

FOLLOW JESUS

Spirit (John 16:7, Romans 8)
October 15th, 2023

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My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **John 10:27 NKJV**

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **John 16:7 NKJV**

Are you walking in the Spirit?

3 Interactions:

- Weekend service
- Book
- Group discussion

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Spirit

The Holy Spirit lives in your body

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. **Romans 8:9 NKJV**

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **Romans 8:10 NKJV**

The Holy Spirit prays God's will for you

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **Romans 8:26 NKJV**

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **Romans 8:27 NKJV**

The Holy Spirit leads you by speaking to you

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **Romans 8:14 NKJV**

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **Romans 8:16 NKJV**

4 Ways God Speaks

1. Bible
2. Others
3. Circumstances
4. Directly

The Holy Spirit changes how you think and live

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **Romans 8:5 NKJV**

For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **Romans 8:6 NKJV**

The Holy Spirit transforms you into Jesus' image

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. **Romans 8:28 NKJV**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **Romans 8:29 NKJV**

“Trusting Him to lead us means that we’ll often be over our heads and out of control, living with uncertainty, giving up the security of our own plans, existing in a world where our confidence in God’s goodness and love is the only sure thing.” – David Roper

This Week’s [New Testament + Reading Plan:](#)

1. *1 Thessalonians 1*
2. *1 Thessalonians 2*
3. *1 Thessalonians 3*
4. *1 Thessalonians 4*
5. *1 Thessalonians 5*
6. *Proverbs 17*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

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NURSERY

GOD KEEPS US SAFE

NOAH



In this series, we learn that God keeps us safe, because we have a relationship with Him! We follow the story of Noah and discover together that God keeps us safe because He loves us, just like he loved Noah.

Memory Verse: “God keeps us safe.” Psalm 4:8 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Keeps us Safe and Protects our Families

Parent Connect: Today we learned that God keeps us safe and protects our families. Take a family walk and ask your toddler to show you how to be safe while you walk. Discuss with them that God teaches us safety and keeps us safe.

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GOD PROTECTS US

THE STORY OF MOSES AND THE EXODUS



In this series, we will learn how God is always there and God will protect us! Following the life of Moses, from a baby floating down the Nile all the way through Moses’ miracle parting the Red Sea, God protected him!

Memory Verse: “But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” Psalm 56:3

Heart of the Lesson: Exodus 7-10

Parent Connect: Today we learned how God is all powerful! God brought plagues to Egypt for how they treated God’s people – the Israelites. Take time and talk with your kid about the different plagues and how powerful God is to make those things happen!

ELEMENTARY

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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What does it mean to follow Jesus? How do we follow Jesus? In this series we will look at how Jesus lived to see how He spent His life and how his disciples lived out what He said.

Memory Verse: “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

Heart of the Lesson: Followers of Jesus listen to the Holy Spirit (John 16:7, Romans 8:9-11)

Parent Connect: Ask everyone in your family to share a story of a time they have sensed the Holy Spirit. Then spend time in prayer together, thanking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and asking for guidance and understanding. Pray for the awareness of Christ’s presence within each family member’s life.

Everyone is following something or someone. Do you find your identity in being a follower of Jesus? Why do we follow Jesus and what does it look like? In this series, we will be aligning with the Adults series to talk about how Jesus calls and equips us to follow Him.

Memory Verse: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

Heart of the Lesson: Spirit – If Christ is in you (John 16:7, Romans 8:1-6, 9-16, 23, 26-30)

Parent Connect: The Holy Spirit guides us to follow Jesus as we Ask, Listen, and Do. Discuss as a family: Which is hardest for you? Which is easiest? Why?

Everyone is following something or someone. At Grace Church, we want everyone to follow Jesus! But what does it look like to follow Jesus? This series, we are looking at how Jesus invites us and helps us to follow Him!

Memory Verse: "My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27 (NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: Spirit - If Christ is in You (Romans 8, John 16:7)

Parents/Caregivers:

- Who lives inside us helping us to follow Jesus?
- What is one way the Holy Spirit helps us follow Jesus?
- Which one of the ways that the Spirit helps us do you need the most help with now?
- How could you encourage a friend in the Lord to follow Him this week?