3's and PreK

(RE)SET

DATE(S)

March 7-8, 2009

LESSON TITLE

Week 3

OBJECTIVE

Kids will discover that Jesus, being God, is the ultimate authority in their lives.

BIBLE STORY

Luke 10:38-42
Mary and Martha

"...Martha, Martha," the Lord answered. "You are worried and upset about many things. But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better. And it will not be taken away from her." NIrV (verses 41-42)

TIPS/SCHEDULE

3's – PreK: Oakley
Saturday
5:30 – Free time
5:40 – Large group in Pod
6:00 – Small Group

Sunday
8:30; 10:00; 11:45 – Free time
8:40; 10:15; 12:00 – Large Group in Pod
9:00; 11:35; 12:20 – Small Group

3's – PreK: Mason
Mason Sunday
9:00; 10:30 – Free time
9:10; 10:40 – Large Group
9:30; 11:00 – Small Group

LEADER PREP

Jesus didn't come to give us a new set of beliefs or to establish a new religious system. Jesus came to bring us freedom and as one who can give complete freedom, He is the ultimate authority in our lives.

We tend to compartmentalize aspects of our lives, but Jesus wants authority in every part of our life. His authority extends to our job, family, money, free time, plans for the future, and so on. There is no part of our lives over which Jesus should not have authority. Where are you not submitting to Jesus? Where do you need to give Him authority. Submit now and pray that the kids you minister to come to give Jesus authority in every part of their life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know?
You can access Kids' Club lessons on the web at www.crossroads.net/kc

Did you know that a goldfish's attention span is 3 seconds..... which surprisingly, is about the length of a preschooler's.

DAILY BREAKOUT

CHECKIN / CHECKOUT

As parents pick up their child, tell them we learned that Jesus is our leader no matter what we're doing or where we are. Encourage them to play follow the leader with their child this week.

Have one of the volunteers lead the kids in follow the leader during checkout. Parents love to see their kids participating in a group activity.

LARGE GROUP HEADS UP

We're going to be discovering that Jesus is our leader by looking at the story of Mary and Martha. Mary understood that following Jesus and spending time with him was more important than anything else.

SMALL GROUP

STUFF TO ASK TO UNIQUELY CONNECT THE LESSON TO KIDS' LIVES

QUESTIONS

We want kids to understand that Jesus is our leader no matter where we are or what we are doing. We also want to help kids identify ways to follow Jesus in various scenarios.

Use the following pictures to help kids begin thinking about Jesus being their leader and ways to follow him. After showing each picture, use the questions listed to get kids thinking.

Is Jesus the leader of us when….....(showing pictures of each one)

We're playing with our toys?

If Jesus is always our leader, what are some things we can do to follow him while we're playing with our toys? (encourage things like share our toys, don't get mad when someone takes our toy, clean up when it's time to clean up, give toys away to others, etc.)

We're at the grocery store with our mom?

If Jesus is always our leader, what are some things we can do to follow him while we're at the store? (obey the person we're with, not ask for things while we're there, be kind and patient, etc.)

We're with the baby-sitter?

If Jesus is always our leader, what are some things we can do to follow him while we're with the baby-sitter? (be helpful when asked, go to bed when told, help clean up our toys and messes, etc.)

MORE SCENARIOS ON NEXT PAGE

STUFF TO DO, SO THINGS AREN'T BORING

ACTIVITIES

Divide the kids into small groups and then do the following:

Say: We're going to play a fun game together called Follow the Leader. I'm going to be the leader and you're going to follow what I do. Following is just another way to say you're going to do exactly what I'm doing. Do you remember how we talked about following Jesus as our leader? When you're following the leader, you're doing what the leader is doing. Are you ready to play?

Play: Divide into small groups and as you play, remind the kids that Jesus is our leader and we can follow him. Once kids get the hang of it, let them take turns leading their group.

Tips: preschoolers can mimic your actions through 'Follow the Leader', but keep the actions simple and obvious. Say, "I want you to do what I'm doing" then model the behavior for them. Keep doing the behavior with them until you're ready to switch to a new action.

Some ideas you might want to try include:

- Marching in place or around the room
- Putting your hand over your mouth, ears or nose
- Touching your head, shoulders, knees or toes
- Jumping up and down
- Pretending to be various animals (duck, chicken, monkey, bear, etc.)

DAILY BREAKOUT CONT'D

SMALL GROUP

QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

We're playing outside?

If Jesus is always our leader, what are some things we can do to follow him while we're playing outside? (tell him how great he is when we see something beautiful he made, help someone who is hurt, share with others, play kindly, etc.)

ACTIVITY

Play the 'Name Game'
(OPTIONAL IF TIME PERMITS)
It is best to play the 'Name Game' in smaller groups at your tables so that kids don't feel embarrassed to speak in front of a larger group. You may want to play it prior to going into Large Group as a way to prepare the kids for the rest of the hour.

Here's how to play:

Gather kids together in a group.

Explain the game to the kids and tell them there are two reasons we play it:
1. We want them to know that God knows each of us by name (we are special to God)
2. To help us learn each others' names

A volunteer leads the game and begins by pointing to a child. The child says his/her name.
Then the entire group says "Jesus loves _____!"
Then, the volunteer points to the next child.

Continue around the circle or table until every kid has a chance to say his or her name and hear that Jesus loves him! When the kids are finished, make sure you include the volunteers.

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT

SPECIAL NOTES

PRESENTER TIPS

When you are telling the story of Mary and Martha use one side of the stage when you are Mary and the other side when you are Martha. This helps the kids distinguish that you are two different people.

When you are Martha you can have a more frenetic/crazed demeanor. Act more calmly when you are Mary. Return to center stage when you are neither.

SCRIPT

Presenter: Hi kids! Welcome to Kids' Club! I'm _____ (insert your name) and I'm super glad you're here today. We're going to do some fun things together, but before we get into all the fun-ness, we need to make sure everyone knows our Kids' Club code word. Can anyone tell me what this letter is.....? (Go through each letter of NORP with the kids, spending no more than 15 seconds on each letter)

No talking out of turn
Obey your leaders
Respect others and their things
Put things back where you found them

Now that you know our code word, we can get onto some serious fun. Who can jump really high? Let me see how high you can jump! Let's jump into the light together!!

Sing: Jump into the Light

Presenter: Have you ever played follow the leader? Well, a leader is someone that is in charge. Following a leader is the same as obeying them and doing what they say. Can you think of some leaders you might have in your life? (pause for responses) We have all kinds of leaders around us. At your house you might have Dad and Mom, Grandma or Grandpa, a Step Dad or Step Mom—maybe even an Aunt or Uncle. At school and Kids' Club you have teachers in your room. Those leaders are there to help you know what to do and where to go.

Did you know that there is one leader who is more important than any other leader? There is someone who is the most important leader and we should follow what he says no matter what. This leader loves us more than anyone else and it's very important to follow this leader. Does anyone know who I'm talking about? (pause for responses) Yes! It's Jesus!

SCRIPT CONT'D

We should follow Jesus and do the things that Jesus would do. Jesus is our leader!

Let me tell you a true story from the Bible (hold up Bible for kids to see) about someone who knew that Jesus was the most important person to follow. Jesus had some special friends named Mary and Martha and he went to spend some time at their house one day. What do you think it would be like to have Jesus as a guest in your house? (pause for responses) What kinds of things would you do with Jesus if He were at your house? (pause for responses) Those sound like good ideas. Let me tell you what Mary and Martha did while Jesus was at their house…

Mary had lots of questions for Jesus and she wanted to spend time getting to know Jesus more. (Sit down in a listening posture beside the chair on stage. Make sure you don't turn your back to the audience, though.) So she sat next to him as he taught and she listened carefully to what he had to say. Mary knew that she should follow Jesus and obey him because Jesus is the most important leader to follow. Jesus came to show us what God is like and we should follow him no matter what.

(Take duster and begin to "clean" the teaching area while teaching) Well, Martha, Mary's sister, was really busy in the other room trying to make sure the house was clean and that everything looked good for their special guest, Jesus. Martha was so worried that everything looked good that she forgot about the most important thing—spending time with Jesus and following Jesus. Martha thought Mary should be helping her get everything ready so she asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her clean the house and make the food. But Jesus reminded Martha that Mary had made the right choice. Jesus told Martha that Mary was doing the right thing by following him.

So which person made the right choice, Mary or Martha? (pause for responses) That's right—Mary! Mary figured out that Jesus was the best leader we could have and she knew that it's best to follow Jesus and obey what he says. I want to follow Jesus every day and do what he says.

Let's imagine we're at home and on the kitchen counter is a big plate of cookies (show picture of chocolate chip cookies on screen). YUMMY!! Your mom baked them for dessert, but she says you can't have one until after dinner, which is still 2 hours away. You are really hungry and a cookie would taste really good. If Jesus is our leader, what should we do when we think about taking a cookie before mom says we can have one? (pause for responses) Yes—we will obey what mom says and not take a cookie until after dinner.

Pray: lead kids in the following prayer, breaking it up into repeatable phrases:

Hey God! I know it's important to always follow you and do what you say. Help me to obey you no matter what. Thanks for always loving me! In Jesus' name, AAAAAAAAAAAAAAMEN!

Sing: Be Strong and Courageous

Presenter: Jesus is our leader and we want to follow him. Let's follow Jesus and do what he says! Have a great day and we'll see you next week!

Dismiss kids to small groups

SCRIPT CONT'D

NAME

PREP NEEDS

SMALL GROUP SUPPLIES

Picture flashcards of the following (2 sets per room): child playing with toys, grocery store, baby-sitter, playing outside.
NOTE: The questions that correspond with each picture should be printed on the back of the appropriate card.

LARGE GROUP SUPPLIES

Feather duster
Chair
Bible

A/V NEEDS

NORP slides
Picture of a plate of chocolate chip cookies

Songs: Jump into the Light, Be Strong and Courageous

SPECIAL ROOM SET-UP

CONNECT QUESTIONS

What is one way you can follow Jesus?
When is it hard for you to obey what Jesus says?

PARENT PAGE

We discovered that Jesus is our leader, no matter where we are or what we're doing. One way to help your kids engage more in following (or obeying) is playing "Follow the Leader". You can be the leader and then let your kids take a turn leading. Try these options: Marching in place or around the room, Putting your hand over your mouth, ears or nose, Touching your head, shoulders, knees or toes, Pretending to be various animals, etc. You can also check out the story of Mary and Martha in a children's bible. Mary knew what was important--following Jesus.