

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

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STORY POINT: Jesus is the best teacher.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

ACTIVITY: Leave everything behind.

Invite your child to play freely, but explain that when you say, “Follow me” your child must stop and follow you in a walk around the room. Repeat as many times as you would like. Then retell the Bible story. Tell them **JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GOD**. Jesus said we must be willing to leave everything to follow Jesus. Following Jesus means knowing He is in charge.

CRAFT:

Supplies:

1. Different colored pieces of foam sheets.
2. Markers or crayons.
3. Scissors.
4. Pipe cleaner.
5. Stickers or decorations (optional).

DESCRIPTION/MAKE: Make a flip flop.

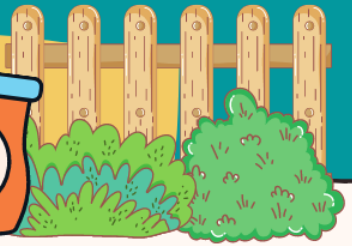
Trace your child’s foot on the foam sheet and cut it out. Make 3 holes in the foam sheet; 2 on the sides and one in the middle. Using your pipe cleaners, form the “straps” of the flip flop. Now you can write on your flip flop, “I Follow Jesus.” You can also write the ways in which you follow Jesus every day. Lastly, decorate your flip flop any way you would like. Be creative!

BIBLE STORY:

Many people wanted to follow Jesus. A man told Jesus, “I will follow You wherever You go.” Jesus told the man, “Foxes have dens, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lie down.” Another man told Jesus, “I will follow You, but first let me bury my father.” Jesus told the man, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury the dead.” Jesus told His friends, “Anyone who comes to Me must be willing to leave everything and follow Me. Whoever gives up his life for Me will find true life. What good is it to have everything you want in the world if you give up life with God forever?” Jesus was telling His friends that His followers must love Him most of all.



BONUS MATERIAL



BIG PICTURE QUESTION/CATECHISM QUESTION:

Big Picture Question:

What did Jesus teach when he was on Earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

Catechism Question: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

PRAY AND SING:

PRAY: Dear Heavenly Father, You gave us the most precious gift of all, Your son. He teaches us everyday to follow Him in all His ways. We pray that You will help us and guide us to be a good disciple for Jesus. It is in Your name that we pray, Amen.

SING: Have your kids sing along: I Have Decided
<https://youtu.be/sEL0WpeH088>

THREE WAYS TO POINT YOUR LITTLE ONE TO JESUS WITH THIS STORY

- Many people wanted to follow Jesus.
- Jesus told people they must love Him most of all to follow Him.
- People who follow Jesus will have life with Him forever.

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Come,
FOLLOW ME
Of the things
which ye have
seen me do:

Luke 10:22 & 2 Nephi 31:12

