

KIDTOWN GUIDE

3K - 4K

DATE: 7/5/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8; 16; Luke 9; 14

LESSON: *The Cost of Following Jesus*



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Today we are going to hear Jesus talk about the harder parts of following Him. He is always with us, but it isn't always easy!

Teaching Cost - Provide play money and allow children to "shop" for toys and other classroom items. Assign a basic cost to each item as a child brings it to you, such as "That book will cost you five bills" or "Those markers will cost you ten coins." Do not worry about actual values; just help the children count each piece of money as they give it to you. As children bring you another item, say "That will cost everything you have! Is that worth it to you?" Talk about something they think would be worth all of their money.

Parents say: A cost is how much you have to give up, like money, to get something you want or need. Was it hard when you had to give up all of your money to get something you wanted? That's a harder choice to make! Today we will hear about something Jesus said would cost everything but would be worth it. He wanted people to think about the cost and choose carefully. Listen to the Bible story to find out what Jesus taught.



LESSON - THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

Watch the Bible story video: [The Cost Of Following Jesus](#)

Story Point! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught that following Him is not easy. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus promises to never leave us, even when life is hard. Sometimes when we follow Jesus, we have to make hard decisions that may not be easy. Jesus taught us that we should be willing to give up everything we have to follow Him. He is so much better than anything we have. He is worth it!

Christ Connection! (Kids Repeat!)

Jesus gave up his own life to rescue us! (Kids Repeat!)

Jesus knew He would have to die for us - but He came to the earth to rescue us anyways. He loved us that *that* much! Jesus gave up His own life to rescue people from sin and give us life with God forever.

RESPONSE



Sing: [I Have Spoken](#) (Current Key Passage Song)
[Jesus Strong and Kind](#)

Discuss:

- Did Jesus teach that following Him is easy? *No, Jesus taught that following Him is not always easy, but it is worth it!*
- What did Jesus promise to those who give up everything to follow Him? *Life with God forever!*

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. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
- *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com.*

Pray - God help us to remember that when life gets hard, that you are always with us. Following You is worth it! Help us to remember that when life gets hard!

BONUS ACTIVITIES



Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Mirror Mirror

Form pairs and face each other. Allow one person to be the “leader” and the other the “mirror”. Explain that the mirror must copy the movements of the leader as if the leader is looking in a mirror. Play for a given amount of time then switch roles and play again.

Parents say: Was it easy or hard to copy the leader's motions when you were the mirror? People who follow Jesus look and act more and more like Jesus the longer they follow Him, but Jesus taught that following Him is not easy. Trusting Jesus means giving Him complete control of our lives. Jesus gave up His own life to rescue people from sin and give us life with God. Following Jesus is not easy, but He is worth it.