

# Growing Together

## Bible Story

Follow God.  
(Acts 8:26-40)

**The First Christians 7:**  
It's good to follow where God leads us.

## Bible Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take”  
(Proverbs 3:5-6).

## In Touch

Today your child learned that there are great rewards in following where God leads. The children learned that the greatest treasure they can discover is that God loved them so much that he sent Jesus to die for their sins and make a way for them to live forever with God in heaven. They also learned that some people serve as good examples of how to follow God.

## Painted-Path Place Mats

Make these colorful place mats. Gather a flat box, a marble, sheets of construction paper, and paint. Put a sheet of paper in the flat box. Then dip a marble in the paint. Pick up the marble, and put it inside the box. Move the box so the marble rolls around on the paper. Talk about the interesting paths of the marble and how God leads us into exciting things. Take the paper out of the box, and let it dry as you make other painted-path place mats. You can use them as soon as they dry. If you'd like to make them last longer, see if your local library has a laminating service or use clear self-adhesive plastic shelf paper.

## Highways

As you tuck your child into bed tonight, have fun together turning the wrinkles made by the covers into a road. Follow the road with your fingers and talk about how God has a plan of exciting things and a path for each person to follow. What kinds of things does your child think he or she will encounter on God's path? Thank God for making a plan for you and your child.

## The Straight Path

Have fun with this trick in your back yard or a nearby park. Read Psalm 27:11. Hold a baseball bat straight up and down. Put your forehead on the bat and run around the bat 10 times. Then try to walk in a straight line—it's almost impossible. Talk about the things that make it hard for us to stay on God's straight path.

## Dump Cake



Butter a 9x13-inch baking pan. Dump in a 20-ounce can of crushed pineapple, including the juice, and spread evenly. Then spoon a 16-ounce can of cherry-pie filling evenly over the pineapple. Sprinkle the dry ingredients of a yellow cake mix over the fruit. Slice  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of butter or margarine thinly, and place the pieces on top of the cake mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. While the cake is baking, talk about how important it is to follow instructions exactly. What kinds of instructions does God give to us? Do God's rules always make sense? Are they always easy to follow?