

Owen did not like to follow directions! Whenever his mom told him to eat his vegetables, he shook his head, "No!" Whenever his mom said he should put on a jacket, he stomped his feet, "No!" Then, one day, they were at the grocery store. His mom said, "This way, Owen, follow me!" But Owen wanted to go his own way. He crossed his arms, "No!" and



went down a different aisle! Then, he couldn't find his mom again and got really scared. Finally, she found him! Owen felt so relieved! "I'm sorry I didn't follow you," he said. "It's okay, Owen, but it's important that we learn how to follow



because it keeps us all safe! Even me! I follow Jesus because He knows best. When you follow me because I'm your mom, I can help you follow Jesus, too!" Owen frowned. "Does this mean I can't go my own way?" His mom just smiled. "That's right, but Jesus' way is even better! Isn't that exciting?" Owen nodded. It was exciting that Jesus knew the best way! Owen decided that from then on, he would do his best to follow his mom and not say "no" so much. That way, he could also learn from her how to follow Jesus!



Read and answer the questions:

1. What did Owen not like to do?
2. Where did he go when his mom said, "Follow me!"?
3. Why does Owen's mom follow Jesus?
4. Is Jesus' way better than our way?



**I WILL
FOLLOW JESUS!**

TAKE-HOME PAPER EARLY CHILDHOOD



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Part 1



The Rich,
Young Ruler
John 14:15-21, 27



Dear Parents, This week we are starting a new series. Your child will be learning how to follow Jesus and help others follow Jesus, too! It starts with our own relationship with Him. Today, we learned **I WILL FOLLOW JESUS!** You can help your child continue to grow by using the activities in this Take-Home Paper at your own pace. It's fun, easy, and you will grow together! When your child completes it, sign the front, and have them return it to class the following week for a prize.

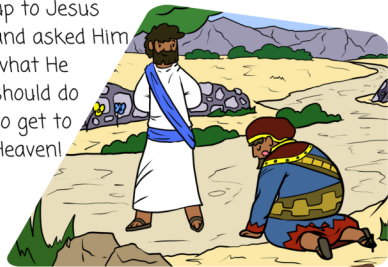
MEMORY VERSE
"THEN JESUS SAID...
'TAKE UP YOUR
CROSS, AND
FOLLOW ME.'"

Matthew
16:24

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

1 READ THE RICH YOUNG RULER

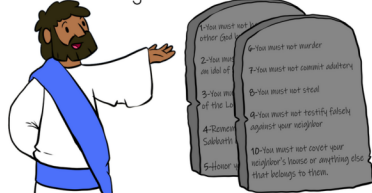
When Jesus was on Earth, people wanted to follow and listen to Him. One man ran up to Jesus and asked Him what He should do to get to Heaven!



"... 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus asked. 'Only God is truly good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments..."



Jesus told the man that he had to follow the 10 commandments from when God gave them to Moses! These are important rules. But then Jesus tells the man something even more important.



"Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."



At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."



Woah! Jesus told the man that he had to give up EVERYTHING to follow Him!

That would be really hard to do.



Jesus wants us to follow Him and focus on Him, not just the things we have.

6 READ THE POEM AND TRACE THE GLUE BOTTLE

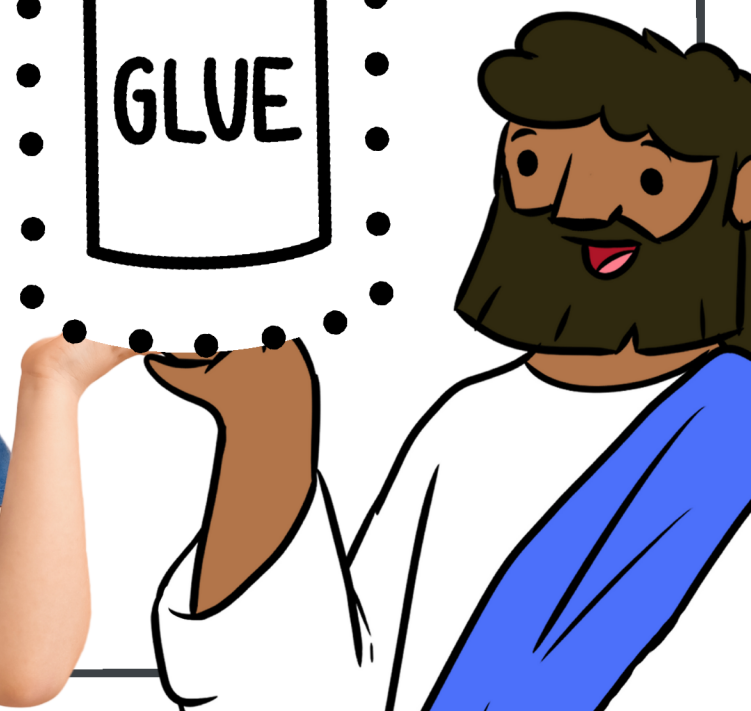
"Sometimes, we might get lost and scared.

Oh, no! What do we do?

We find Jesus and follow Him!

We stick to Him like glue.

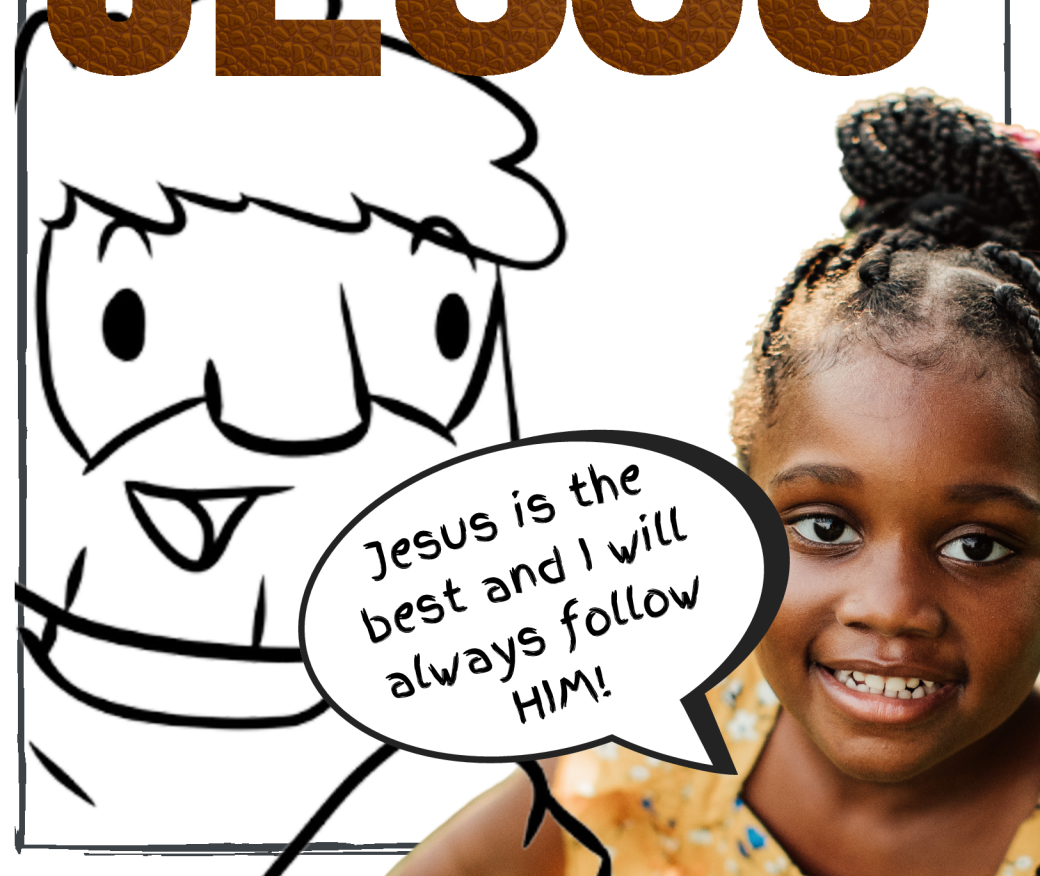
Directions: Start at the star and trace the glue bottle! Talk about how we stick to Jesus when we follow him.





DEAR PARENTS, TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW JESUS MEANS TEACHING THEM TO ACT LIKE JESUS! WE "FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS". HELP THEM MATCH THE PAIRS OF SANDALS AND TALK ABOUT HOW THEY HAVE FOLLOWED YOUR EXAMPLE, AND HOW THEY CAN PRACTICE FOLLOWING JESUS!

I WILL
FOLLOW
JESUS



WE FOLLOW JESUS' EXAMPLE!

