

LESSON # 1 1

WALKING WITH JESUS

SCRIPTURE

D&C 163:7d This passage talks about the importance of scripture stories, wise direction, knowledge, and knowing God

James 3:13-18 This passage talks about the importance of wisdom



Scripture stories, wise direction, knowledge, and knowing God in the faith community must walk hand in hand to reveal God. Follow this path, which is the way of Christ, and you will discover enough light for the journey.

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:7d adapted

OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn about the elements of scripture story, wise direction, knowledge, and knowing God
- Children are introduced to the concept of wisdom

MATERIALS

- an illustrated children's Bible (New Revised Standard Version)
- a children's Bible (NRSV) for each child, if possible
- poster board, dowel rods or small slats of wood
- markers
- a copy of D&C 163:7d adapted, printed on paper for each child

DISCOVERY

Doctrine and Covenants 163:7d talks about the importance of certain things as we journey with Jesus. These include knowing scripture stories. Another important item is called prophetic leadership. In simpler terms this could be defined as godly or visionary leadership. The third item is knowledge. This might be referred to as the ability to know right from wrong, or to know what certain Bible stories mean. The last item is discernment. This word may be difficult for children to understand but is an important word to introduce. Discernment can be expressed as the practice of discovering or knowing the Holy Spirit is present. Doctrine and Covenants 163:7d talks about the importance of scripture stories, wise direction, knowledge, and knowing God. It is suggested that these four items must be present in order to reveal God. The last sentence of the section suggests these are all part of following a path and the way of Christ.

If weather allows this is a great activity to do outside. Before the beginning of class have a path set up with four areas to stop and learn about the following:

scripture stories
wise direction
knowledge
knowing God

At the four stops have poster board attached to the dowel rod or slat. At the different stops have a talk with the children providing opportunity for them to respond to questions such as:

What is your favorite Bible Story, what does it mean to you?

When you need help who do you go to?

How do you learn?

How do you know God is around?

Expand on these questions to provide ample opportunity for discovery.

ALIYAH (ah-LEE-ah) is a new resource for children based on scripture, including Doctrine and Covenants 163. D&C 163 is an affirmation of paths taken and an encouragement of ways to move onward. ALIYAH is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God.

One lesson each month will be posted on this Web site to be downloaded and used for church school, junior church, or other times to connect children to the vision of the church. Parallel lessons are provided for youth and adults. Enjoy the journey together!



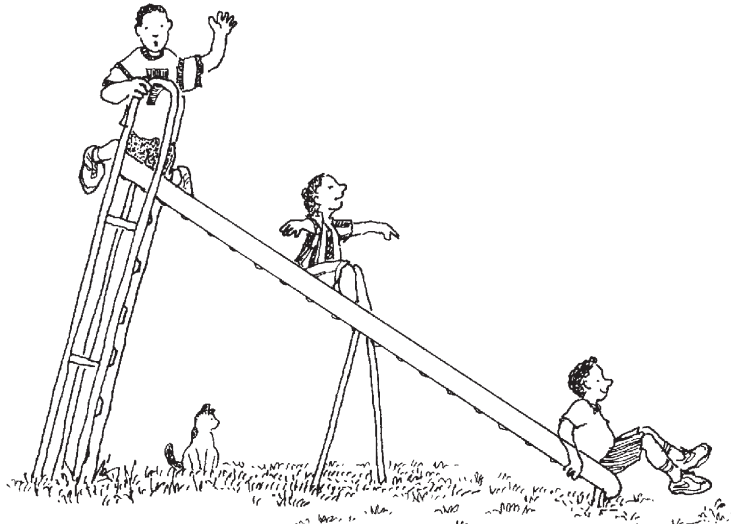
UNPACKING THE SCRIPTURE

WHAT IS WISE

Have the children read James 3:13-18. This scripture talks about the importance of wisdom. The passage talks about using wisdom to do good works. It goes on to share the ability to do good works comes through wisdom that comes from above. Knowing how this wisdom or ability to make wise choices comes about is a good way to introduce discernment. Talk to them about the path they just completed and explore with them ways they know that God is with them. Also have the children talk about how they can help their friends know that God loves them and cares for them.

TAKING OTHERS ON THE WALK

Doctrine and Covenants 163:7d tells how scripture stories, wise direction, knowledge, and knowing God can help us on our path to know Jesus. These four areas are also important to help others learn about and “meet” Jesus. In a way they are the leaders in big game of follow the leader. Ask them how they will lead others on the path to meet Jesus.



What is Discernment?
Discernment may be defined as
the exercise of listening for the
Spirit' direction or seeking un-
derstanding through the Spirit's
guidance.

GOING HOME

The children have learned about the importance of knowing scripture stories, wise direction, knowledge, and knowing God.

PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY

It's time to pack for the journey ahead. Have children pack their children's pages in their backpacks or bags. Ask them what they have learned today about the scriptures.

ARE WE THERE YET?

To extend this lesson for a rotation model or for intergenerational or additional learning, try the following:

- Many people sense or discern God's presence by being in nature. Invite the children to go on a nature walk with a parent or family member. If able have them share at the next class how they felt God on their walk.

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ALIYAH is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God. Are you ready for **ALIYAH**?

LESSON # 11:
WALKING WITH
JESUS
Children's Page

Doctrine and Covenants 163:7d says scripture stories, wise direction, knowledge, and knowing God are important for knowing how to walk with Jesus. What are some things you can do to walk with Jesus?

OWNER'S GUIDE

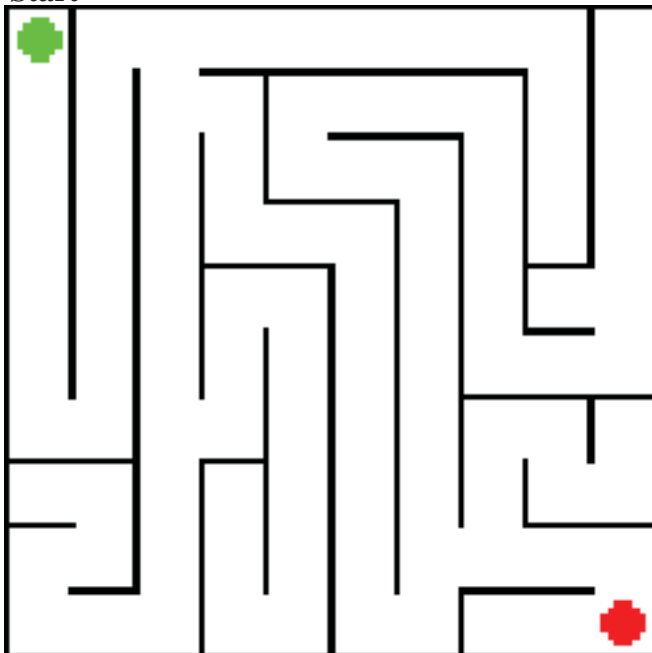
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This week I will help others to learn about Jesus by:

FINDING JESUS

Life can be busy and may take you many places. On the maze below begin at the starting point and find the end where it says "Jesus." In the space provided list some ways that you can learn about and share Jesus with others.

Start



Jesus

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