



HOW DO PEOPLE KNOW WE FOLLOW JESUS?

BIBLE STORY: Walk As Jesus Walked (1 John 1:5–2:11)

BIBLE TRUTH: We show we love Jesus by loving God and keeping His commands.

BIBLE VERSE: The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked.

1 John 2:6

BONUS VERSE: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Your child is learning about the importance of following Jesus' example. As believers, we show **we love Jesus by loving God and keeping His commands**. Followers of Jesus don't just say they love Jesus. They put that love into action by their attitudes and behavior. Actions, not just words, are clear evidence of faith. The Jesus Christ that the world sees is the one His followers represent.

In his first epistle, John, one of the twelve original disciples of Jesus, wrote about the things he learned from Jesus that helped him know God. A believer's obedience to God's commands and love for others is clear evidence of one who is "walking in the light" as opposed to one who is still in darkness. (See 1 John 1:5-10.)

This week, encourage your child to explore God's Word independently and take time for daily prayer. Discuss the difference between one who "walks in the light" and one who is still "in darkness." Encourage your child to be a "light" for Jesus, as John described, to everyone in his or her community. As you pray, thank God for Jesus' example. Ask God to allow him or her to be more like Jesus.

