

# *Make Disciples– Youth Lessons*

## **Lesson #5 – Keeping My Friend Jesus**

### **Life Need – Purpose statement**

In this lesson, we will look closer at the importance of obedience to Jesus even when life gets tough.

### **Biblical references – Scriptural background**

John 15:19

Galatians 5:16-18

Ephesians 6:12

### **Teacher Preparation – Information to know**

For the best effectiveness of this lesson, it should be taught in an intimate setting of one to eight students. In this kind of setting, the students are then looked at as human beings – not just a “class” to move on after getting the correct answers. They each have a value all their own. This even brings them together to become an enabling community – to help each other develop spiritually with his or her own special gifts and resources.

Familiarize yourself with Lesson 7 in *Following Jesus - Standard C: What Does It Mean To Be A Part Of The People Of God*. This will give you background resource to use in teaching this lesson.

Don't forget that the learner perceives truth in various ways through these lessons. As a teacher/instructor/mentor, I must be prepared to accept the fact that my students and discipleship partners may not always understand the truth as I do. If my student is a Christian who is resisting the Holy Spirit in his or her life, there will be problems in accepting the truth I am trying to get across. Also, students who have just accepted Jesus Christ into their lives will still be feeding on the milk, not the meat, of the Word of Truth. We must consider, too, the possibility that my explanation may be less than clear to my students and discipleship partners. Knowing where the individual learners are spiritually is invaluable information for me as a teacher who desires to see spiritual growth. I can then take the Truth to their perspective more accurately.

To draw a learner to examine God's point of view is an exciting part of teaching, instructing and discipling. It is then that we have a chance to see God at work in their lives. When we see God's truth and values becoming a part of the learner's inner character, we can rejoice with God Himself over a student conforming to the image of His Son Jesus Christ.

As you prepare to use the **BibleStoryCards\*** of Jesus life and the **EvangeCube\***, make yourself very familiar with these tools to share God's salvation plan. Never just read word for word, unless you are narrating the story. Make sure that all the students can see the Cards or EvangeCube okay and can hear clearly.

While you teach these lessons, make eye contact with your students to show them your excitement about the story of Jesus. This will also help you notice if they are grasping the truth's you are sharing. Feel free to interact with students during the lesson at any time.

*\* **BibleStoryCards™** are trading-size cards that help you learn Bible stories easily and apply them to your lives! Each card is colorfully illustrated on the front with the Bible story and review questions written on the back. There are 50 Old Testament BibleStoryCards and 50 New Testament cards. Go to <http://www.wesleyan.org/wph/childrensresources/biblestorycards/biblestorycards.htm> to purchase them.*

*\***The EvangeCube®** is a seven-panel cube that tells the story of the Gospel of Christ in pictures. Go to [www.jfhp.org](http://www.jfhp.org) for more information and to purchase them.*

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## **Teaching Life – Basic Lifestyle Understanding**

After prayer, use the segment out of The Story of Jesus for Children Chapter 6 – The Good Samaritan. In this chapter, Jesus describes how a man was obedient to God by helping a neighbor. No matter what was going on around him, the Samaritan did what he knew to be God’s will.

But as we go through life, we find that we are in the midst of a spiritual warfare that is trying to take us away from God. We cannot expect to live our Christian life without opposition. This opposition tries to keep us from being obedient to God. We must stand up to the opposition/temptation as Jesus did – quoting Scripture and being obedient to God’s will.

## **Teaching Truth – Basic Biblical Truth**

Read the following Scripture passages out loud. After each passage, have students discuss the opposition and who is leading it.

John 15:19 – the world hates believers in God  
Galatians 5:16-18 – sinful desires that are in conflict with God’s will  
Ephesians 6:12 – our struggle is against spiritual forces of evil  
Revelation 12:9 – the devil leads the whole world astray

Now read how Satan tries to obstruct belief in God.

Luke 8:12  
John 8:44  
II Corinthians 4:3-4  
II Corinthians 11:3  
II Corinthians 11:14

## **Teaching Application – Basic Life Application**

From looking at these Scripture passages, we understand the spiritual war that is going on. Satan is trying to make us disobey God who loves us very much. We must stand up to Satan and his forces. Using the EvangeCube again, point out the “Daily Steps For Growth” in the last section. Discuss with your students the importance these steps are in keeping God in your life to resist disobedience.

The steps are:

Love  
Study  
Pray  
Meet  
Tell

These Scripture passages refer to finding God’s will of obedience for our lives. Discuss how they can be used in each student’s life for everyday living.

Psalms 37:31- planting God’s Word in our hearts  
Psalm 40:8 – do God’s will because His Word is in our hearts  
Psalm 25:4-5 – learn from God’s teachings  
Psalm 27:14 – be strong and wait on the Lord in times of trouble

Close in Prayer.