

True Discipleship



Key Theme

- Jesus wants His followers to love Him.



Key Passages

- Matthew 6:24, 6:27, 22:36–38

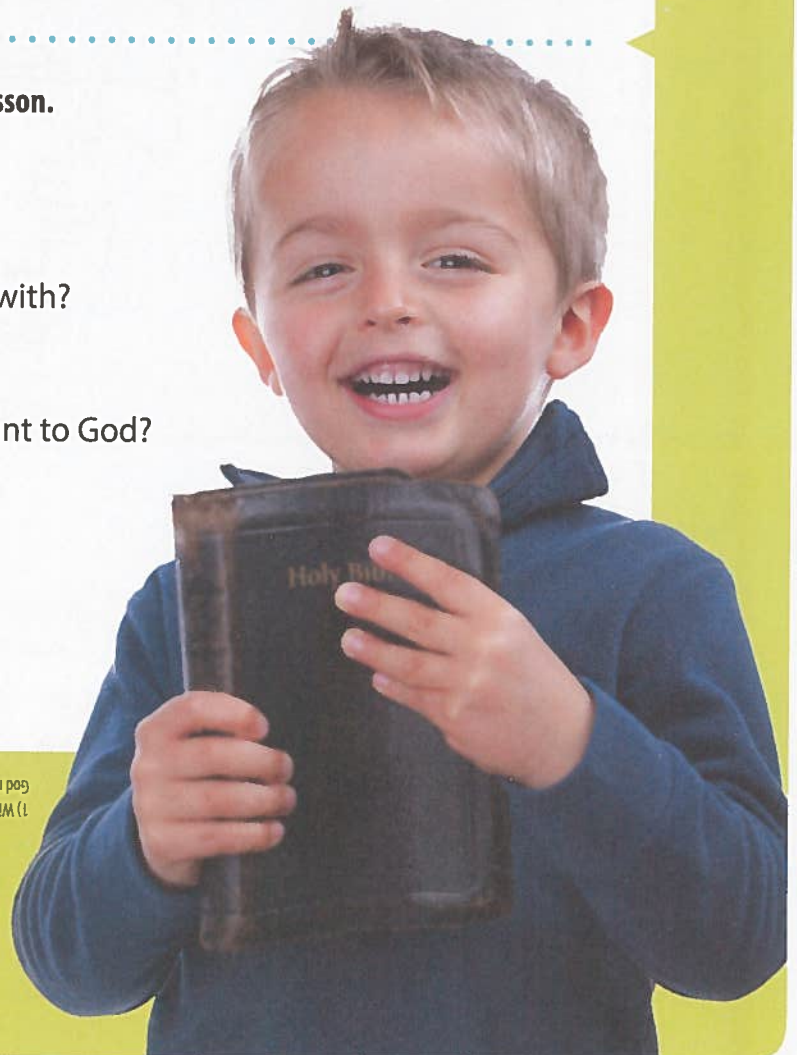


What You **HEARD** in the Word

- Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 How much should we love God?
- 2 Can we like the things God blesses us with?
- 3 What are some things that are important to God?



1) With all our heart, soul, and mind. 2) Yes! But we should love God more. 3) Reading His Word, loving others, obeying, etc.



Read the Word with Mom & Dad

Monday (Matthew 16:24)

What should we do to follow Jesus?

Tuesday (Matthew 16:27)

What does Jesus promise for His followers?

Wednesday (Matthew 22:36)

A Pharisee asked Jesus a question. What was it?

Thursday (Matthew 22:37)

What is the greatest commandment?

Friday (Matthew 22:39)

What is the second great commandment?

Saturday (John 14:6)

Jesus is the **ONLY** way to God. Can you sing this verse?

Learn the Word!

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14:6

Loving God!

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. The things that are important to God should become more important to us as we follow Him each day. Put a circle around the things that are important parts of loving God. Then color the pictures.



Reading your Bible

LIVE the Word with Maria and Her Dad

Dad, I love my new bicycle! Can I ride it all day tomorrow?



I'm glad you like the bike. But you need to be careful of your heart!

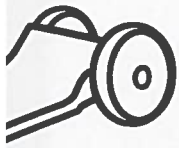


I'll wear the helmet for my head. But my heart?





Praying to God



Obeying Mom and Dad

Yes. Be careful your heart is not putting your new bike before Jesus! Jesus should always be your first love!



God wants us to sing praises to Him. You can do that by singing this song with your family!

THE GREAT I AM

(To the tune of "Oh, Be Careful, Little Eyes")

Oh, Jesus is our God,
(Oh, be careful, little eyes,)

The Great I Am.
(What you see!)
Clap, clap or stomp, stomp.

Oh, Jesus is our God,
(Oh, be careful, little eyes,)

The Great I Am.
(What you see!)
Clap, clap or stomp, stomp.

He's the way, the truth, the life.
(There's a Father up above)

He's the door and bread of life.
(Who is looking down in love.)

Oh, Jesus is our God,
(Oh, be careful, little eyes,)

The Great I Am.
(What you see!)
Clap, clap or stomp, stomp.

Oh, Jesus is our God,
The Great I Am.
Clap, clap or stomp, stomp.

Oh, Jesus is our God,
The Great I Am.
Clap, clap or stomp, stomp.

The good shepherd and the light,
Resurrection and the life,
Oh, Jesus is our God,
The Great I Am.
Clap, clap or stomp, stomp.



Some people were astonished by Jesus, and some were angry with Him! Come next week to find out why!

HomeWord

For Parents

What did Jesus expect of those who would be His true disciples? That was a very important question in Jesus's time, and it remains important today. Many proclaiming Christians have not considered what Jesus has told us in His Word.

The first and the greatest commandment, according to Jesus, is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37–38). But Jesus went on to tell us more explicitly what He wanted from His disciples.

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:24–26).

Jesus asks much of His followers. He wants us to deny ourselves, to lose our lives, and to forsake the things of the world. This is a call for submission and obedience to His Word (John 14:23). This is a call to put Jesus above the people in our lives that are dearest to us—father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters—and to love the Lord Jesus Christ so much that we would be willing to give up our very lives for Him (Luke 14:26).

In all of this, Jesus Christ is calling His disciples to take up their crosses daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23). That cross includes anything that would lead us to consider ourselves over our Savior. Jesus requires that we put aside our own selfish desires and ambitions in all things and that we mimic Christ in His obedience to God (Philippians 2:4–8). Jesus's followers—His disciples—must be willing to forsake the world and all it offers for His sake (1 John 2:15–17).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord

For Family Discussion

Suppose your friend says becoming a follower of Christ just sounds too hard! It wouldn't be any fun to give everything up.

What could you say?

You are right. Being a follower of Jesus is not easy! The Bible tells us we have to deny ourselves. We have to be willing to give up the things we love in this world—and make sacrifices for Jesus. People who don't believe in Jesus just can't do this. But, it isn't that hard for believers who have admitted they are sinners, asked for forgiveness, turned away from their sins, and turned to Jesus Christ and His Word. You see, once you believe and accept Jesus's free gift of salvation, your heart will change. As you learn more about Jesus, you will realize that you WANT to do what pleases Him. You WANT to obey His call on your life. And you WANT to give up the things in your life that you know don't please Him. And I believe that the reward Jesus promises—eternal life with Him—promises more joy than anything this world has to offer.

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For Family Study

“The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver” (Psalm 119:72). Equip your children to desire God's Word above all else by encouraging your family to memorize and study it. The eternal rewards are priceless.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.

