

Theme – To be like Jesus

Objective Summary

- i) To focus on what the Bible teaches about being like Jesus.
- ii) To learn memory verse Phillipians 2: 5 “Let the same mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus”.
- iii) To emphasise that God has created us in his image

Resources needed

Bibles

Paper to print on and colouring crayons (for the beginners & primaries)

Access to YouTube

Bible verses

Genesis 32:22–31, Psalm 17:1–7, 15, [VIP 576], Romans 9:1–5 Matthew 14:13–21, Phillipians 2: 5

Memory verse -

Phillipians 2: 5 “Let the same mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus”

Lesson

Read as many Bible verses (see above) that child can tolerate (the older the child, the more bible verses can be covered).

What a beautiful thing it is to think that we could be like Jesus. Being like Jesus means different things for different people. Often times we hear about someone being the spitting image of someone else, sometimes a family member. Usually it mean they look physically alike but sometimes it is also because they act like, their mannerisms may be similar or they may even have a similar tone of voice, laugh and smile the same way. Sometimes when people spend a lot of time together they become like each other in various ways. They have similar responses to certain situations and may even say the same phrases in certain situations. Children often times become like their parents, even without knowing it.

Can you imagine if we could become like Jesus? I don't mean physically as there is too much debate about what Jesus looked like physically. To become like Jesus could simply be the do the things He would have done. There are many bible stories that give us a true picture of the type of person Jesus was when he was on earth. One of them I particularly like is when Jesus was a young boy and went to Jerusalem with his parents and he was left behind and his parents were so worried and searched all over to find him. When they finally found Him he was in the temple conversing with elders and told Mary and Joseph that they should have known he would be about his father's business. Another bible story that we all know and love is the one where when he was an adult he fed five thousand persons with a small amount of food.

Watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE>

Discussion

Jesus Feeds 5000

This Bible story can be found in Matthew 14 verses 13 to 21. In this Bible story we learn about how Jesus feed over 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish.

Jesus had been teaching over 5000 and they were very interested in hearing his teachings but they were getting hungry. The disciples became concerned and suggested to Jesus that he send them away to the nearby village to get food. However, Jesus told them that they did not have to leave and that the disciples should feed them.

1. The disciples were not rich, they didn't have that kind of money to feed so many persons. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus said this to them?
2. How would you feel if you had this task to perform?
3. Why do you think Jesus wanted to keep the crowd together?

However, Jesus was not daunted. He was a man of faith, a man who cared for people wanted to share with them but most of all it seems to that Jesus did not want to lose the opportunity of being able to share the love of God and his teachings with this great number of people.

So when he found out that there was a little boy with some food he asked that the food be brought to him. It was not much. It was food enough for a little boy, perhaps not even enough for an adult man and there were five thousand there. Jesus ordered the people to sit down and then he took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples and they were able to feed this great number of people so that when they were finished everyone ate and had enough and the leftovers amounted to twelve full baskets. What a remarkable story this is.

1. This is an example of Jesus' love for His people and a desire to care for them, share with them, not only a meal but also the teachings of the Lord.
2. Being like Jesus means that we should have a desire to care for others, to share with them but most of all to let them know how great our God is, let them know more about Jesus.
3. Even a child can try to be like Jesus. Even as a teenager you can make a decision to be like Jesus.
4. The memory verse speaks to having a mind like Jesus. You can make a decision to let the same mind be in you that is in Jesus.
5. Some of you have ambitions to become great things and that is commendable but one of the greatest ambitions you can have is to become like Jesus.

Activity

1. Learn memory verse Phillipians 2: 5
2. See Activity sheets below

Closing: It is a beautiful thing to become like Jesus in thoughts and deeds and to have a mind like Jesus. In order to do this you have to be familiar with the things he did while he was earth so you must read the bible to learn more about his deeds. You should also pray constantly that the Lord will help you on this journey to becoming more like Jesus.

Prayer

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we think about you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do; May we learn how to become more like you. Help us to have a mind like Yours, to be caring, to share with others without expecting anything in return and give us the will and the desire to tell other about you and your teachings all the days of our lives.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.



Jesus Feeds 5,000

Help Jesus get to the bread and fish

