this down, Samantha, 'Talent, modesty, and the respect of his fellow players.' Got it?

**Samantha:** Got it!

**Dennis:** Good! You may be seated. Thank you! Please come to the front and tell us about yourself.

*(#2 returns to seat and Dennis scans for #3)*

**#3:** *(reads profile)* I just finished inventing a formula to transmogrify air pollution into spaceship fuel! It may take a few years to work out the details, but I'm sure it will work. My formula for transforming water pollution into chocolate chip cookies has already improved what Mom sends for our class parties. And after I finish inventing ways to get rid of other kinds of pollution, I plan to turn my considerable intellect toward finding cures for global warming, and after that, diseases.

**Dennis:** Wonderful! Write this down, Samantha: 'Cures for pollution, potential cures for diseases.' Got it?

**Samantha:** Got it!

**Dennis:** Good! Thanks, you may be seated. *(#3 sits down)* Well, I believe we should now use the power of our deductive reasoning to determine, "Who's the greatest?"

**Samantha:** What, sir? After only 3 people?

**Dennis:** Of course! They surely represent the top choices we could have.

**Samantha:** But Detective Dennis, we haven't even looked at the greatest person of all—Christ Jesus!

**Dennis:** Who?

**Samantha:** Christ Jesus! He is God's own Son who came to earth to make a way for all of us to be forgiven for our bad choices. He died for us on the cross, and rose to life on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. There are so many wonderful things about Him! I bet these children can tell us some.

*(She points to the children holding the green books, in no particular order. They will read the following characteristics of Jesus)*

Jesus knows all things, even everything about each one of us—past, present, and future.

Jesus is everywhere, at all times, so we never have to be alone.

Jesus is all-powerful. He can do anything He chooses to do.

Jesus always treats His creation with love and mercy. He cares about every part of our lives and acts to do good.

Jesus always tells the truth. He cannot lie.

Jesus always acts fairly. He judges what is right and wrong.

**Dennis:** *(looks thoughtful)* So, I deduce that you are all telling me that Christ Jesus is the greatest. Right?

**Samantha:** Of course, sir! Got it?

**Dennis:** I've got it!

**Samantha:** Good!---Let's go report to the Chief. And if you like, I can tell you more about Jesus along the way.

*(exit together)*