

SUNDAY FUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
JESUS' HARD TEACHINGS

GAME TIME

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Play "Follow the Leader" according to the traditional rules. Allow each child a turn to be the leader.

SAY: You followed the leader! Many people did not understand Jesus' teaching and stopped following Him. Jesus asked His disciples if they wanted to go away too. Peter said, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."

BIBLE STORY

Jesus' Hard Teachings John 6

A crowd of people were looking for Jesus. They found Him on the other side of the sea.

Jesus said to them, "You are looking for Me because I gave you food not because you saw My miracles. Don't work for food that will go bad. The Son of Man will give you food that never goes bad."

The people asked, "What work does God want us to do?"

Jesus said, "Believe in the One whom He has sent."

The people said, "What will You do for us to make us believe? Will You do another miracle?" The people wanted bread from heaven like Moses and the Israelites got in the wilderness.

Jesus said, "God the Father gives true bread from heaven. I am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again." Jesus said that the Father had sent Him to do God's plan. God's plan is that everyone who sees Jesus—God the Son—and believes in Him will have eternal life.

The people complained because Jesus said He came from heaven. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said again, "I am the bread of life. I came from heaven. Moses and the Israelites ate bread in the wilderness, and they died. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever."

FOLLOW AN OBSTACLE COURSE

Set up an obstacle course for kids to move through. Use furniture on hand as well as cardboard boxes, pop up tunnels, mats, jump ropes, hula hoops, and whatever else on hand to provide plenty of physical challenges. Explain how to complete the course and aid any children willing to try.

SAY: Following an obstacle course can be hard! Did any of you not even want to try it when I told you how hard it would be? Did you feel any different when I offered my help? In our Bible story today, some people thought Jesus' teaching was too hard to follow, but Jesus helps us do even really hard things when we trust Him!



When Jesus said this, many of His followers said, "This teaching is hard. Who can believe it?"

Many of Jesus' followers decided not to follow Him anymore. Jesus asked His twelve disciples, "Do you want to go away too?"

Peter answered, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus did not come just to give people bread to eat, He came to give them true life. Jesus' teachings were hard to understand. God the Father wants us to believe in His Son. When we trust in Jesus, He gives us life with God forever.