



I Can Believe What Jesus Says!

From Good News
Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - FAITH IN GOD'S WORD

Great leaders know that they can believe what the Bible says.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that because Jesus came back to life, as He promised He would, we can believe that what the Bible says is true. Because the Bible is true, we should follow what it says.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, and empty tomb - John 19, Matthew 28:1-10

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Can Believe What Jesus Says*.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS LESSON

- Have your children read the Leadership Story, found in John 19 and Matthew 28:1-10
- Have your children complete the Leadership Questions.
- Watch the Leadership Video as a family.
- Do the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: HIDE AND TELL

Hide candy around the house in several spots. Gather your family and tell them that you have hidden the candy. Tell them where the first hiding place is. Then tell them to go get the candy and come back and you will tell them the next place.

After the first two hiding places, start to tell them places to look where there is no candy. Do this about every other time. Eventually, they will become less enthusiastic about running to look for the candy as they realize you are not always telling the truth. After they have found all the candy, ask your family if they could believe what you said. When they answer "no," or "sometimes," ask your family if they would have been able to believe you if you had always done what you said you would do.

Remind your family that Jesus always did everything that He said He would do, including coming back from the dead. Jesus said that He would die, that He would come back to life, and that He would meet His disciples afterward. Because Jesus did everything He said, we can trust that what He said is true. Jesus said that we can be forgiven of all our sins and go to Heaven to be with Him when we die. He has also promised to be with us through good times and bad. Spend some time as a family praying, telling God that you believe what Jesus said, and thanking God for everything that Jesus has done for us.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NLT)



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Main Point: I Can Believe What Jesus Says!

Read the Leadership Story about the crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, and empty tomb in John 19 and Matthew 28:1-10. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. Why did Jesus, an innocent man and the Son of God, have to die on the cross?
2. True or false? Many people have never sinned.
3. We all have sinned. What is the punishment for our sins? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. Eternal separation from God when we die.
 - B. There is no punishment, our sins are not that bad.
 - C. We must also die on a cross.
4. What is the Good News? Circle the correct answer.
 - A. There is no more war.
 - B. We don't have school today.
 - C. God loves us so much He doesn't want us to take our own punishment. Instead, He wants us to live with Him in Heaven forever.
5. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the Word Bank.
Word Bank: Train, cross, fell, died.
Jesus died on the _____ and was punished for the wrong things we have done. He _____ for you and me.



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6. After He died, where was Jesus' body placed?

7. What happened on Sunday morning when the two women arrived at the tomb of Jesus? Circle all the answers that apply.
 - A. A huge earthquake.
 - B. An angel was there and rolled the stone from the entrance.
 - C. The guards fainted.
 - D. The angel spoke and told them that Jesus wasn't there, He had risen from the dead.
 - E. A lion stood at the entrance.

8. What did we learn about Jesus in this Bible Lesson? Circle all the answers that apply.
 - A. He is God's Son.
 - B. He killed a giant with a sling shot.
 - C. He was swallowed by a big fish.
 - D. He lived a perfect life without sin.
 - E. He died on a cross to take the punishment for you and me.
 - F. He rose again and is alive.
 - G. We can be forgiven through His sacrifice.

9. True or false? Jesus said that He would die before it happened.

10. Can we trust what Jesus says and that what the Bible tells us is true?



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11. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the Word Bank.

Word Bank: Bible, true, Heaven, Jesus, sins.

We follow _____ because we know that what He tells us in the _____ is _____, and when we accept His forgiveness for our _____ we will get to live with Him in _____ forever.

If you have never asked Jesus to forgive your sins, and be the leader of your life, you can do so now by saying the prayer below:

Dear Jesus, I admit that I have done wrong things. I believe that you died on the cross to take the punishment for my sins. I choose to follow you with my life and make you the leader of my life.

Amen.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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Answer Key

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1. To take the punishment for our sins
2. False
3. A
4. C
5. Cross, died
6. A tomb
7. A, B, C, D
8. A, D, E, F, G
9. True
10. Yes
11. Jesus, Bible, true, sins, Heaven