

WALKING by FAITH

Grade K / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 11 FOLLOW JESUS

Objectives

- Understand that Jesus showed us how to know, love, and serve God.
- Affirm that Jesus loved his family.
- Recognize Jesus' example of loving all people.
- Affirm that we can follow Jesus' example.

Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), page 55

Begin the lesson by praying aloud the opening **Prayer** on page 55. Then talk with your child about what he or she already knows about the life of Jesus.

Have your child point to the picture of Jesus praying. Explain that Jesus is praying to God, his Father, just as they do. Remind him or her that praying is talking and listening to God. Recall that Jesus taught his friends to pray the Lord's Prayer. Take a minute to pray aloud this prayer, inviting your child to repeat it after you, line by line.

Read aloud the text. Then read the chapter title: **Follow Jesus**. Tell your child that when we pray, we show our love for God, as Jesus did. Take a moment to have your child pray silently his or her own prayer to God.

Read aloud **Catholics Believe**. Explain that praying to God is one way to follow Jesus. Explain that this lesson will show other ways to follow Jesus.

Step 2: *We Explore* (Doctrine), page 56

Call attention to the picture of the Holy Family on page 56. Read the heading, **Love Your Family**, and the sentence that follows the heading. Then ask your child how he or she can tell that Jesus loved Mary and Joseph.

Have your child tell how he or she can love family members. (Help them, be polite and respectful, tell them that you love them, and so on.)

Move on to the **Activity**, and have your child color the heart red. Then aloud read the sentence: I can ♥ [love] my . . . family, too. Read the **Scripture** verse. Tell your child that these are the words that Jesus told his followers.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 57

Call attention to the picture on page 57, and mention that it shows how much Jesus loved all people—the rich and the poor, the healthy and the sick, the strong and the weak, the good and the bad. By loving all people, Jesus showed his love for God.

Read aloud the heading (**Love All People**) and the text. Then give your child sufficient time to complete the drawing **Activity**. You may wish to brainstorm some ideas with your child before he or she begins to draw.

Sing the following song with your child to the tune of “Frère Jacques.”

Jesus loved God.	Jesus loved all people.
Jesus loved God.	Jesus loved all people.
I can, too.	So can you!
I can, too.	So can you!

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 58

Remind your child that we were created to be like Jesus. Elicit the following examples of how we can lead good lives.

- Love God.
- Love our families.
- Love all people.

Point out the **Activity** on page 58. Read aloud the incomplete sentence, using your child’s name in the blank. Then have your child print his or her name on the line provided.

Close the lesson by praying aloud: Jesus showed us how to know, love, and serve God. Then invite your child to complete this sentence: I serve God by _____. Add a few similar sentences of your own. Then pray aloud the **Prayer** on this page. Invite your child to answer: Amen!

For additional activities contact your director of religious education or teacher regarding *Reproducible Activities*, pages 33–35.