

# Doing What Jesus Did as a Family

## Week Seven - Living Simply and Generously

*“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” - John 14:21*

As parents and caregivers, one of our primary responsibilities is to teach our children what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This means both teaching your children what Jesus did through Bible reading and modeling what Jesus did by obeying His commands together as a family. In conjunction with our “Do What Jesus Did” series, we’re challenging the families of Citizens to follow Jesus together through practice guides. Each practice guide will have Scripture to read, a song to sing, and an age-appropriate activity. We pray this will help you grow as a disciple-maker and help to shepherd your child towards faith in Jesus!

**Read It** - Matthew 6, Luke 12, “The Singer” from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

**Sing It** - “Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25-26, 28-33)” by Slugs & Bugs

**Do It** -

*Babies* - Pray for your child that they would know Jesus. Pray that they would trust Jesus with all aspects of their lives. Pray that out of the overflow of their trust in Jesus and His kindness and provision that they would be compelled to live simply and generously.

*Toddlers* - In addition to praying for your child, teach your child to say, “God takes care of me!” Turning phrases into questions/catechisms for children is also really helpful. Q: Who takes care of you? A: God! In addition, choose 1-2 toys for your child to give away to someone in need.

*Big Kids* - In addition to praying for your child and teaching them that God takes care of them, talk to them about what it might look like for your family to live simply. In preparation for the Christmas season, which for children can become a temptation towards consumption and greed, give your child a basket for them to fill up with toys, clothes, books, etc. that they would like to give away.