

# FOLLOW JESUS

Disciples (John 15:16, 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2:1-8 & 11-12)  
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I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. **John 17:4 NKJV**

## **Are you doing God's work of helping make disciples?**

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. **John 15:16 NKJV**

## **Disciples follow Jesus no matter the cost**

And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, **1 Thessalonians 1:6 NKJV**

## **Disciples show how to follow Jesus**

so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. **1 Thessalonians 1:7 NKJV**

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

**1 Thessalonians 1:8 NKJV**

## **Disciples show how God changes you**

For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **1 Thessalonians 1:9 NKJV**

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. **1 Thessalonians 1:10 NKJV**

## **Are you doing God's work of helping make disciples?**

### **Disciplers follow Jesus no matter the cost**

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. **1 Thessalonians 2:1 NKJV**

But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. **1 Thessalonians 2:2 NKJV**

### **Disciplers look to God for their approval**

But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. **1 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV**

For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God *is* witness. **1 Thessalonians 2:5 NKJV**

Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. **1 Thessalonians 2:6 NKJV**

## **Are you doing God's work of helping make disciples?**

### **Disciplers help "parent" people spiritually**

*//as mothers...*

But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children. **1 Thessalonians 2:7 NKJV**

So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. **1 Thessalonians 2:8 NKJV**

**//as fathers...**

as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, **1 Thessalonians 2:11 NKJV**

that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. **1 Thessalonians 2:12 NKJV**

**Are you doing God's work of helping make disciples?**

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? **1 Thessalonians 2:19 NKJV**

For you are our glory and joy. **1 Thessalonians 2:20 NKJV**

**// There is a joy that comes when you are investing spiritually in others!**

**// There is a joy that comes when you are helping other people love & follow Jesus!**

**// Where do you find your joy?**

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

1. *Hebrews 3*
2. *Hebrews 4*
3. *Hebrews 5*
4. *Hebrews 6*
5. *Hebrews 7*
6. *Numbers 14*
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 Provides for Us

**Parent Connect:** Make a fun Noah’s Ark theme snack with your toddler, and talk about how God provides food for us, and how he provided for the animals on the Ark as well and kept them safe and fed.

<http://ididityoudoit.blogspot.com/2018/06/noahs-ark-snack.html?m=1>

**GKJR**

# 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 13:17-15:27

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned how God leads us! God led Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt into safety by parting the Red Sea! Scan the QR code or click the link for a recipe to make a snack that represents Moses parting the Red Sea. While making it, talk to your kid about how God leads us like He led Moses and the Israelites.



[Recipe LINK](#)

**ELEMENTARY**

# FOLLOW JESUS

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

FOLLOW JESUS

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 look and sound like disciples (Matthew 7:15-20)

**Parent Connect:** Explore and discuss the "Fruit of the Spirit" mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23 (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). Talk about how the Holy Spirit can help each family member manifest these qualities in their daily lives. Discuss which come easy, which are hard, and then pray together that you would exemplify Christ through the Fruits of the Spirit.

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## FOLLOW JESUS

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

FOLLOW  
JESUS

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:** Disciples – The Church of Thessalonians (John 15:16, 1 Thessalonians 1-2)

**Parent Connect:** Pick 1-2 verses to memorize that will help you share the gospel. If you need ideas, choose from the following: Romans 10:9, 13; Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

## FOLLOW JESUS

Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Follow Jesus

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:** Disciples – The Church of Thessalonians (John 15:16, 1 Thessalonians 1-2)

**Parents/Caregivers:**

- What is a disciple?
- What does it mean to disciple someone else?
- How can you disciple another Follower of Jesus?
- How can others see your faith in Jesus?