



Kids Community Group Guide

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus!

Leader's Guide for groups occurring April 9th to April 15th

Bible Lesson:

Ask the children if they've been at church during water baptisms. Ask them to tell what baptism means to them. Let them talk about their own experiences or what they know about someone else's baptism. Discuss any fears or misconceptions.

*Following Jesus means taking steps to show that you believe in Him, and want to be more like Him. Being baptized is a way to show the world that you've chosen to follow Jesus, but it's also actually "following Him" too – just like when we pay Follow the Leader, and we do our best to imitate the leader, we must do our best to imitate Jesus. One of the first things Jesus did when He started His ministry was to have John baptize Him. **Read Mark 1:1-11.***

Discussion Questions:

- What was John the Baptist preaching when he appeared in the desert?
- Why did people come from all over to see John?
- What did John do when the people admitted they had sinned?
- How did John dress? What did he eat?
- Who did John say was coming after him?
- How did John describe his baptisms vs. those that Jesus would do?
- Who baptized Jesus?
- What did Jesus see as He came out of the water?
- What said the following: "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you"?
- What would be your Next Step in following Jesus?

Power Verse:

"For God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son. God gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life." – John 3:16