



# FOLLOW JESUS

Lesson 13

## BIG IDEA

Jesus invites everyone to turn away from sin and follow him. Some people follow right away and some people try to ignore him.

## KEY VERSES

Matthew 10:27-28

## MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 10:27

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

## • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

### BIBLE LESSON: MIME

- 9 silent actors: Jesus, parent and unruly child, two boys fighting, two girls gossiping, two men playing dice and drinking alcohol
- Narrator/discussion leader
- A sign that reads “love”

### CRAFT

- Copies of memory verse poster, one per child (optional: print on colored cardstock)
- Washable stamp pads (at least 3x4 inch pads) in several colors
- Several boxes of wipes to clean ink off hands

### GAME

- No materials needed

### WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Maze (domestic communities only)





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BIBLE LESSON • MIME

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Narrator: The bible says, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” You are about to see a silent skit. Watch carefully and try to figure out who these quiet characters are like. What do they do when Jesus comes to them?

Enter parent and unruly child. Cross to stage left and silently act out a lecturing parent and a disobedient child. Act for 10 – 30 seconds so the situation is obvious then freeze.

Enter two boys fighting. Cross to center of stage and silently act out bullying and fighting (nothing too violent). Act for 10 – 30 seconds so the situation is obvious then freeze.

Enter gossiping girls, cross to stage right and silently act out whispering, giggling, eye rolling, gossiping. Act for 10 – 30 seconds then freeze.

Enter slightly drunken men. Cross to back of stage and act out gambling with dice and drinking. Act for 10 – 30 seconds then freeze.

Enter Jesus carrying a sign that says “love”. All actors resume roles.

Jesus walk to parent and unruly child. Smile at them. Touch their shoulders. Motion for them to follow. Parent and child calm down, smile and follow Jesus. Walk past the drunken men. Jesus smile at the men and motion for them to follow. One man puts down his dice and drink and follows Jesus. The second man waves him off and takes another drink.

Jesus, parent, child and man exit stage.

Enter Jesus and cross to the fighting boys. Smile, touch shoulders, motion for them to follow. Boys calm down, smile and follow Jesus. Cross in front of drunken man and motion for him to follow. Man shakes head and keeps drinking. Jesus and boys exit stage.

Enter Jesus and cross to gossiping girls. Smile, touch shoulders, motion for them to follow. Girls calm down, smile and follow Jesus. Cross in front of drunken man and motion for him to follow. Man cross arms and shake head angrily.

Jesus and girls exit stage.

Drunken man is alone on the stage. Looks around, lonely and sad. Look sat bottle and tosses it down. Falls to his knees weeping and praying.

Enter Jesus and his followers with the love sign. Jesus helps the man to his feet and hands him the love sign. Man gratefully accepts. Followers rejoice and end with a group hug.

Everyone exit stage.



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BIBLE LESSON • MIME (CONT.)

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which character was Jesus?
2. What did the other characters represent?
3. What happened to the characters when entered their lives?
4. The man who was drinking refused to follow Jesus 3 times. Why do you think he refused?
5. What did the drinking man do when he realized he made the wrong choice?
6. Does Jesus listen to our prayers even if we make the wrong choices over and over again?

### SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- *Have the kids pretend to be an unruly child, fighting person, gossiping person, gambling person, from where they are sitting.*
- *Skip the drunken men in the Navajo Nation*
- *Ask 2-3 of the easier discussion questions*



# FOLLOW JESUS

CRAFT & GAME

• CRAFT •

**OBJECTIVE: FOOTPRINT & VERSE POSTER**

Kids will decorate a memory verse poster.

**MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM**

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

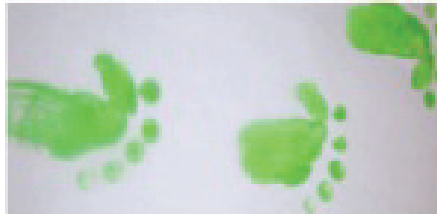
**DIRECTIONS**

- Pass out memory verse poster
- Make a fist and press the side of their fist the stamp pad
- Press inked fist onto the verse poster
- Press the tip of each finger onto the stamp pad
- Press inked fingers onto the verse poster above the fist to make toes
- Repeat several times with each hand to create the foot prints of someone walking

**MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM**

- Copies of memory verse poster, one per person (optional: print on colored cardstock)
- Washable stamp pads (at least 3x4 inch pads) in several colors
- Several boxes of wipes to clean ink off hands

**EXAMPLE**



**SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS**

- Use footprint stickers instead of hand stamps
- Use pre-cut footprints and glue them on

• GAME •

**OBJECTIVE: FOLLOW THE LEADER**

Try and follow everything the leader does.

**MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM**

- No materials needed

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Choose who will be the leader. All the other children playing will line up behind the leader in single file.
- The leader leads the group in any direction they want and tries to make up funny things for everyone to do after him.
- Ideas – skip, turn in circles, summer sault, crab walk, climbing obstacles, etc.
- If any player messes up or refuses to follow the leader, they are out. The last one standing is the new leader.

**VARIATIONS**

- Set time limit so everyone gets a chance to be the leader.
- Break a large group into several smaller groups.
- Whisper several directions to the leader to carry out.



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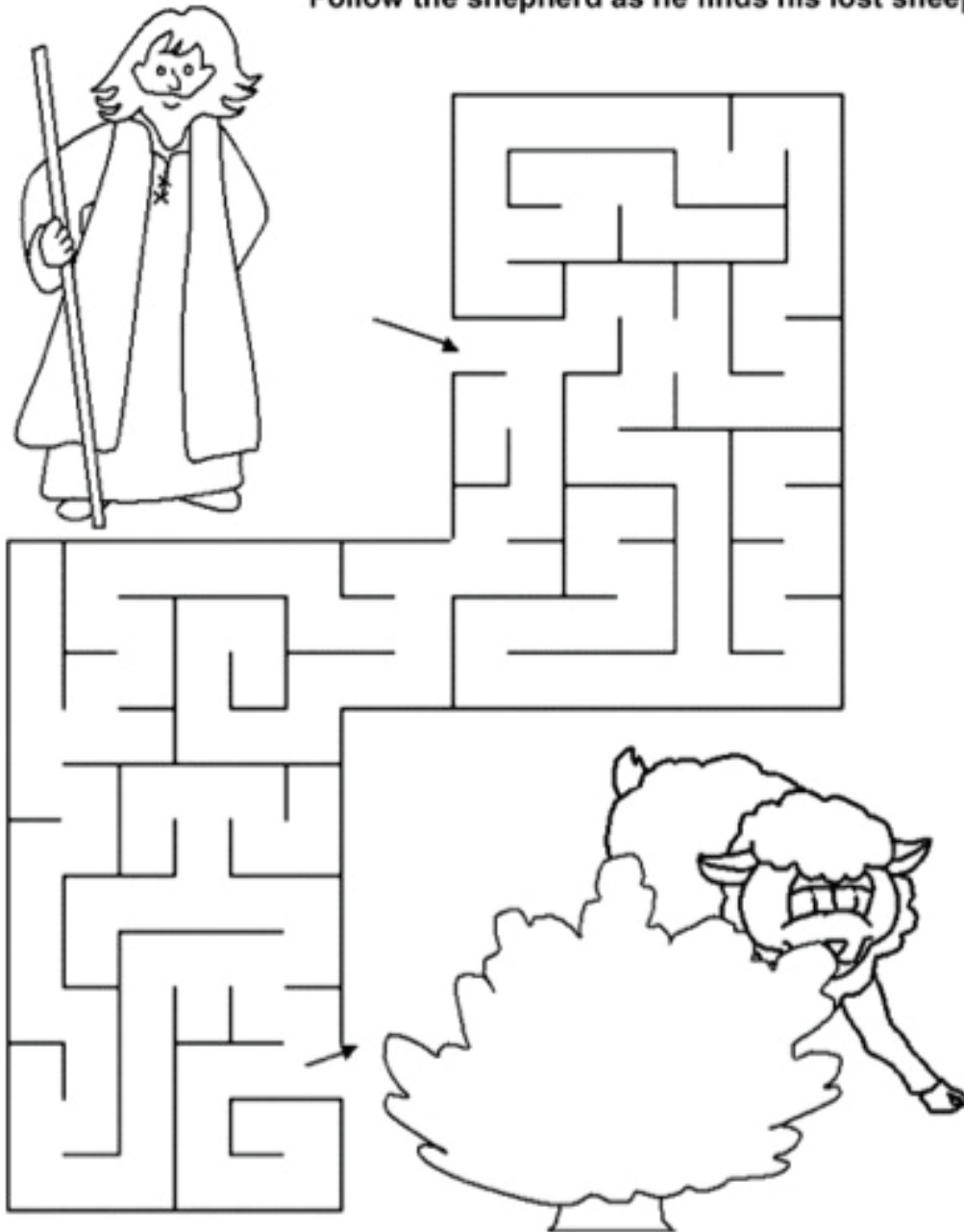
Matthew 10:27



Name:

## Jesus is my Shepherd. He looks after me.

Follow the shepherd as he finds his lost sheep.



**Luke 15:7** In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent.