

# A JOYFUL PATH

Spiritual Curriculum for Young Hearts and Minds,  
Year 2 of the Inner Wisdom Series

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*~John Shelby Spong, Author, Jesus for the Non-Religious*

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## Unit 1 The Path and Teachings of Jesus

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- Lesson 2: Experience of Joy
- Lesson 3: Experience of Transcendence

## Unit 2 Many Ways

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