



Cost of Discipleship

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Bible Page Numbers

Luke 9:23-27 – Adventure Bible pg. 1209



TALK
ABOUT IT

As a family, discuss:

- **What it means to “deny” somebody or something.**
 - Are there things/people you have denied in your life?
- **What is the opposite of “deny”**
 - Are there things/people you more easily accept, welcome, and believe?
- **Do you feel it is easier to accept or deny?**



SERMON +
WORSHIP

Watch this week’s Sermon and Worship Set



ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Activity Option 1: Jesus is the Treasure

What you need:

Any kind of treat (graham crackers, cookie, jelly beans)

What to do:

Give your child 1 small treat. Let them eat it and explain to them about how Jesus is the most important treasure of all.

What you say:

Here is a special treat (treasure) for you. When you eat it, think about how it makes you feel. Was that good? Did this treasure make you feel happy? I bet you could eat a bunch more right? There are a lot of things that can make us feel happy for a while, like this treat, but then we just want more and more. Do you know what came makes us happy forever and ever? Jesus! Jesus is the true treasure in life. When we follow him, he gives us joy and loves us. Jesus has an amazing plan for us that is so much better than what we could plan for ourselves.



ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Activity Option 2: Following Jesus

What you need:

Random items: examples are hula-hoops, pool noodles, floor tape, chalk, pillows, etc.

Use your imagination!

What you do:

Build an obstacle course, the more difficult it is, the better. Challenge the children to do the obstacle course. Have them try on their own, and then have them follow you on a certain path.

What you say:

We are going to try something that might be challenging! Following Jesus can be hard and challenging at times. But remember, God gives us the strength to do HARD things! Jesus asks us to follow Him, even when it might be hard. Sometimes it will be hard to follow Jesus. We might have to choose NOT to do things our friends are doing. Sometimes we have to choose to tell the truth, even though it is easier not to. These things can be hard. But when we do them, we are choosing to follow Jesus. And NOTHING is more valuable or more important than following Jesus.



Discussion Questions:

- What did Jesus say we should give up in order to follow him?
 - All the world.
- What does Jesus mean when he says we should give up the whole world?
 - The passing treasures of this life may bring temporary happiness, but all the treasures of the earth are not equal in value to our salvation in Christ.
 - Jesus is the most important treasure of all. Money cannot buy eternal joy.
 - Nothing is more valuable than Jesus. There is nothing that should rank in importance, higher than him.
- Is it okay to love our families, and to have things we love?

- Of course! The problem comes when we let those things or people get in the way of how we serve/follow Jesus. We don't want anything to come between our lives and His love. That is the reason Jesus asks us to follow Him. It isn't that He wants us to give up nice things. But He has a love and a plan for us that is better than anything else we could try to put our hope in!



PRAYER

Prayer:

What you say:

Let's pray and ask God to help us put our hope and trust in Him.

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us so much! Thank you for sending Jesus to be the most important treasure. Help us to remember to follow you every day. There is no one more important than you. We love you, God. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.



MEMORY VERSE

Memory Verse:

Parents: We want to encourage you to spend time each week as a family memorizing a passage of Scripture. We have provided two different versions to choose from.

Luke 9: 23 (NirV)

Then he said to all of them, "Whoever wants to follow me must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross every day and follow me."



Luke 9: 23 (ESV)

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”