

WEEK 1

MEASURE UP

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

JESUS AND HIS FAMILY'S ESCAPE TO EGYPT WHEN THEY WERE IN DANGER.



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Matthew 2:13-23;
Isaiah 63:7-9



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When Jesus was born, Herod was the ruler of the area — the big boss. Herod loved being the king. He sat on his throne and took long naps (Maybe??)

But one day, he got some disturbing news. Some wise men, or Magi, dropped by and told Herod they were searching for a baby who would be king of the Jews! Can you guess what baby that was? (Jesus!)

Herod was not happy about this news. But he had a plan. Herod told the wise men to find the baby, then to tell him. Herod said he wanted to worship the new king too. But, secretly, he wanted to get rid of the baby.

However, the Magi didn't go back to Herod to tell him about Jesus because God warned them in a dream. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were safe for now, but it wouldn't stay that way.

While Herod was up to his sneaky plan, God was looking out for Jesus and sent an angel to appear to Joseph in a dream.

While Joseph snored, the angel said, "Take your wife and baby and get out of here. Escape to Egypt and stay there until I tell you the coast is clear. Herod is looking for you."

Joseph woke up from his dream, woke up Mary and the baby, and ran away to Egypt. Herod was so mad that he started to look everywhere for this baby king. I mean, everywhere!

Every boy two years old and under was a threat. But he never found the baby he was looking for. They were safely in Egypt. Years later, after Herod died, the angel gave them the all-clear, and Joseph and his family went back to Israel to a town called Nazareth. God sent an angel to keep Jesus and his family safe when they didn't even know they were in danger!

In the same way, God watches over us and can guide us to safety and protection when we're scared, in danger, or confused.

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- How did Joseph know where his family was supposed to go?
- Why did Jesus need to escape with his family?
- When did Jesus and his family know it was safe to return to Israel?
- Read Isaiah 63:7. What words does the author use to describe God?
- Can you think of a time when you felt safe?
- When might be a time that you would need to remember that God is with you? Who are the people in your life who keep you safe?

Worship

“One Me” → (Grow Kids VBS)

“Why He Came”

→ (Lifeway Kids Worship)

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Activity

As a family create a large maze using Play-Doh, or anything else you have on hand, on a flat surface.

Kids will guide Jesus' family (a ping pong ball) from one end (Israel) to the other (Egypt) by blowing through a straw.

Scan QR code for an idea of what it might look like.

Now that you all have had a little experience in being a guide, what do you think . . . is it an easy job? Not always. Sometimes the thing you're guiding seems to have a mind of its own, right?

It's kind of like us. Lots of times, we do things our own way without asking God about it, and sometimes that leads us into trouble or danger. But God is always with us and redirects us so that we can go the right way again. And not only does God guide us away from our bad choices, but God guides us to safety, also.

WEEK 2

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JESUS AT THE TEMPLE AS A BOY AND WHAT OTHERS LEARNED FROM HIM.



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Luke 2:41-52 / Isaiah 42:1-9



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Every year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. It was like a big family reunion. As I said, they went to the party every year, including the year when Jesus turned twelve.

After the Passover party ended, Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, left to travel home. Now, remember cars weren't invented yet, so they had to walk. Mary and Joseph walked for an entire day before they realized someone wasn't with them. Can you guess who they couldn't find? You got it – their son, Jesus! They couldn't find him anywhere! So Mary and Joseph had to turn around and walk ALL the way back to Jerusalem to find Jesus.

It took Mary and Joseph THREE whole days to find Jesus. Can you guess where he was? Jesus was in the temple, listening to teachers talk about God. The teachers were really impressed with Jesus, especially with how well he understood their teachings. He asked them great questions, too.

You can imagine his parents' surprise and relief when they finally found him. **Everyone breathe a big sigh of relief.** Mary said to Jesus, "Why did you stay behind? We've been so worried about you!" Jesus said something a little unusual to his parents, and they didn't understand what he meant. He said, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Jesus was talking about his father in heaven, God! Jesus wanted to be where he could be close to God. Jesus went home with his parents, and he was respectful and obedient to them. Jesus showed that he loved his parents, but Jesus showed that he loved God most of all. Jesus showed everyone around him that day you can never be too young or too old to show how much you love God.

As we grow up, parents and other trusted adults can show us what it looks like to love God. Even though Jesus was God's son and he seemed to have been able to do fine on his own for three days, he still obeyed his parents. God gives us parents, family members, and teachers to help us grow, and our job is to listen to them. That is one way we can love God with our actions.

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We can love God with all our **actions.**



- Jesus' parents couldn't find him. What did Jesus' mother say to him when she found him? How did Jesus respond to his mother and father when they asked why he stayed behind at the temple?
- How did people listening to the boy Jesus feel about his teachings?
- Read Isaiah 42:5. How do these things that God has done show us that God loves us?
- In what ways is it easy to love with our actions?
 - In what ways can it be challenging?
- What are some actions that show that we love God?
- What action can you take this week to apply something someone has taught you about God?

Worship

"Hey Me (Now and Forever)"

➔ Elevation Church Kids

"Seek First His Kingdom"

➔ Seeds Family Worship

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Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

Activity

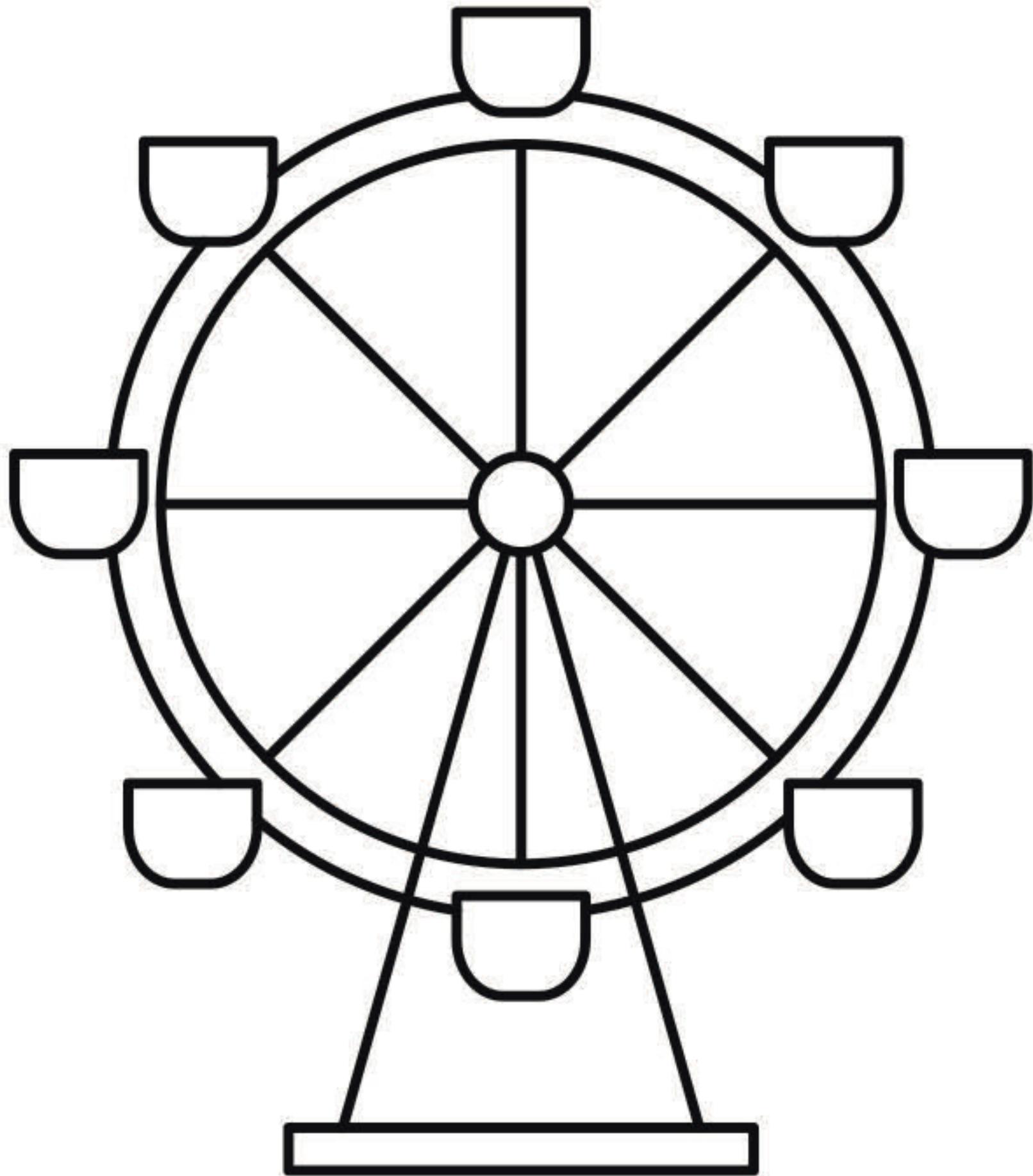
On the Ferris wheel printable, put a fingerprint person on each empty seat. Have kids decorate each print to resemble someone they know.

These people can be any combination of people who have shown them God's love through their actions and people they can show God's love to.

Isn't it special to be able to see all the people we care about? When we think of them, we can think of special ways we can show God's love with our actions.

Sometimes it's easy to say we love God, but hard to show it when it comes to how we get along with others. But if you think about it, how can we say we love a God we can't see when we struggle with loving the people we can see?

Loving God with our actions involves loving others with our actions, too.



WEEK 3

MEASURE UP FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

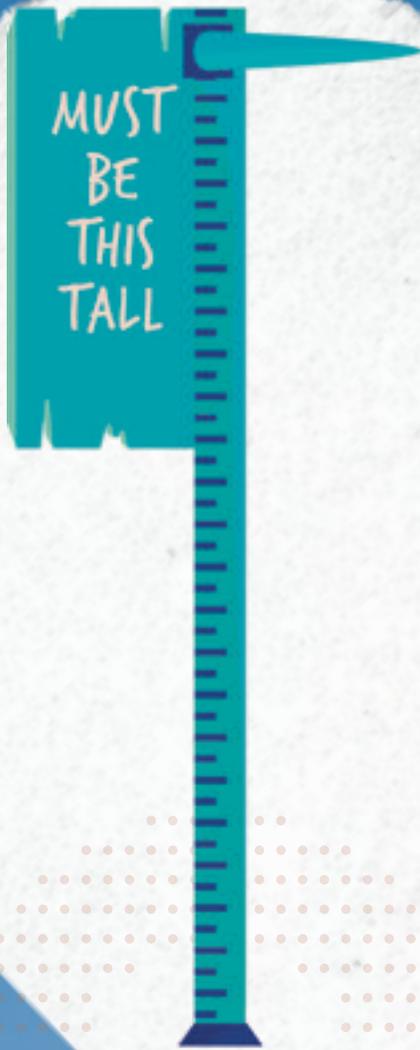
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John is standing by the river when he sees Jesus walking toward him. “Hey, look!” John said to the people around him. “It’s the guy who takes away the sins of the world! He has greater than me or anyone else.” Can you guess who John is talking about? That’s right – the man he is talking about is Jesus!

Then John started to tell people about this experience he had:

“I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and stay on Jesus. God told me that I baptize people with water, but Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. “I have seen and am here to tell you that this man – Jesus – is God’s chosen one.”

The next day, John was at the river again with two of his disciples. He saw Jesus passing by . . . again. “Look! The lamb of God!” John said to his disciples.

John’s disciples, including Andrew, immediately started following Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was find his brother Simon and tell him that he found the Savior they had all been waiting for their whole lives.

When Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, Jesus knew right away who he was and who he was going to be. He changed his name to Peter — Simon, I mean, Peter, why don’t you do a quick spin to show off your new name? Everyone chant with me, “Peter! Peter! Peter!!”

And that’s how Andrew, Simon Peter, and many others followed Jesus. We can follow Jesus, too!

And just like how Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, our pastors, Bible teachers, parents, adults in our lives, or friends may help bring us to Jesus! Once you start following Jesus, you can help your friends by bringing them to Jesus, too.

Jesus is more than a cast member in our lives. Jesus is the main attraction. But you can be someone who helps point others to Jesus.

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Worship

"Won't Stop Now"

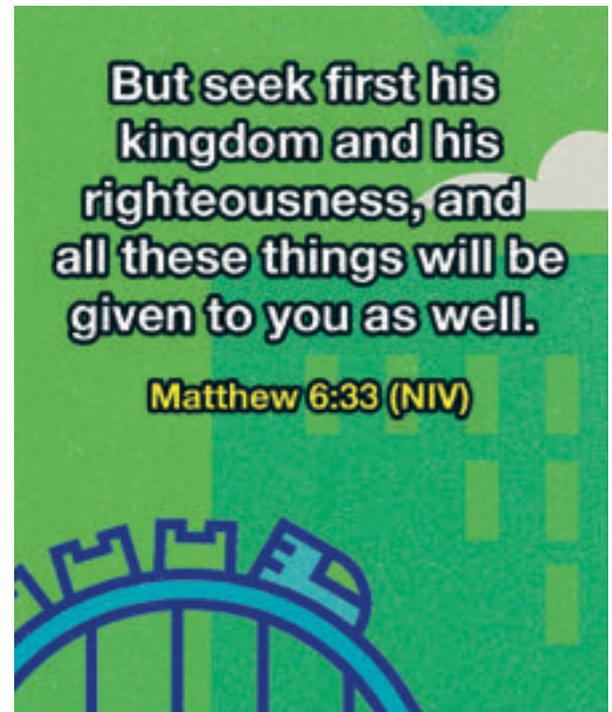
➔ Worship Together Kids

"Follow On"

➔ Orange Kids Music

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- Who is the one John said will baptize with the Holy Spirit?
- What was the first thing Andrew did after he began following Jesus?
- What words did John use to describe Jesus?
- Read Psalm 40:10. What is one way you can speak of God's faithfulness and saving help?
 - Who do you follow?
- In what ways do you follow Jesus?
- How can you show someone else what it means to follow Jesus?



Activity

Pass out a plastic zip bag and a permanent marker to each kid. Have them draw directly on the bag a picture of their interpretation of what happened in today's Bible Story when Jesus was baptized.

When they finish, add some water and blue food coloring (or blue hair gel) to the bags.

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John let everyone know that Jesus was the Savior that everyone had been waiting for. Some people, like the disciples, understood this and followed Jesus right away.

Use this activity to help you remember this story and the fact that we can follow Jesus because Jesus is definitely worth following.

WEEK 4

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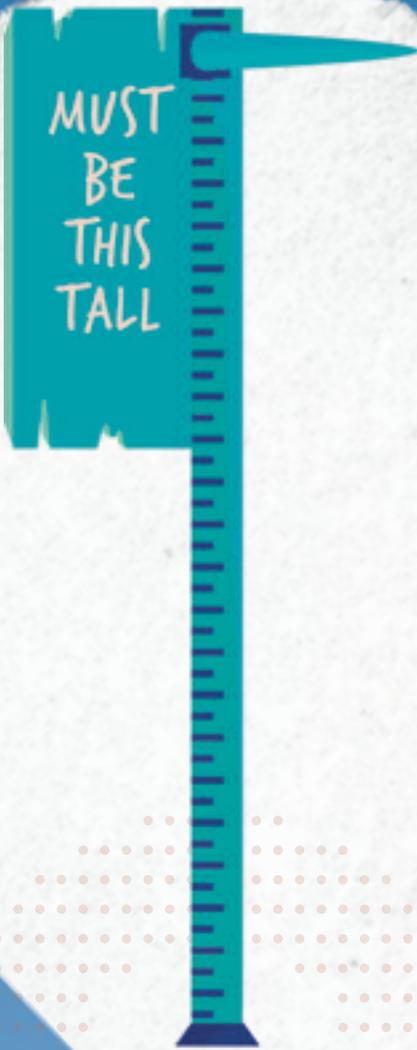
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**Matthew 4:12-23
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**



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Matthew 4:12-23; Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Our story starts out with a bit of sad news. John the Baptist was in jail. When Jesus heard, he went away from Nazareth and went to live in a town called Capernaum, which was by the lake. From there, he started teaching everyone to follow God.

One day, Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee when he saw two brothers, Peter and his brother Andrew. Remember how he used to go by the name, "Simon?" So last time, we heard the story of them meeting Jesus for the first time where they decided to follow Jesus and listen to his teachings.

Andrew and Peter were fishermen and they were casting a net into the lake. Jesus pointed at the two of them and said, "Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people." **What do you think they did?** That's right — at once, they left their nets and followed him.

They had already been devoted followers of Jesus, but Andrew and Peter were now being called to become one of Jesus' main disciples. They left in a hurry and even just left their nets in the water without pulling them up. They didn't worry about what they had in their hands because they knew that Jesus had so much more for them!

From there, Jesus saw James, his brother John, and their father, Zebedee. They were in a boat preparing their nets. Jesus called them, too, and they immediately left the boat and their father and followed him. You see, Jesus was always the son of God, but he didn't start preaching and doing miracles right away. He waited for the right moment and waited to be joined by the right people before he began God's work.

When Jesus called the disciples, they were in the middle of something very important — their jobs. But they dropped everything and followed Jesus right away because somehow they knew that Jesus was the savior they couldn't wait to follow.

They were ready. God prepared their hearts to meet and follow Jesus, just like how God makes us ready at the right time to do big things for God, too.

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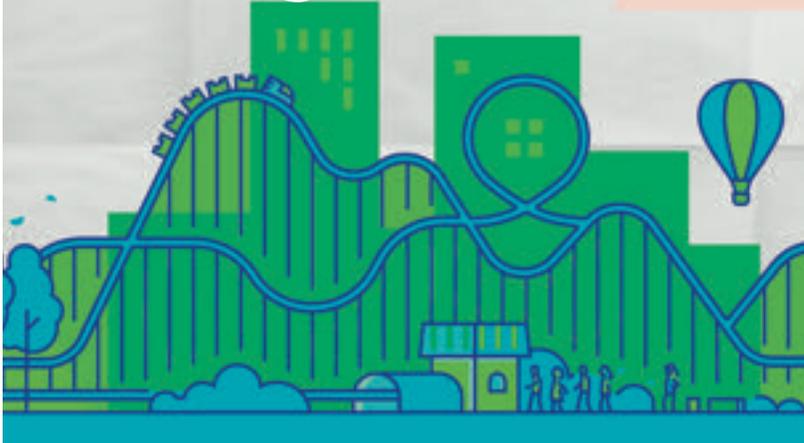
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- What did Jesus say to Simon and Andrew?
- What did Simon and Andrew do when Jesus asked them to follow Him?
- What did Jesus do once he gathered disciples?
- Which phrase is repeated over and over again in Ecclesiastes 3:1–11?
 - What does that tell you about God's timing?
- Do you find it easy or difficult to wait for the right time for things?
 - Why?
- What are some ways we might know that it's the right time for something?
- Can you think of one way to prepare for anything God might call you to do?

Worship

"Wanna Be Like Jesus"



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"I Want to Be Like Jesus"



Lifetree Kids

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Activity

Have you ever waited in a long line for a ride? It would be boring if you were standing all by yourself, but usually, you're with family and friends who help you pass the time.

Sometimes you might even play a game!
Who's played Go Fish before?

This game is all about waiting for the right time to find the right card! As you play Go Fish with your family, be reminded that when it comes to following God, God makes us ready at the right time.

Play a few rounds of Go Fish with your family.

Scan the QR code for a refresher on the rules of the game, or make up your own rules to make it more fun!

WEEK 5

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JESUS BEING TEMPTED IN THE WILDERNESS AND HOW HE OVERCAME.



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Luke 4:1-13
I Corinthians 1:18-31



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Matthew 4:12-23; Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

One day, Jesus went to the wilderness where no people lived. He stayed there for forty days, and he was tempted by the devil every day. Jesus ate nothing during those forty days, and at the end of them, he was hungry. The devil told him that if he really were the son of God, he could turn a stone into bread.

But Jesus answered, "It is written: 'People don't live on food alone.'"

The devil led Jesus up to a high place and showed him all the kingdoms of the world. Then the devil said to Jesus that he would give him all of these kingdoms if Jesus would worship him. But Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship and serve only God.'"

Finally, the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple, then told him to jump down! If Jesus were really God, wouldn't God send angels to rescue Jesus? Even the Bible says that. Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not test God!'" The devil went away after this.

How did Jesus use his wisdom when he was tempted to say yes to the things the devil was offering him? Is eating food a good thing? Yes. Is earning money a good thing? Yes. Is the ability to get out of a painful situation a good thing? Yes.

But Jesus knew that the devil wasn't trying to ease his suffering or really make his life better by any means. The devil was trying to trick Jesus into disobeying God and abandoning the reason why he came to earth in the first place. But Jesus wasn't fooled for one second. Jesus used Scripture, God's words, when he spoke to the devil. Those were some wise words, for sure!

Sometimes we forget that God is good to us and we have everything we need. We start to look at what other people have and start being less happy with ourselves. When that happens, we might be tempted to be dishonest or unkind to get what we want. But you know what? You don't have to measure up to anything the world asks you to measure up to . . . only what God asks of us.

God's words help us make wise choices! When we are tempted to make a foolish choice, God's words can help us do something wise instead.

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- Where was Jesus tempted for forty days?
- Name one way the devil tempted Jesus.
- How did Jesus resist each time he was tempted?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:27–29.
 - Why do you think God doesn't want anyone to boast?
- How do you know a choice is wise or unwise?
- How do you feel when you make a wise choice?
- How do you feel when you make an unwise choice?
- What can you do if you're tempted to do something unwise?

Worship

"Wise Up"

➔ Kidspring Children's Ministry

"I Wanna Do Right"

➔ Jana Alayra

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Some amusement parks have these great deals where if you buy one admission ticket, you get the second one for free (or at least at a discount). Then you could invite a friend to come with you!

But it's not just at a theme park where you can invite a friend. What about church?

One wise choice we can make is to share good things with others.

Fill out this amusement park ticket with the name of someone you'd like to invite to church and what you might say to them.

Then, cut the ticket at the line so that you can keep the side you filled out and hand the invitation part to that friend!

MEASURE UP

and bring a friend!

Name of guest

Passholder name

Note to guest:

Good news! Your friend _____ has gifted you a FREE PASS

to join them at _____

Name of church

on _____!

Date and time

What a great deal!

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