



BIG IDEA

Following Jesus isn't always easy, but it changes us forever.

GOD STORY

The Rich and the Kingdom of God (Mark 10:17–31)

KEY VERSE

We know what love is because Jesus Christ gave his life for us. (1 John 3:16a, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- To lead into today's story, ask: Have you ever had to give away something and it was really hard to do? What happened?
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Following Jesus isn't always easy, but it changes us forever.**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 | Discuss

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the video teaching together:
 - What stood out to you in today's Life Story?
 - How did Jesus make a difference in Skylagh's family and relationships?
 - Do you think it was easy to offer forgiveness? Do you think it was worth it?
 - What did the rich young man want from Jesus in today's God Story? Why couldn't the man get it?
 - What does this story tell us about what it takes to follow Jesus?
 - What are some things we might have to let go of to follow him? Will God help us?



4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Flyswatter (or pointer or long utensil)
- Key Verse sign
- Dice

TIP

- Revise the scenarios to connect them directly with your kids.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Guide the kids to use the flyswatter to point to each word of 1 John 3:16a printed on the sign. Say the verse out loud together.
- Discuss:
 - What do you think this verse means? (Review their ideas from last week.)
 - Who are our brothers and sisters? (Not just members of our families!)
- Highlight that loving other people like Jesus loves us means that we might have to do some difficult things, like being kind to someone who isn't kind to us! It's totally worth it for the joy of helping others get to know Jesus, though.
- Tell the kids that they're going to consider some tough situations they might encounter and how they could follow Jesus in them.
- Roll a die and read the scenario from the list that corresponds to the number. Then ask how the kids could follow Jesus in that situation. If a number is repeated use the (b) question. On the third instance of a repeated number, roll again.
 - (a) Kids at school invite you to join their secret club, but you must promise not to tell your parents about it.
(b) All of your friends tell rude jokes.
 - (a) Your best friends are being made fun of at school. Someone tells you not to be friends with them or you'll get made fun of, too.
(b) Just for fun, direct everyone to get up, run and touch two different walls, and sit down again!

- Your older sibling is doing something that could really hurt them. They said if you tell, they'll never speak to you again. But you're worried about them!
 - At lunchtime, there's a kid who never seems to have food. You aren't supposed to share food at school, but you're concerned about them.
- Someone punched you at recess.
 - Bite your tongue (gently!) and say today's Big Idea: **Following Jesus isn't always easy, but it changes us forever.**
- Stand up and shout, "I love Jesus!"
 - Your younger sibling always takes your stuff. You want to scream because it annoys you so much.
- Roll again!
 - Someone at school always trips you when you're walking in line.
- Continue rolling and going through all the scenarios.
- Invite the kids to share some of their own examples of times when following Jesus was difficult—but totally worth it!

5 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Prayer Week activity pages
- Writing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each person an activity page and a pen.
- Review the page together.
- Encourage everyone to consider how following Jesus could impact them in the week ahead. They could write their ideas on their page.
- Pray together and ask God to give them the help and courage they need in the week ahead!
- Refer back to the pages throughout the week.