

## **Up on the Roof**

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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Jesus and some other children were playing on the roof of a house. One of them fell from the roof and died. All the children ran away except Jesus. When the news reached the boy's parents, they came running. They found their son lying dead on the ground and Jesus standing over him, still up on the roof. They assumed Jesus had pushed the boy and, as they wept, they began to hurl invectives at him.

The five-year-old Jesus jumped down from the roof and stood beside the body. He called the boy by name and said, "Stand up, and tell me, did I throw you down?"

The boy immediately stood and said, "No! You didn't throw me down from the roof, but you did just raise me up from the dead." The boy's parents praised God.

A few days later, a young man was splitting wood. The axe slipped and cut off part of his foot; he died from loss of blood. There was quite a commotion, and people came running; Jesus was among them. He wormed his way through the crowd and took hold of the young man's wounded foot. Immediately, the foot was restored and the young man opened his eyes.

Jesus said, "Get up, and finish splitting the wood."

The crowd was amazed and said, "The Spirit of God dwells in this child."

Once, when Jesus was six years old, his mother sent him to draw water from the well. After filling the pitcher, Jesus was jostled by one of the many people waiting to draw water. His pitcher was broken and all the water spilled on the ground. Jesus stretched out his cloak and commanded the water. Every last drop that had spilled from the pitcher leaped into his cloak, and he carried it home to his mother. She was astonished; she hugged him and kissed him.