

FOLLOW JESUS

**Believing (John 6:28-29, Matthew 14:22-33)
October 22nd, 2023**

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Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" **John 6:28 NKJV**

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."
John 6:29 NKJV

Are you working (in the power of the Spirit) to believe God more?

3 Interactions:

- Weekend service
- Book
- Group discussion

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Believing

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. **Matthew 14:22 NKJV**

And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. **Matthew 14:23 NKJV**

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. **Matthew 14:24 NKJV**

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. **Matthew 14:25 NKJV**

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. **Matthew 14:26 NKJV**

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." **Matthew 14:27 NKJV**

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." **Matthew 14:28 NKJV**

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. **Matthew 14:29 NKJV**

But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" **Matthew 14:30 NKJV**

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **Matthew 14:31 NKJV**

And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **Matthew 14:32 NKJV**

Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." **Matthew 14:33 NKJV**

Peter walked on water when He believed Jesus

Peter stepped out to be closer to Jesus

The Praying Bible Verses Assignment

Follow Jesus, pages 80-81

7 Verses I'm Praying

- **Psalm 119:11**
- **Philippians 4:11**
- **Ephesians 5:18**
- **James 1:2**
- **James 1:12**
- **1 John 4:18**

- **Romans 8:28**

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear... **1 John 4:18 NKJV**

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us... **1 John 4:16 NKJV**

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

1. *2 Thessalonians 1*
2. *2 Thessalonians 2*
3. *2 Thessalonians 3*
4. *Hebrews 1*
5. *Hebrews 2*
6. *Psalms 110*
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 Wherever We are

Parent Connect: Today we learned that God keeps us safe wherever we are. Build a fort with your toddler and discuss how God keeps us safe wherever we are, inside or outside our fort!

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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 11-14:14

Parent Connect: Today we learned how God saves us! Moses and the Israelites leaving Egypt but were being followed by Pharaoh’s Army! God saved them! Take this time to pray with your kid thanking God for saving us!

ELEMENTARY

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF 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 recognize (believe in, look for) Jesus (Matthew 14:22-33)

Parent Connect: Encourage family members to share personal stories of moments when they had to exercise faith and trust in their lives. Discuss how these experiences shaped their faith.

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: Believing – Peter Walking on Water (John 6:29, Matthew 14:21-33)

Parent Connect: Get 10 index cards. Pick an area you're being challenged to grow. Search the internet for Bible verses for your topic. Choose 9 verses that seem to apply the most. Let John 14:16, 18 be your tenth verse. Write out the 10 verses on the 10 index cards. Watch how God grows your faith in 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: Believing – Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:21-33)

Parents/Caregivers:

- Who came walking on the water toward the boat that the disciples were in?
- Which disciple believed Jesus enough to get out of the boat and walk on the water to Jesus?
- What difficult thing are you struggling with that you can trust Jesus to help you with?
- Do you know of someone else who is struggling with something scary that Jesus could help them with?