



WEEK ONE

JESUS IS THE WAY

Follow Jesus

KEY VERSE:

"Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed Him."
—*Luke 5:11(NrV)*

**KINGDOM QUEST MAY BE OVER,
BUT THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES.**

A NOTE FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

I hope your family had an incredible time at Kingdom Quest VBS!

This week begins our first set of follow-up devotions. The goal isn't to add another thing to your busy schedule. The goal is simply to help continue the conversations that began during VBS.

One of the things we're passionate about at First Orlando is helping families remember that discipleship isn't something that only happens at church. It happens around dinner tables, in car lines, at bedtime, and during everyday conversations.

This week's theme is simple:

Jesus Is the Way.

During VBS, your child learned about Peter leaving everything behind to follow Jesus. Peter wasn't perfect. He didn't have all the answers. But he was willing to take a step and follow.

That's true for us too.

Following Jesus isn't about having everything figured out. It's about trusting Him enough to take the next step.

As you go through these devotions together, don't worry about having all the answers. Ask questions. Listen. Share your own experiences. Some of the best spiritual conversations happen when kids hear how God is working in the lives of their parents.

One phrase you'll hear us say often is this:

Kids don't need perfect parents. They need present parents.

Thank you for being present.

Thank you for investing in your child's faith.

And thank you for allowing us to partner with you as you raise the next generation to follow Jesus and lead others to do the same.

Praying for your family,



Pastor Heath Bryant
Family Pastor
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FAMILY CHALLENGE

This Week's Challenge:

At dinner this week, ask each family member: "What is one way I can follow Jesus this week?"

Adventure Tip:

Don't worry about having all the answers.

Ask questions.

Listen.

Talk together.

Sometimes the best spiritual conversations happen during everyday moments.

DAY ONE

JESUS CALLS PETER

Story Passage:

Luke 5:1-11

Key Verse:

“Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed Him.”
—*Luke 5:11(NIV)*

Peter had spent all night fishing.

Nothing.

Not a single fish.

Then Jesus told Peter to try again.

Peter could have argued.

He could have said, “Jesus, I’m the fisherman. I know what I’m doing.”

Instead, Peter obeyed.

And Jesus did something amazing.

Peter caught more fish than he could imagine.

But Jesus wasn’t just teaching Peter how to fish.

Jesus was inviting Peter into something bigger.

He was inviting Peter to follow Him.

Following Jesus begins with trust.

We may not always understand where Jesus is leading, but we can trust that His way is always best.

Think About it

- Why do you think Peter listened to Jesus?
- Has there ever been a time when you needed to trust someone?
- What is one way you can follow Jesus this week?

Try It

Ask Jesus to help you obey Him even when you don’t fully understand.

Talk to God

Jesus, thank You for inviting me to follow You. Help me trust You and obey You this week. Amen.

DAY TWO

FOLLOWING EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD

Story Passage:

Matthew 4:18-22

Key Verse:

"Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people."
—Matthew 4:19(NIV)

When Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John, He didn't give them every detail about what would happen next.

He simply said:

"Follow Me."

And they did.

Imagine leaving your boat, your job, and everything familiar behind.

That couldn't have been easy.

Sometimes following Jesus isn't easy for us either.

Maybe it means telling the truth when a lie would be easier.

Maybe it means being kind when others are being mean.

Maybe it means standing up for someone who is being left out.

Following Jesus isn't always the easiest choice.

But it's always the best choice.

Every time we choose His way, we grow stronger in our faith..

Think About it

- Why do you think the disciples followed Jesus so quickly?
- What can make following Jesus difficult sometimes?
- What is one hard thing you can trust God with this week?

Try It

Choose one way to follow Jesus this week, even if it's difficult.

Talk to God

Jesus, help me follow You even when it's hard. Give me courage to choose Your way. Amen.

DAY THREE

LISTENING TO JESUS

Story Passage:

John 10:1-18

Key Verse:

“My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.”
—*John 10:27(NIV)*

When Jesus said these words, the people listening knew exactly what He meant.

Many of them had seen shepherds caring for sheep.

A shepherd spent so much time with his sheep that they learned to trust him.

Even if several flocks were gathered together, the sheep knew their shepherd’s voice.

When he called, they followed.

The sheep didn’t follow strangers because they knew who their shepherd was.

The same is true with us.

The more time we spend with Jesus, the easier it becomes to recognize His voice.

Think about your mom or dad.

If you were standing in a crowded room with hundreds of people talking, you would probably recognize their voice immediately.

Why? Because you know them. You’ve spent time with them.

The same thing happens in our relationship with God.

We get to know Him by reading His Word, praying, and spending time with Him.

The more we know Him, the easier it becomes to recognize His voice and follow His direction.

Think About it

- How do sheep learn to recognize their shepherd?
- How do we get to know God better?
- What is one way you can spend time with God this week?

Try It

Spend five extra minutes reading your Bible or praying today.

Talk to God

Jesus, help me know You better. Help me recognize Your voice and follow You. Amen.

DAY FOUR

CHOOSING GOD'S WAY

Story Passage:

Proverbs 3:1-12

Key Verse:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."
—Proverbs 3:5-6(NirV)

Have you ever been sure you knew the right answer and then discovered you were wrong?

It happens to all of us.

Sometimes we think we know what's best.

But God sees things we cannot see.

He sees tomorrow.

He sees next week.

He sees next year.

God knows exactly where each path leads.

That's why the Bible tells us to trust Him instead of depending only on our own understanding.

Trusting God means believing that His way is better than our way.

Even when we don't understand everything.

Peter had to learn that lesson.

Again and again, Jesus showed Peter that God's plan was bigger and better than anything Peter could imagine.

The same is true for us.

Think About it

- Why can we trust God?
- What does it mean to trust God with all your heart?
- Is there an area of your life where you need God's help right now?

Try It

When you face a decision this week, stop and pray before making your choice.

Talk to God

God, help me trust You even when I don't understand everything. Thank You for always leading me in the right direction. Amen.

DAY FIVE

WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

Story Passage:

Psalm 119:97-105

Key Verse:

“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.”
—*Psalm 119:105(NIRV)*

Everyone is following someone.

Friends influence us.

Teachers influence us.

Athletes influence us.

People online influence us.

My grandmother used to say, “You are the company you keep.”

That means the people we spend time with affect the way we think, act, and live.

That’s why it’s important to choose friends and leaders who help us move closer to Jesus.

But there’s another important truth. One day, other people may follow your example too.

Your younger brother.

Your younger sister.

A friend. A classmate.

That’s why it’s important to become a leader worth following.

The best leaders are people who follow Jesus first.

When we follow Jesus, we can help others follow Him too.

Think About it

- Who are some people that influence you?
- How do your friends affect your choices?
- What does it mean to be a leader worth following?

Try It

Thank someone this week who helps you follow Jesus.

Talk to God

Jesus, help me choose good influences and become someone who points others to You. Amen.

CONTINUE THE ADVENTURE

Adventure Progress

- WEEK ONE:** Follow Jesus
- WEEK TWO:** Trust Jesus
- WEEK THREE:** Believe in Jesus
- WEEK FOUR:** Live for Jesus

NEXT WEEK

JESUS IS WITH ME

Trust Jesus

Because Jesus is with us, we can trust Him no matter what we face.



Helping Kids Follow Jesus and Lead Others to Do the Same