

JULY 12, 2020
THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 8; Luke 9, 14

STORY POINT:
Jesus taught about God.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

CHRIST CONNECTION:
Following Jesus means knowing He is in charge.

BABIES

BABY GOSPEL GEMS

Share these truths with your baby throughout the week!

- Many people wanted to follow Jesus.
- Jesus told people they must love Him most of all to follow Him.
- People who follow Jesus will have life with Him forever.

BABY ACTIVITIES

CROSS ART

Cut a cross shape out of heavyweight paper. Gather squares of colorful tissue paper or other textured paper and guide your baby to glue them onto the cross. Write "Follow Me!" on the cross. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY: When **Jesus taught about God**, many people wanted to follow Him. Following Jesus means knowing He is in charge.

COIN SHAKERS

Place a few coins in a clear plastic jar. Duct tape the lid to seal. Encourage your baby to shake the coins. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY: Many people wanted to follow Jesus, but Jesus told a story about counting the cost. Jesus told people they must love Him most of all to follow Him. **Jesus taught about God.**

TODDLERS

BIBLE STORIES FOR TODDLERS

Share this story with your toddler throughout the week!

Many people wanted to follow Jesus. A man told Jesus, "I will follow You wherever You go." Jesus told the man, "Foxes have dens, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lie down." Another man told Jesus, "I will follow You, but first let me bury my father." Jesus told the man, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury the dead." Jesus told His friends, "Anyone who comes to Me must be willing to leave everything and follow Me. Whoever gives up his life for Me will find true life. What good is it to have everything you want in the world if you give up life with God forever?" Jesus was telling His friends that His followers must love Him most of all.

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

JESUS ART

Write the name JESUS in large letters on construction paper. Provide heart stickers for your toddler to stick to their paper. Older toddlers may be able to trace Jesus' name with the stickers. Retell the Bible story.

SAY: Jesus taught about God. Jesus told people they must love Him most of all to follow Him. Following Jesus means knowing He is in charge.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Guide your toddler to build houses with blocks. Provide people figures to play out family scenes. Talk about the Bible story as your toddler plays.

SAY: Jesus taught about God. Many people wanted to follow Jesus, but Jesus said following Him meant they would not always have a place to stay or family around them. Jesus told people they must love Him most of all to follow Him. People who follow Jesus will have life with Him forever.