

KIDTOWN GUIDE

K-5th Grades

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SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1

LESSON: Living Like Jesus



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we talked about following Jesus even when things are tough, this week, we are going to talk about what it means to follow Jesus: it means to live like He lived!

Love Like Jesus - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Step 1: Brainstorm - Write down all the examples you can think of Jesus loving or serving people.

Step 2: Brainstorm Pt. 2 - Is there anyone in our lives that we could love or serve the way that Jesus loved and served people in his life?

Step 4: Make a plan - Take one of the ideas you came up with and make a plan to love and serve that person this week.

Say: There are tons of things Jesus did that we could never do. But today we're going to learn about Peter's instructions to mimic Jesus' ways He wants us to live like Him.



LESSON - LIVING LIKE JESUS

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Living Like Jesus](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Peter taught that Jesus is better than anything else. (Kids repeat!)

What is your most valuable possession? What do you treasure?

For Peter, nothing was more valuable in his life than Jesus. Even though he was in prison with NOTHING, he wrote that in Jesus, we have EVERYTHING we need! Jesus is our greatest treasure because He loves us with a never-stopping, never-ending, never-giving up kind of love. Anything else we treasure more than Jesus will always end up failing us. Toys break. Friends get mad at each other. But Jesus' love never fails. He alone is worthy of our worship and our deepest love!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Peter taught that Jesus lived the perfect life none of us can live. (Kids repeat!)

One of the reasons Jesus is our greatest treasure, is because He did something none of us can do. Have you ever tried to stop sinning? It's impossible. No matter how hard we try, we always end up getting selfish, or being mean to someone. We just can't stop. But not Jesus. He never thought, said or did anything sinful at all! He kept every law that God laid out for His people. He always loved everyone perfectly. He always loved and worshiped God only! He really is incredible.

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Peter taught how to live like Jesus. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus showed us how to live through His own life. And Peter said that we should seek these qualities: goodness, knowledge, self-control, patience, brotherly affection, and love. The way Jesus lived is perfect, and the more we live like this, the more beautiful and healthy our lives are. When we live like Jesus, God gets the glory He deserves.

Peter said this is the goal for all Christians: to live like Jesus. To love like Jesus. To talk like Jesus. But there's a problem right?? We just finished saying that we can't stop sinning. Which leads us to our Christ Connection:

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus lived the perfect life we can't live, AND He helps us live like Him. (kids repeat)

All of us have lived sinful, imperfect lives. But Jesus lived a perfect life.

And God offers us an incredible invitation. If we put our hope in Jesus then God offers for us to essentially switch places with Jesus - God views us as living the sinless life that Jesus lived and God viewed Jesus as living the sinful life that we have lived. This is how Jesus pays for our sins with His.

When we trust Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes our hearts so that we can live more like Him. He gives us the Holy Spirit that comforts us, keeps showing us our sin, and guides us to live more and more like Jesus.



RESPONSE

Sing: [Life and Godliness](#) (Key Passage Song)
[James 1:5](#)

Pray: Jesus, thank you for living the perfect life we couldn't. Teach how to live like you. Amen

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What did Peter say God has given us? *Everything required for life and godliness, (2 Peter 1:3)*
- What are specific ways Peter tells us to try to live like Jesus? *Goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly affection. And that the Holy Spirit is at work in a person's life (2 Peter 1:5-7)*
- What are one or two of those that you need to grow in? *Guide kids to think about practical steps they can take to help them grow.*
- How do we grow; through our effort or God's Spirit working in us? *Trick question. We need both! God's Spirit has to empower and work in us and we have to press into God's Spirit at work in us. Discuss how the Holy Spirit's power to change us, and our responsibility to live for God work together.*
- Parent share: Tell your kids about a part of your life where you have had to put in effort, and you needed God's Spirit to help you grow? *Help kids see that we cannot change ourselves, but that with the Holy Spirit's power, we will be able to work towards loving and obeying God.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of people living like Jesus.

Parent Share - How do you live like Jesus?

Copy Dance - This is a fun and silly game to get some energy out! Choose some fun music to listen to and pick one person to be "it". That person starts dancing and

everyone else copies their dance moves. Change who is "it" with each song.
