

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What are some reasons people might hesitate to follow Jesus?
- Share about a time you did something hard because you knew it was worth it.
- How is Jesus better than anything the world offers?

The Cost of Following Jesus

Matthew 8; 16; Luke 9; 14

STORY POINT: FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT EASY, BUT HE IS WORTH IT.

Large crowds traveled with Jesus. One man said, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." Jesus told the man, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head."

Another disciple said, "Lord, I will follow You, but first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus replied, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Jesus told the people that following Him wouldn't be easy.

"Anyone who is unwilling to suffer cannot be My disciple," Jesus said.

He told them a story: "If you wanted to build a tower, you would first sit down and figure out what it would take to complete the tower. Otherwise, you would build the foundation and be unable to finish. People would laugh at you."

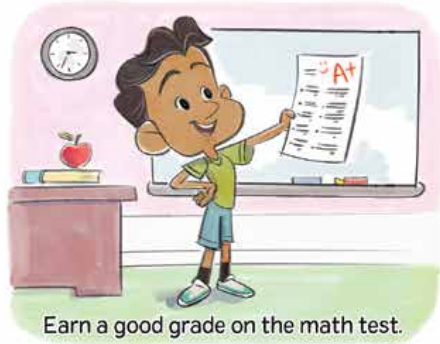
Jesus wanted the people to consider the cost. "If you are not willing to give up everything you have, you cannot follow Me," Jesus said.

Jesus said, "Whoever gives up his life for Me will find true life. What good is it to have everything you want in the world if you give up life with God forever?"



Christ Connection: Jesus taught that following Him is not easy. It requires commitment and sacrifice. When we trust in Jesus, we give Him complete control of our lives. True life is found in Jesus, who gave up His life to rescue us from sin and death. He is worth it.

What Will It Take? | For each scenario, describe what it would take to accomplish the task.



Earn a good grade on the math test.



Grow the largest pumpkin in the state.



Follow Jesus.

Story Point Shapes

Color in the shapes according to the key to finish the story point.

“Following Jesus is not easy, but He is ...”

