

Jesus came near and said to them,
“All authority has been given to me in heaven
and on earth. **GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,**
teaching them to observe everything I have commanded
you. And remember, I am with you always, to the
end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



LET'S GO!

Lets Go! is a two year expression of our vision to be for the gospel and for the city, to expand our reach to Tallahassee and beyond.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



CHAPMAN EVANS

KiDS Volunteer

“Serving in KiDS has helped because of the questions the kids ask.”



LEARN MORE ABOUT CHAPMAN!

1. How long have you lived in Tallahassee? How long have you been attending City Church?

I've been in Tallahassee for just over four years now. I first moved up when I started at FSU in 2018. I started attending City Church at the start of my freshman year, which was three years ago, and got plugged in almost immediately. I now serve on the KiDS team along with being a Student Leader for our college SALT Co. ministry and a group leader for Students.

2. Tell us a little bit about you.

I'm originally from Winter Park, Florida. I was raised a UF fan, but eventually saw the light and became an FSU Seminole when I moved to Tallahassee to study political science. I graduated in the Fall of 2021 and I will be starting law school at FSU in the Fall.

3. How has your faith grown since becoming a part of City Church?

My faith has grown exponentially since joining the church. I am surrounded by people who push me to grow and become more disciplined. Serving in KiDS has helped because of the questions the kids ask. Not only do I have to know enough to provide an answer, but I have to understand the gospel well enough to provide an answer that makes sense to someone much younger.

GOSPEL



GOD RULES

Ask: “Who is in charge at home?” *Because God created everything, He is in charge of everything.*

Read: Revelation 4:11



WE SINNED

Ask: “Have you ever done something wrong?” *Everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God.*

Read: Romans 3:23



GOD PROVIDED

God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve.

Read: John 3:16



JESUS GIVES

Ask: “What is the best gift you have ever received?” *Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever!*

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:21



WE RESPOND

Ask: “Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord?” *Everyone has a choice to make. You can turn from self and sin, and turn to Jesus.*

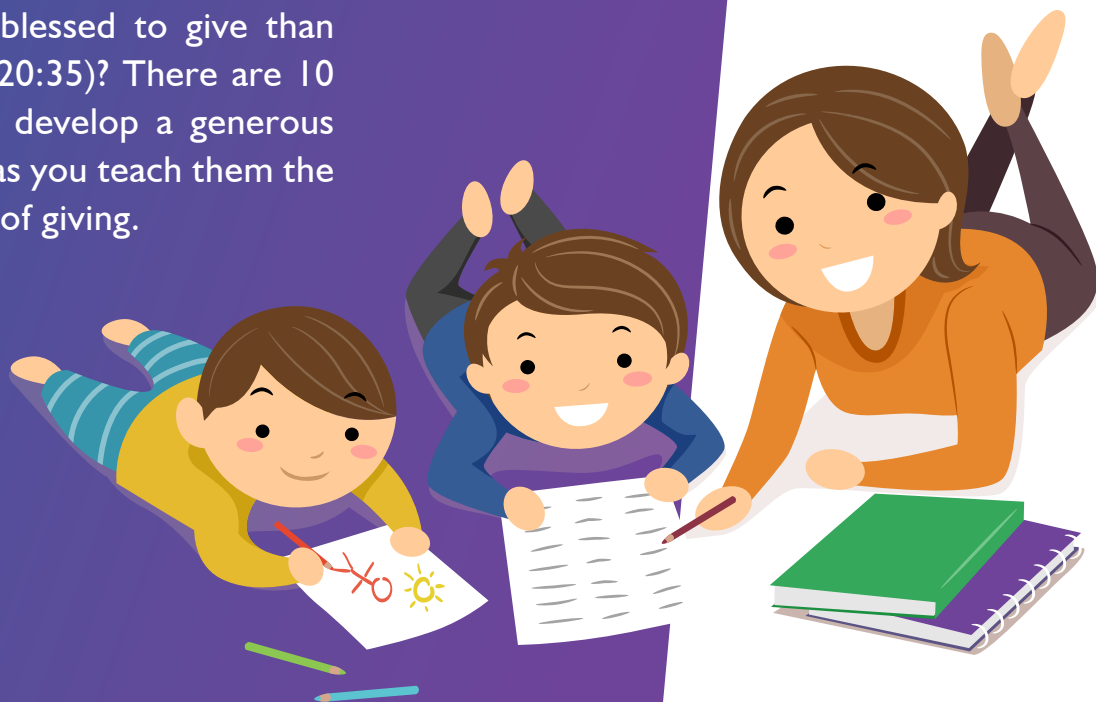
Read: Romans 10:9-10

GENEROSITY

by Cindy Wilson

HOW TO TEACH KIDS ABOUT GENEROSITY

We live in a “me-first” world, where our children are constantly bombarded with images and examples of a culture that would rather take than give. So in light of this, how do we teach our kids that truly “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)? There are 10 ideas to help you develop a generous spirit in your kids as you teach them the value and blessing of giving.



1. START YOUNG.

Kids are never too young to learn generosity. In fact, the earlier you start teaching generosity, the more likely your child will grow into a generous person. Let your teaching be age-appropriate, moving from external motivation for giving (e.g., “we should give because God tells us to give”) to internal motivation (e.g., “when we give, we feel good knowing we are obeying God and helping others”).

2. SET AN EXAMPLE.

Kids who observe their parents practicing generosity are more likely to imitate that model. Let your child see you practicing generosity in tangible ways, such as giving money to the church, other ministries, and charities you care about. Often kids do not see their parents writing the check or sending an electronic payment, so talk about your giving and how good it feels to give. Remember, “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7), so be mindful that little eyes are watching “how” you give more than “how much” you give.

3. GIVE COMMISSIONS, NOT ALLOWANCE.

If we want kids to practice generosity, then they need a source of money from which to give. According to Dave Ramsey, kids should be taught that money is earned, not given. Rather than giving kids money for “just breathing,” pay your kids “commission” based on doing chores around the house, like cleaning their room, doing the dishes, or taking out the trash (see Ramsey & Cruze, *Smart Money Smart Kids* book for more ideas).

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

1. How long have you lived in Tallahassee? How long have you been attending City Church?

Greg grew up in Tallahassee, Lauren moved here in 2011. We moved to Valdosta for two years (end of 2015 to beginning of 2018) and then returned back to Tallahassee in August 2018. We started attending City Church as sophomores in college at the end of 2012.

2. Tell us a little bit about your family.

We met in college, started going to City Church, and quickly started serving in KiDS. We married in December 2015 at City Church (when City Church was located at Tharpe Street). We felt God calling us to foster in 2018, and that is when Jason entered our lives. In 2020, Jason's biological sister Katie Beth entered our home. We finalized adoption for both children in 2021!

3. How have you seen your kids' faith grow in City Church KiDS?

Prior to living in our home, our kids knew very little about the gospel. City Church KiDS has been essential in teaching our kids scripture in a fun, loving environment with friends their age. Jason and Katie Beth look forward to Sunday mornings and they always leave smiling ear to ear. City Church KiDS always provides good questions, a great foundation in Bible knowledge, fun, and consistency. Jason placed his faith in Christ and made the decision to be baptized in 2022, and serves on Sundays as well. Katie Beth asks amazing questions and is learning more everyday.



JACOBS FAMILY

KiDS Family

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JACOBS FAMILY!

4. SET A STANDARD FOR GIVING.

As soon as kids start earning “commissions,” start practicing a standard for giving that is based on a percentage of their money. A potential standard you may practice is the “80/10/10” rule of thumb. They can spend 80%, save 10%, and give 10%. It helps if you have three separate clear jars labeled “spend,” “save,” and “give” so they can see their money growing. If kids want to buy a toy or candy, then it comes out of their “spend” jar. Set a tangible future goal for what they are saving towards, such as their first car or college tuition.

5. PRACTICE GENEROSITY TOGETHER.

Let your child help you pack up toys they no longer use, along with other household items you are not using, and go to the donation center together. Spend time as a family helping a neighbor with yard work or volunteering at a food bank. Remind kids that generosity goes beyond just giving money.

6. PRAISE THEIR GENEROSITY.

The more we focus on something, the more we get of that something. When you see your child acting generously, whether that is simply sharing a cookie with their sibling, or emptying out their “save” jar to bring money to church, draw attention to their giving with verbal praise. Ask them how it felt to practice generosity, so they begin to internalize the motivation to give.

7. TEACH (AND MODEL) CONTENTMENT.

If your child always hears you talking about wishing you had “more,” then they will always want more than they have. Instead, teach them that “godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6). Our greatest contentment rests in Christ. He alone satisfies, and will change the desire of our hearts to love Jesus more, and the things of this world less. (Psalm 37:4)

8. CREATE A VISUAL.

Setup a bulletin board in your house (or use magnets on your refrigerator) to hang up pictures or flyers of the church and other organizations you support. Let these pictures serve as a visible reminder of those you are practicing generosity toward.



9. PRAY AS YOU GIVE.

One way to keep generosity at the forefront of your family's attention is to regularly pray for those you are giving to. Pray for your church regularly as a family, asking God to use the money you give to reach more people with the gospel. Pray for other ministries and charities you support, that God will bless those who receive the funds and use them to make the world a better place, for His glory.

10. USE CITY CHURCH'S LET'S GO! INITIATIVE TO LAUNCH A NEW LEVEL OF GENEROSITY FOR YOUR FAMILY.

As we move into this initiative as a church family, talk about this with your child. Share with them how excited you are to be a part of Let's Go! Pray as a family to seek God's guidance on how much you can give. Ask your child to consider how they can be a part of Let's Go! Then "Go!" and live generously as a family, locking arms with City Church as we expand our reach to be for the gospel and for the city!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



TINA BAULDREE

KiDS Volunteer

“The Bible tells us to serve one another and we have always tried to do that.”



LEARN MORE ABOUT TINA!



1. How long have you lived in Tallahassee? How long have you been at City Church?

My husband, Tom and I were raised in Quincy and moved to North Carolina shortly after getting married. We lived there for almost 23 years and moved back to Tallahassee in 2017, which is when we began attending City Church.

2. Tell us a bit about your family.

Tom and I have been married for 31 years. We have two awesome sons that graduated from FAMU, and both boys met their wives at City Church! We enjoy being together, spending time with friends, and being outside.

3. Why does your family love serving? How did you lead your boys into a serving mindset?

It is rewarding for us to serve, and there is always a need for volunteers. We have consistently involved our boys in giving back and being a part of the local church. Growing up in a serving household, our boys grew up seeing sacrificial service. And by God’s grace, their love for serving also grew. The Bible tells us to serve one another and we have always tried to do that.

4. How has your faith grown since becoming a part of City Church?

Seeing the impact City Church has on the community, and being a part of a KiDS ministry that disciples families, has impacted us in big ways. That, along with sound preaching of the Word and how it applies to our daily walks, makes us excited to be a part of City Church.

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

1. How long have you lived in Tallahassee? How long have you been attending City Church?

We have lived in Tallahassee for about one year! We have been attending City Church since October 2021.

2. Tell us a little bit about your family.

Seth and Kait have been married twelve years. Our children are Winslow (9), Hogan (6), Silas (4), and Monroe (2). We love being outside together, traveling, and all things sports! We believe God has grown in us a passion for adoption and foster care. We love getting involved at City Church and in Tallahassee!

3. In what ways has City Church KiDS equipped you to be the primary disciple makers in your home?

City Church KiDS equips parents so well, with practical and fun ways to fill everyday life with the truth of the gospel. It doesn't always have to be a "sit-down discussion" about what God is teaching us. We can add little snippets of His Word all the time into our kids' lives. City Church has given us boldness and confidence to realize, the biggest privilege of being a parent is walking in the faith with your kids.



JONES FAMILY

KiDS Family

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LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE JONES FAMILY!

LET'S GO!

WEEKLY PARENT PROMPTS

THE CHURCH

OCTOBER 2

WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY

Main Point

Jesus instructed His disciples to go and make disciples.

Summary

As Christians, we get to be a part of God's awesome plan to rescue the world from sin! We are told to go and make disciples. Jesus' mission to His friends is our mission too. We are to tell people about Jesus so they can follow Him too!



WEEK 1

KEY PASSAGE

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

What does it mean to “make disciples?”

Lead your child to recognize that Jesus is in heaven, and He is going to come back someday. While we wait for Him, we have a special mission. Jesus wants us to help more people follow Him or to make disciples. This is also known as The Great Commission. The Great Commission is Jesus’ command that His disciples go out and preach the gospel to all people.

How can we live on mission?

Guide your child to think through the parts of The Great Commission. Part of the command explains how to make disciples: teach them to obey Jesus and baptize them. Help your child remember that baptism and obedience do not save us, but they are important signs that help show a person has put their faith in Jesus.

Who does God want us to share the gospel with?

Everyone needs to hear this Good News! God calls some people to travel to faraway places to share the gospel, and sometimes He calls people to stay where they are and share the gospel with their neighbors. God wants believers to share the gospel with everyone in the whole world.

FAMILY ACTIVITY/CHALLENGE

Commit to attending church every Sunday for the month of October with your family. Bonus points for inviting a friend!

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who should we tell about the Good News of Christ?

We should tell everyone about God's awesome plan to rescue the world from sin!



COLOR ME!



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THE CALL

OCTOBER 9

WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY

Main Point

The church is not just a building - it is a gathering or group of Christians!

Summary

Together, we get to be a part of a local church, like our church - City Church! But when we talk about God and His Church, we mean God and His people - Christians!

Through the local church we are able to participate together, as a part of God's Church. We can do this by supporting local and international missionaries, creating more space for ministry (like our Next Gen spaces!), helping more people in need in our city, and becoming more equipped to share the good news of Jesus with our friends, family, and neighbors.

WEEK 2

KEY PASSAGE

Matthew 4:17-20

From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter), and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. “Follow me,” he told them, “and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

What does the phrase “fish for people” mean?

To tell others the gospel and call people to follow Jesus.

What was Simon and Andrew’s response to Jesus’ command?

They immediately obeyed Jesus, by dropping their nets and following Jesus.

How do Simon and Andrew’s response to Jesus’ calling reflect The Great Commission?

Jesus’ disciples would learn from Jesus so they could tell others the good news about why Jesus came: to save people from their sins. When Jesus called His disciples, He was building His Kingdom on earth. He was teaching and leading His disciples, so they could go and later plant churches and make disciples themselves!

Once we put our trust in Jesus and follow him, we get to be a part of the Church that Jesus was building long ago! What might we need to leave behind to follow Jesus? What can we gain by following Jesus?

Talk to your child about the cost of loving and obeying Jesus. Help them think about the ways others might react to them, the influence they may lose, or the persecution they may face.

Discuss the unending joy and eternal life we have with God when we have faith in Jesus. Point your child to the hope they have in life with Christ: that we gain new purpose, can resist sin, and are filled with the Holy Spirit’s power. Point your child to the hope we have for the future: that Jesus will return and fix all that sin has broken. On that day, we will reign with Christ as children of God.

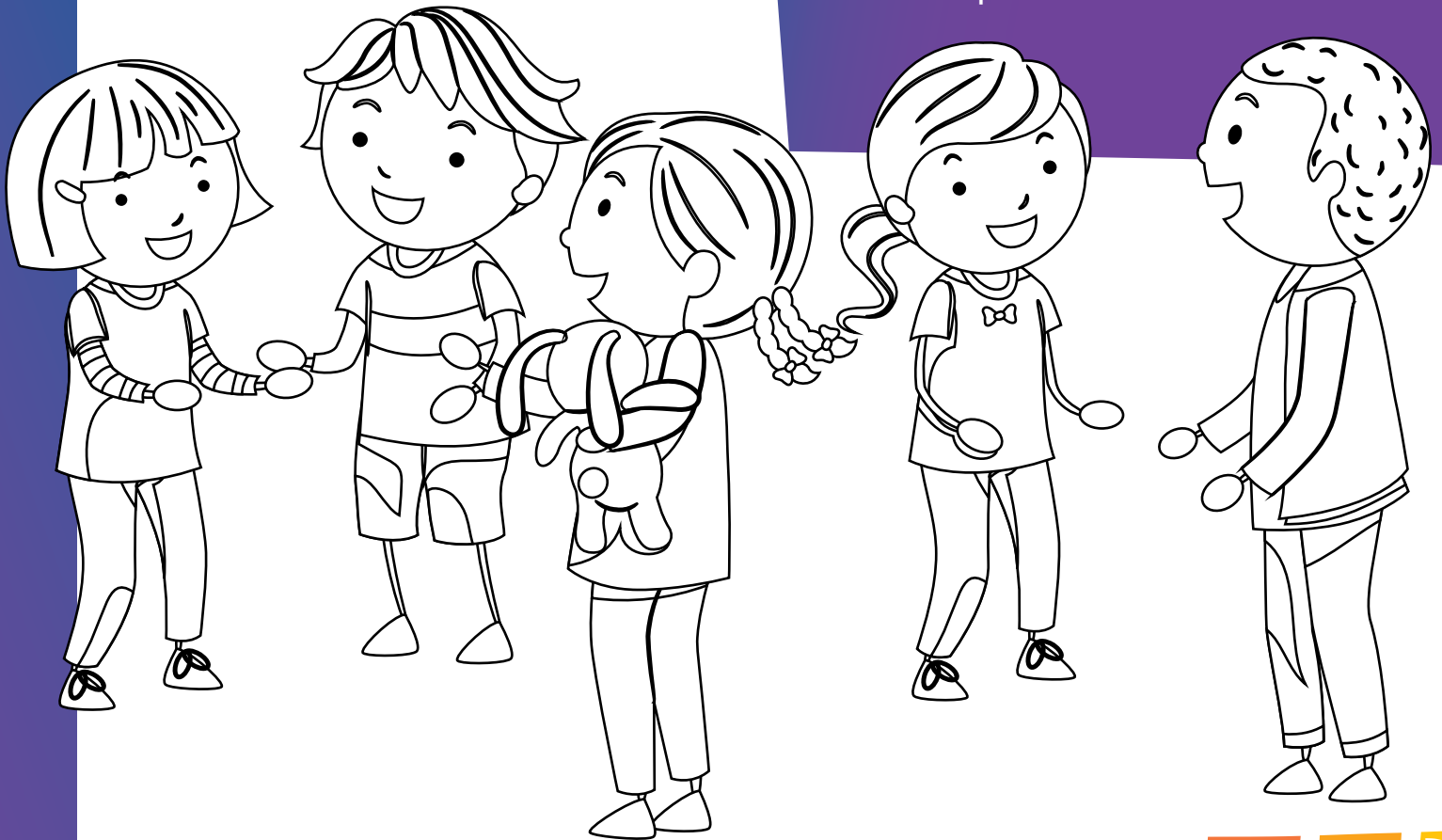
FAMILY ACTIVITY/CHALLENGE

Identify one person in your life who you can share the love of Jesus with.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is the Church?

The Church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and to serve God.



COLOR ME!



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THE CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 16

WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY

Main Point

One of the greatest ways that we can be for the gospel and for the city in Tallahassee and beyond, is by leading the next generation of laborers.

Summary

One of the ways we can live on mission for God is by being generous. All of us are a part of a generation that is being sent to create disciples! Being a part of the church means displaying a generosity that looks like God's generosity toward us - a generosity that prompted God to give His only Son, so that we might have forgiveness and life in full. And it is because of that truth, we tell our friends, family, neighbors, and classmates about what God has done for us.

KEY PASSAGE

Luke 10:1-2

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and he sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

Who is “the harvest?”

The harvest are the people who still do not know Christ and the good news of the gospel.

Who are “the workers?”

The workers are every Christian - we are told to share the good news.

How does Luke 10:1-2 and Matthew 28:17-20 help us to remember to stay on mission?

God is generous to us, so we can be generous to others. He gave us the greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus showed us what generosity looks like when He gave up His life to save us from sin.

How does our mission as believers and generosity tie together?

Because of Jesus, we can be merciful and generous to others. Being on mission means displaying a generosity that looks like God’s generosity toward us.

How can your generosity towards the church help fuel the mission God has all of us on as a family of believers?

Talk as a family about how you can be generous towards City Church.

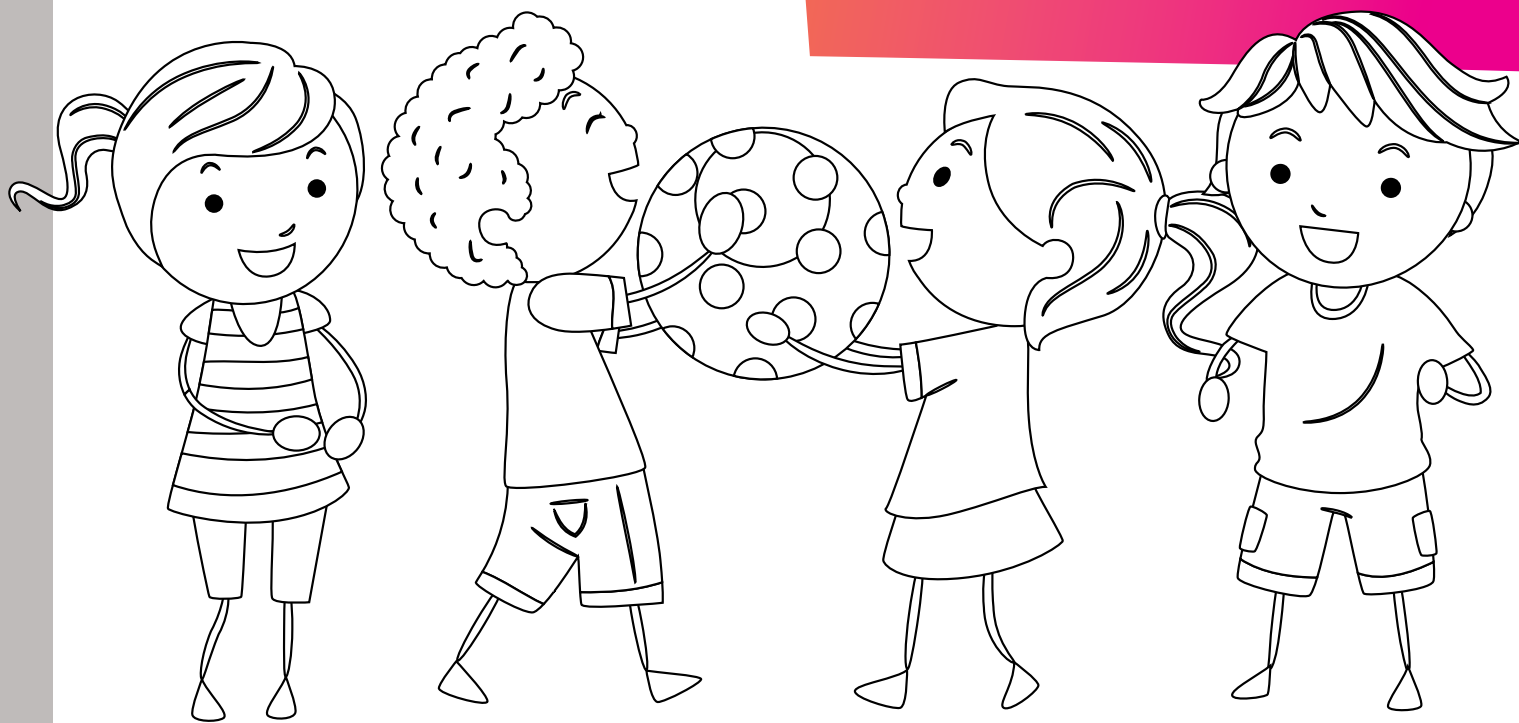
FAMILY ACTIVITY/CHALLENGE

Pray about your involvement in our KiDS ministry! We love when parents who are excited about their kids learning about the gospel at church get to be a part of sharing that gospel in KiDS ministry!

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is the Next Generation?

We are the next generation and we get to be a part of God's plan of building His Kingdom by telling others about Him.



THE COST

OCTOBER 23

WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY

Main Point

Following Jesus is not always easy, but it will always be worth it.

Summary

Jesus taught that following Him is not easy. It requires commitment and sacrifice. When we trust in Jesus, we give Him complete control of our lives. True life is found in Jesus, who gave up His life to rescue us from sin and death.

WEEK 4

KEY PASSAGE

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised. From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know him in this way. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

Have you lost or given up something to follow Jesus?

Encourage your child to answer honestly. Some may feel like they have not given up anything to follow Jesus, and others may have a lot of things they feel they have given up. Remind them that following Jesus means giving up our sinful desires, like selfishness, or laziness in order to live like Jesus.

What are some ways you might suffer for Jesus' sake?

Discuss what can happen if kids stand up for what is right against friends or other kids at school. Discuss missionaries who move away from home. Talk about places where Christians are not allowed to worship God and might be arrested or killed for their faith.

What do we gain by following Jesus?

Help your child think about the rewards we have through Jesus, both in this life and the next. Remind them that Jesus gives us peace, love, joy, and wisdom. Help them see that no matter what hard situations we face now, someday we will rule with Jesus when He returns.

FAMILY ACTIVITY/CHALLENGE

Make a list of what might stop you from sharing the gospel with those around you, and ask God to give you courage to share about Jesus. What is the potential cost of sharing the gospel with others? Pray for each other.



BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is the cost of following Jesus Christ?

Following Christ costs us everything, but what we gain is greater than what we lose.

THE COMMITMENT

OCTOBER 30

WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY

Main Point

When we commit to following God we show everyone around us that God is real and He is worth everything!

Summary

When we become Christians by accepting Jesus into our heart, we make a commitment to sharing about Him and His Kingdom! Committing to God and His plans is not always easy, but it's important. When we trust in Jesus, we give Him complete control of our lives, our things, and our hearts.

WEEK 5

KEY PASSAGE

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

Who are the “great cloud of witnesses?”

Those who have lived an imperfect yet faithful life, focused on God - the One who is always faithful as you run the race God has set before you. (See Hebrews 11 for a list of those whose faith withstood the tests of their days.)

What is something that makes you lose focus of Jesus? What helps you keep your focus?

Endurance does not come from being lazy. The more you train, the more you practice, the more endurance you build. We build endurance in our faith by reading our Bible, praying, and building our Christian community. Living faithfully is not easy, though, especially in a world that is trying to tell you to live for yourself and do what pleases you.

How can we stay motivated while living for God?

Discuss with your child how anything we lose, or any difficulty we face, will be worth enduring to know God more and serve Him. Our motivation comes from knowing that, when we have finished running the race of life and are united with God forever, we will be satisfied and He will be glorified.

FAMILY ACTIVITY/CHALLENGE

As a family, talk and pray about how your family can be a part of Let's Go! Is there something you could give up for a season yourself or as a family? Is there something your family could do together to be a part of Let's Go?

This week is Commitment Sunday! We can't wait to see how God is using this time in your family's life!

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What does it mean to commit our lives to Jesus?

When we trust in Jesus and commit our lives to Him, we give Him complete control of our lives. True life is found in Jesus, who gave up His life to rescue us from sin and death.



**WHAT IS YOUR MOMENT?
WHERE WERE YOU CHALLENGED
AS A FAMILY
IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER?**

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