

THE JESUS GIRL

Book Club Party — One-Night Edition

*One evening. One book. Everyone you love who read it.
(18+, like the book. Spoilers assumed —
Readers Only past this point.)*



The Jesus Girl on Amazon

How This Works

A month out, **everyone gets the save-the-date** and their marching orders: get the book, finish the book. Whoever finishes gets the real invitation with the prep list below. Reading the book is the ticket in, which makes finishing it feel like joining a club, because it is one.

The night runs about two and a half hours, party-first: eat, laugh, argue about David, crown some winners, seal some prophecies, and toast. Nobody needs to prepare a speech. The host needs: a bowl with numbered slips (1-20, from the Question Menu), printed superlatives ballots, small envelopes, pens, a prize (the Snookers bowl), and flan. The flan is structural.

The Run of Show (2.5 hours)

0:00 – 0:30 Arrivals: The Mami Find

As guests arrive: food out, playlist on (merengue, 2000s throwbacks, one loud Linkin Park track for David, “Baby, I Love Your Way” for later). Everyone arrives holding their **thrift-store victory and its receipt** — Mami requires proof of the deal. Items go on the Find Table as people trickle in. Grazing, hugging, and judging each other’s deals is the icebreaker; no structure needed.

0:30 – 0:45 The Mami Awards

Each guest gets sixty seconds: the item, the price, the story of the hunt. Table votes for Best Flip. Winner gets first pick from the Snookers bowl and permanent bragging rights.

0:45 – 1:30 The Question Bowl

The main event. Guests draw numbered slips from the bowl and answer (or perform) whatever they land on — see the Question Menu on the next page. Two draws each to start; keep the bowl circulating as long as the arguing is good. House rule: anyone may steal a question they wish they’d drawn, but they have to answer it *and* the one they’re holding.

1:30 – 1:50 Flan & Would You Rather

Dessert service doubles as the loud group game — run the Armageddon Edition list (Question Menu, bottom). Best shouted over flan. Host breaks ties; host is corruptible.

1:50 – 2:10 The Trial of the Bowling Ambush

“It was a date.” Was it? Split the room: prosecution and defense, two minutes of argument each, one rebuttal apiece, then the room votes. The verdict is final and may be cited at future

family gatherings. (Alternate set-piece if your crowd prefers: Cast the Movie — unlimited budget, mandatory arguments, the David debate settles the last Snookers.)

2:10 – 2:25 The Superlatives

Ballots collected and counted (guests fill them in all night as things occur to them): Best Banter Exchange · Hottest Scene (18+ table, act like it) · Scariest Moment · MVP Side Character · The Kyle Award for Aggressive Idealness · Line Most Likely to Be Quoted at a Wedding. Small prizes or pure glory, host's choice.

2:25 – 2:40 The Prophecies (Book 2 Ritual)

Read the *Alien Boy* back-cover teaser aloud — dramatic voice mandatory — then everyone writes one prediction for Book 2, signs it, seals it in the envelope. The host guards the envelopes until the *Alien Boy* party in 2027, where they'll be opened and scored. Yes, that means this party has a sequel. So does the book.

2:40 – 2:50 The Papi Toast

Cafecito poured. One line each, quiet and absolute, going around the room: what IS in your house — the thing you're grateful lives under your roof. Host goes last. That's the Friendsgiving heart of the night, and it lands every time.

Take-home: hand each guest a printed Quiet Page (the Faith Journal section of the full kit) for later, plus a bookmark. And by the door, a small sign: *“Loved it? A 60-second Amazon or Goodreads review is the best gift you can give an indie author. Write it like a reader — because that's what you are.”*

The Question Menu (for the Bowl)

Twenty questions and dares, tuned for a mixed room of family and friends. Write the numbers on slips; keep this sheet as the key. (*Dares are marked. The bowl protects no one.*)

- 1. Jess has a five-year plan and a direct line to God. What's on your five-year plan, and what's the complication it refuses to account for?
- 2. Name the exact moment you knew Jess was the last person on Earth to know. What did everyone in YOUR life see before you did?
- 3. DARE: Deliver a one-sentence opening statement in defense of a questionable life choice. The room may cross-examine once.
- 4. Define the legal boundary between a date and a non-date. Apply it to Chapter 4. Uh oh.
- 5. Kelcy: villain, victim, or vibes? Rank her and defend it.
- 6. Kyle is aggressively ideal. Explain the difference between the person who fits the plan and the person who fits.
- 7. Your holo-avatar arrives: a surprise human-animal hybrid that learns your personality. What do you get, and why is it embarrassing?
- 8. The creek confession: what reputation have you carried that was never true, and did you correct it, or let it work for you?
- 9. DARE: Recreate the nanny's face from the mansion chapter. You know the one. Hold it for five seconds.
- 10. Mimi's firepit: too far, not far enough, or exactly Mimi? What would you put on the pyre tonight?
- 11. What movie would be YOUR kiss-research material, and which scene is doing the teaching?
- 12. The dog tags: what object would you never take off, and what would it take to hand it to someone?
- 13. DARE: Contribute one rule to the group's official Don't-Be-Stupid Rules. It gets written down. It is now canon.
- 14. Mami saw the neck on Sunday and waited until Monday. Fair parenting or psychological warfare? Argue HER side.
- 15. "It feels mine now." Pet names: first use or reclamation, which claim wins?
- 16. Papi's voice cuts through when nothing else can. Whose voice is that in your life?
- 17. Rank the reveals of Chapter 24 by how hard they hit. Did you see Ian coming? Prove it.
- 18. "I'm still mad at Him." Is being mad at God a form of faith? Discuss, gently.
- 19. Justin knew first. What do kids sense that adults rationalize away, and what did YOU rationalize on first read?
- 20. The video. Since thirteen. Say one sentence about what that reveal did to you, then pass the bowl fast before you get emotional.

Would You Rather: Armageddon Edition (group round)

- A holo-av that falls in love with you, or a robo-teacher that folds into a briefcase and grades your life choices?
 - Mimi cleanses your bedroom, or Mami reads your texts aloud at Friday dinner?
 - Camping with the Sandovals, or a weekend at the mansion with Ian narrating?
 - Know the exact date the world ends, or know exactly what came back with him?
 - Get caught mid-kiss on the balcony (“How’s the view?”), or bowl a 74 in front of everyone you love, forever, with a banner?
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The Invitation Kit

Save-the-Date (send ~1 month out)

 You’re invited to something a little different: a **Book Club Party** for THE JESUS GIRL by Mercy Marlowe — [DATE], my place. The catch, and it’s the whole point: **you have to read the book to come.** Grab it here: [\[link\]](#) (ebook, paperback, or Kindle Unlimited — pick your fighter). It’s a steamy paranormal rom-com (18+!) that’s funny until it’s suddenly not, and I promise it reads fast. Finish it and the real invitation — with the party prep list — will find you. Food, games, prizes, flan. Read fast. 💖 <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0HCMRSZ9R>

The Real Invitation (send when they finish)

 You finished — welcome to the club. Here’s everything you need for [DATE], [TIME]:

- **Bring your best thrift-store find AND the receipt.** There will be judging. There will be an award.
- Dress code: cozy — pajamas welcome, onesies exalted, one item of neon pink or glow green earns respect.
- Potluck-style: bring a dish that says something about you. I’ve got the flan and the cafecito — that part is not negotiable.
- Opinions required: come ready to defend your stance on David, Kelcy, and the bowling “date.” Verdicts will be binding.
- One warning: you will be asked to make a prediction about Book 2, in writing, sealed until the next party. Choose wisely.

No spoiler protection will be offered after this point. Readers only. See you there. 💖

Host’s note from Mercy: whether it’s a pre-Thanksgiving Friendsgiving or a twinkle-lights December night, the machine runs the same — the Papi Toast just hits harder by candlelight.

Happy hosting. (Now go make more flan.)