

EVERYDAY DISCIPLE

Impact Kids Fall 2026 Older IK Leader Guide

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IN DISCIPLESHIP

October 21, 2026- Disciples disagree with grace.

Bible-Romans 14:13-23- The Law of Love

Disciples build relationships that point each other to Jesus.

Leader QR Codes-



ASK Leader



Leader Devos



Like It Counts

Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:00 PM (Prayer)
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM
** PL and LT groups will follow 4th & 5th schedule
*** PreK groups outside play is decided at campus

Family Table

What to Do:

As you gather everyone to eat, discuss these questions together. If one question takes the whole time, that is great. Your group has a great dynamic and feels comfortable talking to you and the group. Serve pizza, put names on water bottles, collect trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share new things or old things they are learning.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- **For fun:** Say your favorite sport. How many different favorites did your group have?
- **This week:** What are some things friends might disagree about?
How can you show someone you are trying to understand their point of view?



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Social Game

Walk in My Shoes

Supplies: Walk in My Shoes Scenarios (1 per group)

How to Play

1. Designate one side of the room as "Choice A" and the other as "Choice B."
2. Read a scenario and have kids move to the side that best describes what they would choose.
3. After they move, ask a few kids from each side to explain why they made that choice.
4. Emphasize that there may be more than one good reason for a choice.

Read the Scenarios

Ask:

- Did everyone make the same choices?
- Were some people surprised by their friends' answers?
- Can two people love God and make different choices?
- Why is it important to listen and understand before we judge?

Bible Connection:

"In Romans 14, Paul taught that some believers made different choices about certain things. Instead of judging each other, he told them to focus on loving one another and helping each other follow Jesus. When we take time to understand someone else's experiences and reasons, we can show grace even when we don't agree."

Transition

"Today we're going to learn that following Jesus isn't about winning arguments or proving we're right. It's about loving people, making peace, and helping others grow closer to God."

Video & Bible

Say: It can be so hard to know that things are different for other people. Some of us really want things to be equal and fair. When those times arise, I like to look at the Bible to help me know how to handle it best. Check out this passage in Romans.

Watch "Unified by Jesus"

Say: Everyone is different, and God made us that way on purpose! When we don't agree or when something doesn't seem fair, God wants us to choose kindness, make peace, and use our words and actions to encourage others instead of tearing them down.

What to Do: Pass out Activity Pages and Bibles to each kid with a pencil.

SAY:

- Today we're reading from Romans 14:13-23. (Pg 1259) Let's find it together in our Bibles.
- Romans is in the New Testament, the part of the Bible that tells about Jesus and life after His resurrection. Romans is one of Paul's letters. Circle New Testament on your worksheet.
- To find it, start at the middle of your Bible and flip past Acts. Look for romans, then find the big number 14 (chapter 14).
- Next, find the small numbers 13 -23. If you find it first, help someone nearby. Separate each of these and ask different kids to read each one.
- Once everyone is there, take turns reading the verses aloud together and listen for what God teaches us about the Law of Love.



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Discussion

Let's spend a few minutes processing what we have learned from the Bible today.

- How would you explain the word "disagree" to someone else?
- If a kid disagrees with a parent, what would you tell them to do?
- What are some disagreements that really aren't a big deal?
- Think of a person you disagree with a lot. What can you do to show respect to them this week?
- How can you be respectful to someone who disagrees with you about following Jesus?
- Who can you talk to if you need help with a disagreement?

Practice

The Great Pizza Debate

Supplies: Pizza Sticker Kit (1 per kid)

To Do

- Give everyone (including yourself) a pizza sticker kit. Say: I have a challenge: Create the BEST, TASTIEST pizza. Only put the toppings you really like on there! Go!
- Kids stick toppings they like on their pizza crusts.
- You create a pizza, too, but make sure your pizza is completely different from every other kid's pizza. Say: Time's up! Show me your pizzas!
- Reveal (playfully to keep from hurting feelings) your pizza, and declare it the THE BEST pizza of all time.
- Ask kids if they agree, and (playfully) defend your pizza if they don't. Say: I'm just kidding around, right? If we don't agree on something like pizza toppings it doesn't mean everyone else is wrong! It's okay to like different things and disagree on what is the best sometimes!
- As time allows, kids look at each other's pizzas to see what's different about them and what's the same.

Say: Following Jesus means caring about others, not just ourselves. Even when we have different opinions or make different choices, we can choose kindness, make peace, and help each other grow closer to Jesus.

Family Discipleship

What to Do: Your handout today is designed to help you remember what we learned. Take it home and share it with a family member, then ask them to go through it with you. We also want to hear how the other challenges are going. What are you learning? How is God helping you grow? Be ready to share your experiences with the group!

Leader Tip: Encourage families to look at the kid's work as they show up to pick up their kids.