

Doing What Jesus Did as a Family

Week Three - Preaching the Kingdom

“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 - Mark 1:14-15, Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 2, “Story 46: Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit” from the *Beginner’s Gospel Story Bible* by Jared Kennedy or “God sends help” from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones.

Sing It - This is the Message by Slugs & Bugs

Do It -

Babies - Pray for your child that they would grow up to believe the gospel of Jesus.

Toddlers - In addition to praying for your child, teach them the gospel. Depending on the age of your child, it might be helpful to start by teaching them the phrase: Jesus died for me! It might also be helpful to memorize a gospel catechism together. *New City Catechism* is a helpful resource for this! You can start by having your child memorize the answer to the question: how can we be saved? “Only by faith in Jesus Christ.”

Big Kids - In addition to praying for your child and having them learn the gospel, talk to your child about people your family knows that don’t know Jesus. This might be their classmates, neighbors, family members or friends. Walk through what a gospel conversation might look like. Make a practice each night this week of praying for those people to come to faith in Jesus.