

Today at Children's Church!

Today at Children's Church we read from Luke 9:57-62. This passage highlights the cost of following Jesus. As Jesus is walking with a group of people, He calls them to follow Him but instead they give excuses for why they can't drop everything and follow Jesus. If we are honest, this is a lot like our own lives. We have busy schedules and sometimes, without even realizing it, we brush Jesus to the side and make excuses.

So here is what we know today:

1. Jesus wants us to follow Him – we do that by reading the Bible, going to church, praying, asking for guidance in how we live, following His commands, etc.
2. Sometimes it is hard to follow Jesus because we are busy or we forget or we make excuses... But Jesus wants us to work hard at following Him and not make excuses.
3. Jesus loves us so much and He just wants to be close to us – He forgives us when we don't follow Him like we should and helps us to do better.

Table Talk: Throughout the week, ask your child these questions to get faith conversations rolling at home!

1. What is one new thing you learned in Children's Church this week?
2. Have you ever made an excuse when you were asked to do something? What happened?
3. What is one way that we can work together to follow Jesus better?
(Make it a habit to pray before we eat, no matter how hungry we are. Shut off the TV 15 minutes earlier to spend some time reading the Bible and/or praying. When in the car, try saying a prayer together.)

Weekly Challenge: This week, as we seek to follow Jesus, I encourage you to set aside time in your day to pray and/or read the Bible with your child. Utilize the time you spend in the car or at the dinner table to pray together or to have your child read a Bible passage to you. Find what works for your schedule and fits your family. You won't be disappointed!