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### BECOME COMFORTABLE WITH JESUS

#### A place I really felt at home ...

#### Where was Jesus most at home on earth?

1. Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-13)
2. Egypt (Matthew 2:14-18)
3. Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 4:14-31)
4. Capernaum (Matthew 9:1; 11:23-24)
5. Bethany (Luke 10:38-42; John 11, 12)

### CELEBRATE LIFE EVENTS WITH HIM AND OTHERS

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#### Where did Jesus experience the greatest parties?

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2. The CRA agent’s house? (Mt. 9:9-13)

3. With Pharisees and a prostitute? (Luke 7:35-50)
4. Dinner at Mary & Martha’s place? (Luke 10:38-42)
5. Jericho at Zach’s house? (Luke 19:1-10)
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