

Press on in Confidence

Lesson #22

Colossians 2:6-15 (NLT), Ephesians 6:11

HOOK: *(Play a quick game of Follow the Leader. You be the leader and tell the class to follow whatever you do.)* Great job following me! You went where I wanted you to go. You did what I wanted you to do because you knew I wouldn't put you in danger or have you do anything bad. Would you have followed me, though, if I did something that you knew you shouldn't do? I hope not!

BOOK: When we open our Bibles, we read in the book of Colossians that Paul is telling the believers that they must continue to follow Jesus. He says, “**And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.**” Did you catch that? He says we must “continue” to follow Jesus. Following Jesus isn't something we only do when we first accept Him into our hearts—it's something we are to keep on doing every day, knowing we can trust Him and He loves us! Following Jesus means being like Him, doing what He wants us to do and going where He wants us to go.

LOOK: But do you know who doesn't want us to follow Jesus? The devil (or satan). He doesn't want us to obey the Lord. He doesn't want us to know the truth or love others or trust God. Satan likes to be tricky and try and get us to follow him instead. The Bible tells us to, “**Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.**” *(Today's craft illustrates the armor of God.)* Be careful to follow Jesus and protect yourself from satan's attacks, then you won't get tripped up by your enemy the devil!

TOOK: I'm going to give you a little quiz and I hope you'll continue to think about the answers as you go home today. Okay, ready? Put your thumb up if you think the answer is Jesus and your thumb down if you think the answer is the devil. 1. Being kind to one another is an example of following Jesus or following the devil? *(All thumbs should be up!)* That's right, Jesus! 2. Taking something that doesn't belong to you is an example of following Jesus or following the devil? *(All thumbs down!)* Good job! Can you think of another example of following Jesus?

Bible Verse: “**And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.**” Colossians 2:6 NLT

Prayer: “**Lord Jesus, help us to be careful to follow You and stand against the devil. Thank You that You love us and we can fully trust You. Amen.**”

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what we
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memory
verse

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parent/child
activity

Today in class we played “Follow the Leader” to illustrate our memory verse and we made a craft that illustrated the armor of God. This week, review these concepts with your child by playing your own “Follow the Leader” game and pointing out, from time to time, the different parts of the armor of God from the craft or a picture on the internet or in a book. Doing these things with you, after we've already done them in class, will further help your child to understand the important truths from this lesson!



daily prayer

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