



**Followers of Jesus – Our Grace Vision**  
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**Help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus**

**Jesus is our first love, our greatest joy, & our one message**

**“Outward-focused” means focusing on God then others**

**Matthew 22:34-40, Acts 13:1-4, Philippians 2:4, 21**

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, **Luke 14:25 NKJV**

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. **Luke 14:26 NKJV**

**Following Jesus means giving Him your heart**

And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. **Luke 14:27 NKJV**

**Following Jesus means giving Him your life**

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*— **Luke 14:28 NKJV**

lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, **Luke 14:29 NKJV**

saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' **Luke 14:30 NKJV**

### **Following Jesus means building His church**

Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? **Luke 14:31 NKJV**

Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. **Luke 14:32 NKJV**

### **Following Jesus means fighting spiritually**

So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. **Luke 14:33 NKJV**

"Salt *is* good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? **Luke 14:34 NKJV**

It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, *but* men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" **Luke 14:35 NKJV**

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. **Luke 9:24 NKJV**

### **We seek Jesus continually & do whatever He wants**

#### **This Week's [New Testament+ reading plan:](#)**

1. *John 21*
2. *1 John 1*
3. *1 John 2*
4. *1 John 3*
5. *1 John 4*
6. *Genesis 4*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

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NURSERY

## JESUS IS OUR FRIEND

JESUS' MIRACLES



Toddlers are just beginning to discover a new world of friends outside of their homes! Sharing, caring, and helping become important elements in learning how to socialize with new friends. What better friend to learn from than Jesus? In this series we will be introducing our very special friend Jesus! This might be the first time that our little toddlers hear that Jesus wants to be their friend!

**Memory Verse:** Jesus is our friend, John 15:15 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** We Can Thank Jesus For Being Our Friend

**Parent Connect:** Read the back of today's coloring sheet with your kid. Remind your kid that Jesus is our friend, and we can be His friend too!

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## MIRACLES AND MINISTRY

THE LIFE OF JESUS



This month we will be living in the wonder of the miracles of Jesus. We want our kids to be in awe of our awesome and all powerful Savior. He can change water to wine, heal the sick AND Jesus loves kids!

**Memory Verse:** You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the people. Psalm 77:14

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus is Powerful – Luke 8:40-56, Matthew 9:18-26

**Parent Connect:** Read the story of Jarius' daughter to your kid from a picture Bible. As you read, have your kid act out the story with his/her craft! Remind your kid that Jesus is Powerful!

ELEMENTARY

## VISION

OUTWARD-FOCUSED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS



Grace Church and Grace Kids exist to help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus. When we have Jesus and live by this vision our lives reflect Him and help others know Him. In this series, we will be looking backwards through this vision statement to see how we can accomplish this.

**Memory Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

**Heart of the Lesson:** Outward-Focused Followers

**Parent Connect:** What would it look like to be an outward-focused follower of Jesus? As a family choose an activity to do where you serve someone else.

# GOOD NEWS!

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word “gospel” is used over 75 times in the New Testament! “Gospel” is translated from Greek and means Good News! What is this Good News? Join us the next five weeks as we learn the Good News, and how to share it with our friends.

**Memory Verse:** For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. Romans 1:16

**Heart of the Lesson:** Our Response – Walk with Jesus and Share the good news! Colossians 3, Mark 16:15, Romans 10:14-15

**Parent Connect:** Serve as a family at one of our local outreach partners, like Freedom Fire.

## SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

## GRACE VISION

Help Everyone Become Outward-Focused Followers of Jesus!



At Grace Church, we want to help everyone become outward-focused followers of Jesus! But if we want to help everyone become outward-focused followers of Jesus, we need to understand who Jesus is, what it looks like to be an outward-focused follower, and how we can help others become followers!

**Memory Verse:** John 20:21 (NIRV) Jesus said, “May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you.”

**Heart of the Lesson:** Outward Focused Followers (Mark 12:30 & 1 John 4:19)

**Parent Connect:**

- Who are we to love first?
- What does it mean to be an outward focused follower of Jesus?
- Who in your life can you serve?
- How can you serve the people around you?