

*Preschool Fall*  
*Lesson 9:*  
*The Bible Tells Us to Follow Jesus*

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Understand that we need to follow Jesus
- 2) Recognize that we need to follow Jesus to Sunday worship but also everyday

**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 Color Page – one per student
- Fall leaves – enough for each child to get 5-7 dried leaves
- Blank piece of paper – one per child
- I Will Follow Jesus Sheep Stickers Page – one per child there are 18 on a page
- 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**

- Sheep – teddy bear, plastic or cut out pictures of sheep – one per student \*or you can make a sheep using template and an empty spool from thread and glue the template to the spool – see directions below or use the sheep you made from lesson 5 if you did
- Shepherd – plastic doll or cut out pictures – one per student
- Empty spool from thread – one per student
- Sheep template – one per student (there are 4 on a page) print onto white cardstock or construction paper before class and cut out.
- Glue and/or tape to share
- Cotton balls – 8 or 10 per student
- Bibles – one per child
- Snack – Celery stick “Grass” - 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! Worship means to give honor, praise and obedience to God because we love Him and because He deserves it.**

**God loves us and we need to obey His Word – the Bible! And the Bible teaches us that we should listen to God by reading His Bible!** (Hold up a Bible.) **The Bible also tells us we need to follow and obey Jesus – God’s Son.**

Say: **Following Jesus is important**

**How many of you know what sound a sheep makes – raise your hand?** Let students respond  
**How many of you remember that a few weeks ago we talked about sheep following the voice of the shepherd? A shepherd is someone who takes good care of sheep.**  
**Jesus is our good shepherd – He takes good care of us, he loves us and he knows us. We should be like good sheep and follow Jesus our good shepherd!**

**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.**

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

**If My Name is.....**

**Bible Time**

Tune: London Bridge

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.

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. Today we are going to learn that the Bible teaches that we need to worship God and that includes following His Son Jesus too! We follow Jesus by reading the Bible and by going to church services too.**

**Read the following verse from your Bible:**

**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!**

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 "Fall-o" Jesus Leaf Rub Craft

10-15 minutes

Before class gather various dried leaves or small flat things found in nature such as seeds, grass, flowers, etc. that can sit out and dry for a few days before Sunday school. Also cut out one sheep sticker for each child.

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 rub sheet to remind us to "Fall-o" Jesus.** (Hand out one blank paper with crayons.)

Have the children write their names somewhere on the back of the page as you hand out various dried leaves to each child. Try to hand out one at a time so they use the leaf before they get another one.

Show students what to do while saying: **We are going to hide the leaf under our sheet of paper.** (Put leaf somewhere under a sheet of paper that you have kept for yourself.) **Then I am going to take a crayon (take crayon) and gently rub the paper where the leaf is hidden – what do you think will happen?** Let students respond.

**When I rub – the leaf will appear on the paper because I have rubbed it onto the page using the crayon. Remember it is Fall and we need to "Fall-o" Jesus. Now it's your turns!** Help students rub a leaf pattern onto their page. Hand out more leaves as needed so they can make different pictures on their page with various leaves and pieces from nature. When finished say: **Sheep follow their shepherd – we should follow Jesus just like good sheep follow their shepherd. I am going to hand out one sheep sticker to each of you. I will come around with a glue stick, you show me where you want to put your sheep sticker, we will glue the sticker and then you can place your sheep on your page!** Help students by handing out stickers and gluing them to the pages.

**What should we do to make God and Jesus happy? We should follow Jesus!**

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!**

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



### 3) I Will Follow Jesus Color Page

10 minutes

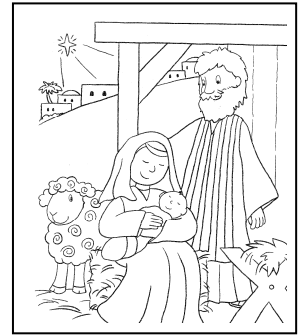
Hand out one color sheet to each student along with crayons. Say: **Listen to me while you color I am going to read what the pictures on the page are showing.**

Read first picture description

**What is going on in this picture?** Let students respond and then explain correctly if needed what is going on.

Say: **The next picture says...(read description) what is going on in this picture?**

Let students respond and then explain correctly if needed what is going on.



**These pictures are about Jesus and show some of the reasons we should follow Him. You are all big enough to follow Jesus and show that you love Him by listening to His Words in the Bible every day including at church services on Sunday.**

### 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 says. 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 that makes God 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: Sheep and Shepherd Pretend Play

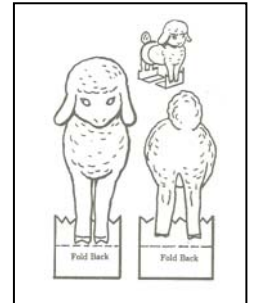
5-10 minutes

Let the students pretend to be sheep, you the teacher will be the shepherd. You can put chairs together to make a sheepfold. Tell the students to play inside the sheepfold until they hear you, the shepherd, call. Pull back one chair to open the door and take the sheep to "pasture." Weather permitting, you may take the students for a walk outside or you may want to do snack time and bring your sheep some food and water – see snack idea below. You can talk about how we should follow Jesus, just like sheep follow the shepherd. You can talk about all the ways we follow Jesus – by obeying the Bible, worshiping and coming to church services.

### 6) Optional: Make a Sheep to Play With and Take Home

10 minutes

\*Before class print the template of Spool Sheep – there are 4 sets on a page and each child gets one set. Cut out the sheep front and back and fold back the tabs before class. Gather an empty spool from thread, cotton balls, and glue.



During class say: **To help us remember that God and Jesus wants us to obey and worship Him. We are going to make little sheep. Jesus is our good shepherd who takes care of us – His sheep. We will make sheep to remind us that we should follow Jesus just like sheep follow their shepherd. And, to follow Jesus - that means we should sing, give, pray and listen at church services as that makes God and Jesus happy!**

**Let's get started. I will hand out one spool and two parts to the sheep along with some glue. I want each of you to wait patiently as I go around the room helping everyone glue their sheep front and back to the spool. The spool will be his body! (Help students glue the cut out sheep pattern onto their spool as shown in the picture. Fold the tabs back so the sheep can stand.) Now I will pass around some cotton balls. We will glue the cotton balls around the spool to make the sheep's body nice and fluffy! (Help students glue cotton to the spool)**

**What does a sheep say?** Let students answer.

**Do sheep listen to their shepherd?** Yes.

**Is Jesus our good shepherd?** Yes.

**Does Jesus take good care of his sheep – you and I?** Yes.

**Does that make God and Jesus happy when we obey them?** Yes.

Let children play with their sheep before helping you to clean up.

### 7) Optional: I Will 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 and say “Thank you God!”** (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.

## **8) Optional: Sheep and Shepherds – We Can Pretend**

**10 minutes**

Pass around sheep, shepherds and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that Jesus is our good shepherd who loves us and takes very good care of us, His sheep.

Say, **“The Bible is from God. The Bible says that Jesus is like a good shepherd who takes care of His sheep. We can make Jesus and God happy by following Jesus and obeying Him – our Good Shepherd. That makes God happy. Let’s play with our sheep and shepherds. Have your sheep follow the shepherd wherever he goes and make sure the shepherd takes good care of the sheep.**

While they play read the following from the Bible:

**John 10:14 – Jesus said:**

**14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—**

Let students play with the sheep and shepherds while you sing songs and then clean up.

## **9) Optional: Snack – Celery Sticks “Grass” or something similar**

**5-10 minutes**

Before class chop celery into small sticks to represent grass – something a sheep would eat. Or, if you have something similar that you would prefer, use that.

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 – just like good sheep follow their shepherd. To help us remember, we are going to have a snack that looks like grass. Sheep eat grass and today we learned that we can be sheep as we follow Jesus our shepherd. We are not going to eat grass but we are going to eat these healthy celery sticks that look like grass!** Hand out snacks to each child, along with a glass of milk or water to each child.

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 and sing songs of thanks to God. 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.

### **10) Sing**

**5-10 minutes**

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Fall Quarter Songs provided.

### **11) 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. Thank You for everyone here today and for those that couldn't be. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### **12) Remind students**

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

### **13) 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.