

## **A Troublesome Student**

The Infancy Gospel of Thomas (First Greek Form)  
The Infancy Gospel of Thomas (Second Greek Form)  
The Infancy Gospel of Thomas (Latin Form)  
The Arabic Infancy Gospel  
The Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew  
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A teacher said to Joseph, "Send your son to my school. I'll teach him to read and write, to speak in public, and to address others with respect."

Jesus went to the school. The teacher had just begun to write out the alphabet when Jesus recited all the letters from A to Z. The teacher was flummoxed. But Jesus said, "I know more than you think I do. I witnessed the creation of the world, and now I have been sent from above to guide those who are lost."

The teacher took Jesus back to his parents. "I, an old man, have been conquered by a five-year-old boy. I thought I'd found a student, but I think rather he should instruct me."

Joseph then took Jesus to another, more experienced teacher, who spent many hours with the boy. But when Jesus questioned the teacher's knowledge, the teacher smacked him on the head. Jesus was in pain and cursed the man. His hand immediately withered; then he fell to the ground and died.

Joseph was urgently summoned. The gathered crowd shouted their consternation, "Who is this child? Where did he come from? Everything he says happens. Take him away. We don't want him anywhere near us ever again."

Jesus commanded loudly, "Let the blind see, the lame walk, the sick be well, and the dead live." Anyone within the sound of his voice who was suffering from any kind of malady was instantly healed. The dead teacher came back to life, and his hand was restored to normal. Fear swept through the crowd; there was a stunned silence. Then Jesus spoke by the Holy Spirit and taught the Law to them all. They were astonished a boy so young could speak with such great wisdom.