



BIG IDEA

When we get to know Jesus, he helps us see who we really are.

GOD STORY

Peter Says Jesus Is the Messiah (Matthew 16:13–20)

KEY VERSE

[Jesus] said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24b, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. To lead into today’s lesson, ask:
 - Which three words would you use to describe yourself?
 - Which three words would you use to describe Jesus?
- b. Introduce today’s Big Idea: **When we get to know Jesus, he helps us see who we really are.**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Watch this week’s video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Discuss & Pray

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the video teaching together:
 - What was today’s Life Story about?
 - What was the God Story about?
 - When Peter said that Jesus was the Son of God, what did Jesus say to Peter? (Jesus told Peter who he was—and who Peter was going to be!)
 - If someone asked you who you think Jesus is, what would you tell them?
- b. Pray that the kids would get to know and follow Jesus and that they would see who they really are through him!

4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Getting to Know Jesus activity pages

INSTRUCTIONS

- Explain that Christians believe Jesus is the Lord. Christians are literally people who follow Christ, which means we try to do things the way Jesus would. Just like Peter, **when we get to know Jesus, he helps us see who we really are.**
- Point out that since we're all so different, the way one of us tries to be like Jesus will be different than the way someone else tries to be like Jesus!
- Review the Getting to Know Jesus activity page together.
- Challenge the kids to do what it says on the page in the week ahead!

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Twine
- Clothespins
- Person cutouts
- Cross cutouts
- Speech bubble cutouts
- Colouring and writing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each person a length of twine, three clothespins, and one of each of the cutouts.
- Place the other supplies where everyone can share them.
- Demonstrate how to tie loops at each end of the twine (see photo of sample craft).
- Prompt the kids to colour and decorate their cutouts if they wish.
- Guide everyone to use their clothespins to attach each cutout to their twine.
- As the kids work on their crafts, review the Key Verse together. Discuss:
 - What does it mean to be a disciple?
 - What does it mean to say no to yourself?
 - What does "pick up their cross" mean?
- Display the completed crafts as reminders of what Jesus says in Matthew 16:24.

