

Parent Connections

for families of young children

LIFE LESSONS FROM JESUS

Bible Truth: *We learn from Jesus.*

These five lessons will help children know Jesus teaches them how to live.

Verse-a-Month Club Bible Memory Verse: "Jesus said, 'Happy are those who hear the teaching of God and obey it'" (Luke 11:28, NCV).*

Faith Word: *Jesus—Jesus is God's Son. Jesus teaches us many things.*

Dear Parent,

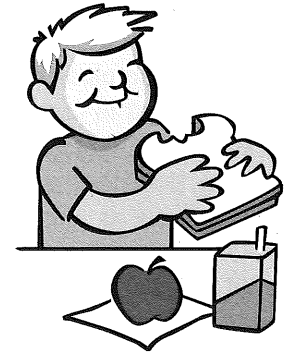
We are so glad to continue to join with you in nurturing your child spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and mentally. You hold the unique position in your child's life as spiritual mentor. Your child looks to you to understand what it means to live as Jesus would live. You are the day-to-day example of godly living in your child's life. It is through you that your child learns to love Jesus, learn from His teachings, and live in a way consistent with how Jesus wants them to live.

It is our goal to come alongside and give you spiritual parenting tools. In addition to this note, each week your child will bring home a paper called *Celebrate*. *Celebrate* has the week's Bible story, activities for you to do at home with your child, and a page of tips just for you.

As your child makes simple choices each day, be sure to compare those choices to how Jesus teaches His followers to live. Talk with your child about how choices both big and small help us grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

Try This!

1. Give your child a regular responsibility for mealtime. For example, you may give your child the responsibility for making sure the table is set, napkins in place, or each person has a glass. This teaches your child how to help in the family. As you teach your child the task, show how to do it through your actions and explanation, and then allow your child to do the task. Compliment your child on completing the task. Say, You did it! You followed my example and helped our family. Thank you! Then point out that your child can learn to live like Jesus by learning from examples of His teachings in the Bible. Share this week's Bible story from *Celebrate* (the weekly Sunday School take-home paper) with your child.



Bed Time

As you prepare for bed, sing this song with your child. Have your child share one way he or she followed Jesus by making a good choice during the day. Or, you can point out an example that you noticed as your child obeyed during the day. If there is an area where your child needs to learn to follow Jesus, talk about that area and pray with your child for God's help.

We Learn to Follow Jesus

(Tune: "Oh, How I Love Jesus")

by Suzanne Cook

I will follow Jesus,
I will follow Jesus,
I will follow Jesus,
Because He loves me so.
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Because I love Him so!