

# FOLLOW JESUS

Following (John 10:25-27, Psalm 23)  
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### 3 Interactions:

- Weekend service
- Book
- Group discussion

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## Following

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. **John 10:25 NKJV**

But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. **John 10:26 NKJV**

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

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. **Psalms 23:1 NKJV**

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. **Psalms 23:2 NKJV**

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. **Psalms 23:3 NKJV**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **Psalms 23:4 NKJV**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. **Psalms 23:5 NKJV**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever. **Psalms 23:6 NKJV**

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

"Well done, good and faithful servant..." **Matthew 25:21 NKJV**

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

1. *Philippians 4*
2. *Colossians 1*
3. *Colossians 2*
4. *Colossians 3*
5. *Colossians 4*
6. *Psalms 33*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

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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 Because He Loves Us

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned about how God instructed Noah to build an ark and even though it rained for many days, Noah was safe on the ark. Play in a water sensory bin or the bathtub with your toddler, and talk about why God kept Noah safe in the water with his Ark.



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 3-4

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned how God speaks to us! God spoke to Moses with a burning bush! God called out 'Moses, Moses!' from the burning bush and Moses listened. Put the puzzle craft together with your kid. Talk about how Moses heard God speak from the burning bush.



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 have a Good Shepherd (1 Samuel 17:34-37, John 10:26-27)

**Parent Connect:** Explore the shepherd metaphor further. Talk about how a shepherd cares for and protects his sheep, even in challenging situations, as seen in 1 Samuel 17:34-37. Discuss how Jesus, in John 10:26-27, is described as the Good Shepherd. What does it mean for us to be His sheep?

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:** Following – The Lord is my Shepherd (John 10:26-27, Psalm 23)

**Parent Connect:** Create a mind map with you in the center and the branches being the things that you follow. What is most important for you to follow and 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:** Following – The Lord is my Shepherd (John 10:26-27, Psalm 23)

**Parents/Caregivers:**

- Who is the Good Shepherd?
- What is one thing the Good Shepherd does for His followers?
- What is one way you can follow Jesus this week?
- How can you tell others about Jesus?