

Preschool Fall
Lesson 10:
I Will Follow Jesus and Go Meet With the Church

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Understand that we need to follow Jesus
- 2) Recognize that we need to follow Jesus by going to meet with the church

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for Ideas

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheets – Parking Lot from previous class – one per student
- Cars for attendance – make sure each child has 5 cars
- Tape to share
- I Will Follow Jesus Leaf Template – one per student cut out before class for those too young to cut
- Scissors – to share
- Hole Punch – to share
- String – one 12 inch piece per student
- Cinnamon in a small spice shaker jar – one for class to share (optional)
- The Church's Building Puzzle – one per student printed and cut out before class
- Glue sticks to share
- Book – The Bible teaches us To Worship (the one you made from previous lessons)

Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies

- Worship Memory Match Sheet (match pictures to each other) (print 1 set for every two students on white cardstock or construction paper and cut out before class)
- Dolls of family members – enough for each child to get some to play with
- Church building template – the one from last time pre-made so children's doll families have a place to go for worship
- Bibles – one per child
- Snack – Different shaped cheese, crackers, or fruit - enough for each child along with a napkin and a glass of water

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance charts from previous class). Let each child put a car in their attendance parking lot for this week. Have them sit on the floor when finished (on mats if available) close together. Tell them, **“Today we are going to continue to learn what the Bible teaches about worshipping God and following Jesus! Worship means to give honor, praise and obedience to God because we love Him and because He deserves it.**

God and Jesus love us and we need to obey the Word – the Bible! (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible says we need to follow Jesus to meet with the church family on Sundays – that is today!

Say: **Following Jesus is important.**

How many of you came to church services today – raise your hand? Let students respond.

(Hopefully all will raise hands😊)

It makes God and Jesus happy when we come to church services on Sunday! We learn that from the Bible. We will follow Jesus by meeting with our church family on Sunday!

Let's sing some songs to get us started for our class today!

If My Name is.....

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

Jesus is my friend, Jesus is my friend.

If my name is _____ Jesus is my friend.

*Fill in name of each child in the room one at a time.

Bible Time

Tune: London Bridge

Gather 'round, it's Bible time,

Bible time, Bible time.

Gather 'round it's Bible time;
come and listen.

Hand out one Bible to each child. Say to students. **Last time we learned that the Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God's! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God's Words in it for us to obey. Isn't that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words. God loves us and expects us to obey Him. We need to worship God and that includes following His Son Jesus too! We follow Jesus by going to church services – just like you are doing today!**

Read the following verse from your Bible:

The Bible says in Matthew 4:19

"Come, follow me," Jesus said

Let's remember to always follow Jesus!

Say each child's name and then say: **You are all big enough to follow Jesus!**

Call each child by name and say: _____ **is very good. She/he came to church services today and is following Jesus – she/he obeyed God and Jesus! Good job _____!**

Let's all say "Thank you God for Your Bible! Thank you God for Jesus!" Have students say it together. **Let's all say "Thank you God for our church family!" Good job! Let's sit quietly while I read a book on ways we worship God.**

*Read book "The Bible Teaches Us to Worship". Then when done say:

Good job _____ (fill in names of those who sat quietly while you read) for listening carefully and quietly. That made God and Jesus happy! We can follow Jesus!

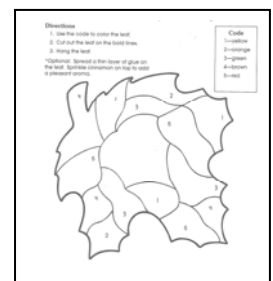
Now let's quietly go to the table so we can do another fun activity!

2) I Will Follow Jesus Leaf Craft

10-15 minutes

Before class gather hole punch, string, cinnamon in a spice shaker jar and glue sticks (if adding scent to the leaves).

During class say: **To help us remember that we should follow Jesus we are going to make a fun craft! Does anyone know what time of year it is?** Let students respond.



It is Fall! This is the time of year when leaves change color and fall off the trees. The words “Fall” and “follow” are very similar – we are going to make a leaf to remind us to “Fall-o” Jesus. (Hand out one template with crayons.)

Have the children write their names somewhere on the back of the page as you explain and read the directions. You might want to color a yellow, orange, etc. circle on their code sheet with crayons that matches the word so that they know what color to use for each number on their coded sheet. Or have the class do one number at a time so they all color number 1 yellow for example.

Let students color the leaf while you share the importance of coming to meet with the church family on Sundays and how happy that makes the teachers, the people, the evangelist, God and Jesus when they see each of them come to worship!

*Optional: Take a glue stick and make a small circle around the words “I Will Fall-o Jesus” on each leaf. Then, gently shake some cinnamon onto the leaf where the glue is (any extra cinnamon that does not stick, just gather by bending the leaf in half carefully and dumping the cinnamon back into the jar).

Let students smell the cinnamon first and see if they want some on their leaves before doing, in case some don't like the smell.

Using a hole punch, make a hole at the top of their leaves and tie a string through so they can hang the leaf somewhere in their home.

Talk about how special their colorful leaves are, especially now that they smell so nice and can be hung in their rooms to remind them to follow Jesus! **What should we do to make God and Jesus happy? We should follow Jesus and go to church services on Sunday!**

Once done, ask kids to help clean up and have each child show their creation to the rest of the class. You can sing the Clean Up Song below as you work.

Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well.

Clean Up Song

Clean up, clean up
Everybody everywhere!
Clean up, clean up
Everybody do your share!
Repeat

While you clean say: **The Bible says in Matthew 4:19**

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said

Let's remember to worship God and Jesus this Sunday during worship by following Jesus and always coming to worship God on Sundays!

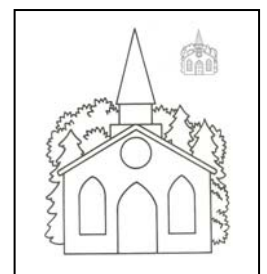
Say each child's name and then say: **You are all big enough to follow Jesus!**

3) The Church's Building Puzzle

10-15 minutes

Before class: Cut out the patterns and the church's building. One set of patterns and one of the buildings for each student.

During class: Hand out patterns to each student along with crayons. Say: **We are going to decorate and figure out a puzzle. We need to color these puzzle pieces and then figure out where they go on the building for the church. First we will**



color the pieces and then we will take the church's building and with glue, see where the pieces fit together and then glue them in place!

While students color say: **Does going to meet with the church make God and Jesus happy? Yes! We follow Jesus when we go to church services every Sunday! Remember following Jesus means obeying and listening to what He says. Jesus and God say we need to come to church services and worship God. Worship means to give honor, praise and obedience to God. We come to church services to sit and listen to the Bible, sing, pray, and give. Let's make sure that when we are worshiping God and Jesus today that we sit quietly in services and listen, sing, pray and give!**
Ask students to help clean up when finished before moving on.

4) Action Rhyme and Songs

5 minutes

Let's do some action rhymes about the Bible and Jesus and sing songs to God!

I am Jesus' Little Lamb

Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

I am Jesus' little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,
I am Jesus' little lamb and He takes care of me!
I follow Him to Bible school, Bible school, Bible
school.
I follow Him to Bible school and He is glad to see
me!

My Bible – Action Phrase

This is my Bible. (Palms together)
I'll open it wide. (Open hands; keep them
touching.)
And see what is written inside!

I Have – Action Phrase

I have two eyes to see God's Word.
(Circle eyes)
I have two ears to hear it read.
(Cup ears)
I have one mouth to sing His praise.
(Point to mouth)
I have two hands to fold in prayer.
(Fold hands)

Say, "God speaks to me through the Bible. He tells me to go to church services on Sunday. I want to do what God and Jesus say. So, I obey! I do not go on Saturday, I do not go on Monday, because God tells me to go worship Him on Sunday. I obey God and Jesus and that makes them happy and me happy too!"

Did you obey God and Jesus by coming to church services on Sunday today? Yes you did! Good job – that makes God and Jesus happy when we obey His Bible!

Are you going to sing when everyone sings? Good job – that makes God and Jesus happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.

Are you going to listen when everyone listens? Good job – that makes God and Jesus happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.

Are you going to give when everyone gives? Good job – that makes God and Jesus happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.

Are you going to pray when everyone prays? Good job – that makes God and Jesus happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him!

5) Optional Activity: Worship Match Game

10 minutes

Using the templates provided and before class print the Worship Match Sheet on white cardstock and cut out. Make sure you print two copies for every four children. Have children split into two groups. Older children can either team up with a younger child, or younger children play a game with the assistant, while you supervise the game with the older children.

Have children mix up cards face down and place them flat all laid out. Have each child take a turn flipping over two cards. If they flip a picture that matches, they get to keep the set of cards they matched. Ask them what the picture is to help them learn why these pictures relate to worship and coming to church services. Play the game until all the cards have been chosen and the person or group with the most cards collected wins.

You can help by making sure they do match correctly and possibly explain what the picture is, especially for the younger children. Students can play again if there is time.

6) Optional: Follow Jesus Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about following Jesus. I want you to follow and do what I say, just like you should follow Jesus. If I say to do something, I want you to pretend to do that action. Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...**

Jesus says – time to wake up! (Pretend to be sleeping and then wake up, yawn and stretch)

Jesus says – time to brush our teeth! (Pretend to brush teeth)

Jesus says – say “Thank You God for all You give us.” (Have children say it out loud)

Jesus says – eat your breakfast (pretend to eat a meal and drink water)

Jesus says – get your Bibles! (Hand out Bibles to each child if available or if not pretend to grab a book)

Jesus says – let’s go to church services! Follow me! (Have students follow you around the room walking to church services)

Jesus says – obey your mom and dad.

Jesus says – we are here with our church family this morning. Let’s all sit down at our Sunday school table! (Have students sit at the table)

Jesus says – Let’s all sing a song (Sing song below)

I am Jesus’ Little Lamb

Tune: “Mary Had a Little Lamb”

I am Jesus’ little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,

I am Jesus’ little lamb and He takes care of me!

I follow Him to Bible school, Bible school, Bible school.

I follow Him to Bible school and He is glad to see me!

Thank class for playing. **We all made it to worship God and Jesus! Good job everyone!** Have them sit at the table for the next activity.

7) Optional: Dolls and Bibles – We Can Pretend to Worship

10 minutes

Pass around dolls and Bibles and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that the Bible is God’s Word and they need to obey it by worshipping God and Jesus by coming to church services every Sunday.

Say, **“The Bible is from God. As we pretend with these Bibles and dolls let’s remember that God gave us the Bible and in the Bible it says we need to worship Him and obey Him and that includes following Jesus. That is why we are all here today at services - to worship God and Jesus! Let’s share our dolls and Bibles and pretend that our dolls are going to church services to read the Bible and listen and obey and learn about God. Let’s practice all the things we do on Sunday using our dolls.** (Pretend they go to Sunday school class. Pretend they go to worship and sit, pray, read their Bibles, give and listen.) Talk about how happy God is when we read from His Word the Bible and obey His Word. Talk about how happy our family is when we come to Sunday school and sit, listen and obey the teacher and read from the Bible. Talk about how happy Jesus is when we follow Him to church services and sit quietly and listen and learn from the Bible. Ask students what things they remember people doing every Sunday when they are at church services.

Then while they play, open your Bible and turn to **Acts 20:7** ask students to look and listen while you read from the Bible this paraphrased version: **On the first day of the week we came together... The Bible says we should come together on the first day of the week – that is today – Sunday! We are all obeying God and Jesus by being at church services this Sunday! Good job!**

Then say to students, **“The Bible is God’s Word!”**
Do the following rhyme with your Bible:

Best Book of All – Rhyme
Books, books, big and small;
What’s the very best book of all?
THE BIBLE!
(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

8) Optional: Snack – Different shaped crackers, cheese or fruit pieces 5-10 minutes
Before class gather various shaped food for students to use to “build a place to meet with the church”. Preferably shapes like squares, rectangles, and triangles. Say to students: **“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning about God’s Word – the Bible and that we need to worship God and Jesus by following Jesus to church services with our church family. To help us remember what we learned, we are going to have a snack that we can use to build a place for the church to meet.** Hand out snacks to each child, along with a glass of milk or water to each child. Let them “build” a place for the church to meet before or as they snack.

Ask students while they snack: **What book is from God? The Bible!**
The Bible is God’s Word and that is where we read that we need to go to church services every Sunday. The Bible is God’s special book that He made for each and every one of us. And, we are to obey the Bible. That includes going to church services! Let’s think about how we can give, listen, pray, and sing today in worship while we eat our snacks! Enjoy!”
Talk about how we obey the Bible – by going to church services on Sunday, listening to our moms and dads, praying, giving, singing, listening, and reading the Bible. And that by doing these things we are following Jesus! After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

9) Sing 5-10 minutes
Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Fall Quarter Songs provided.

10) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God’s Word the Bible and we need to obey God.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Then Pray: **Dear God, thank you for listening when we talk to You. Thank you for Your Son Jesus, who loves us and cares for us too! Help us to remember to follow and obey Jesus every day. Help us to listen when Your Word the Bible is read to us at church services. Thank You for everyone here today and for those that couldn’t be. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

11) Remind students

To take home their creations. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

12) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain have teacher assistant help you take them to their parents.