

Unit 5 Lesson 2

Heartprint: **I find who I am in Jesus**

Memory Verse: **John 3:16**

January 10, 2021

Song: John 3:16 Song (video of song and lyrics): <https://youtu.be/z2c4XkbPtEE>
John 3:16 Song (our video with motions): <https://youtu.be/nKfHG8jqqVI>

Activity: Which Path?

Items Needed:

- Green Tape
- Red Tape
- Tape you have available or yarn

Instructions:

Before class, set up a path with green tape for a Jesus path and red for a sin path (a hopscotch pattern if space is tight). Instruct the children they will need to follow the Jesus path and jump over or avoid the sin path.



Connection Point:

In our lesson today, we heard how we are to follow Jesus. We can trust Him because He is wise, loving and good. I want to follow Jesus so that I can learn the right way to go and be free!

Craft: I Will Follow Jesus

Items Needed:

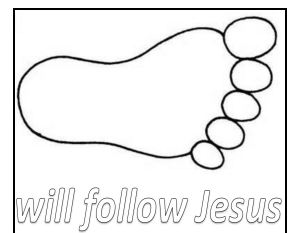
- Foot template
- Crayons

Instructions:

Distribute the foot template so each child will have one along with crayons. Help the kids write their name in the middle of the foot. When you write the child's name say, "_____ will follow Jesus!" Allow time to color.

Connection Point:

We learned today that we do not want to be slaves to sin, we do not want sin being the boss of us and telling us that we HAVE to do bad things. We want to be free! Let's remember to follow the right path, to follow Jesus!



Bible Lesson: Jesus Gives Us Freedom

Memory Verse: God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him will never die but have eternal life. John 3:16

This week's story is taken from John 8:31-38:

Have you ever seen ducks form a line as they follow their mom? They want to do everything their mom does. Waddle, waddle, waddle or swim, swim, swim! Their mom teaches them to walk, swim, avoid danger and hunt for fish.

In our story today Jesus says that we should follow Him, just like ducks follow their mom.

Let's open our Bibles to John 8:

Jesus was talking to people and they believed Him; they believed what He was telling them. But then Jesus told them they needed to not just believe but also to obey. Jesus said if they obeyed they would truly follow Him, and when they truly followed Him they would know the truth and they would then be free.

The Jews listening to Him were confused. They were not slaves. They said, "We are Abraham's children!" "We would never be slaves!" They were mad at Jesus, they were offended that Jesus would say such a thing about them. But Jesus knew something about them that they did not even know about themselves. They were slaves and did not know it. Jesus told them that when we sin everyday we become slaves to that sin.

The Jews did not understand, but let's think about it. Maybe you choose to do a bad thing one day and then you want to do it again the next day! Eventually you HAVE to do that bad thing everyday. That bad thing is telling you what you are going to do everyday. That is when we become a slave to sin.

Jesus said there is a better way. Instead of being a slave, come to the Son of God and He will make you free.

Do you want something telling you what you HAVE to do everyday? Something that is the boss of you and says that you HAVE to do bad things. NO! We want to be free.

Jesus says we should follow Him and obey Him so that we can be free from all the things that want to rule over us. Those bad things are mean slave masters. Jesus wants us to be free and happy! Jesus tells us this because it is what God has shown him. What do we know about God....should we trust what God wants for us?

We know that God is good. We know God is wise. We know that God loves us. We know that God wants the very best for us. When Jesus says follow me because God says so, we can trust Him. I want to follow Jesus just like the baby ducks follow their mom so that I can learn the right way to go and be free!

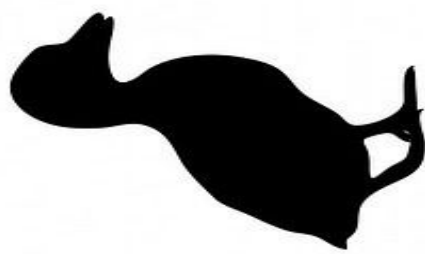
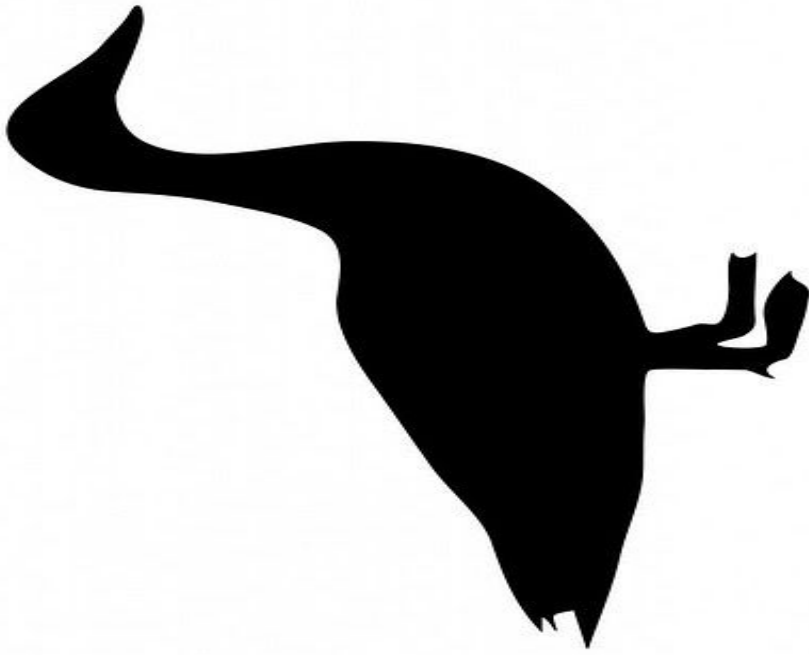
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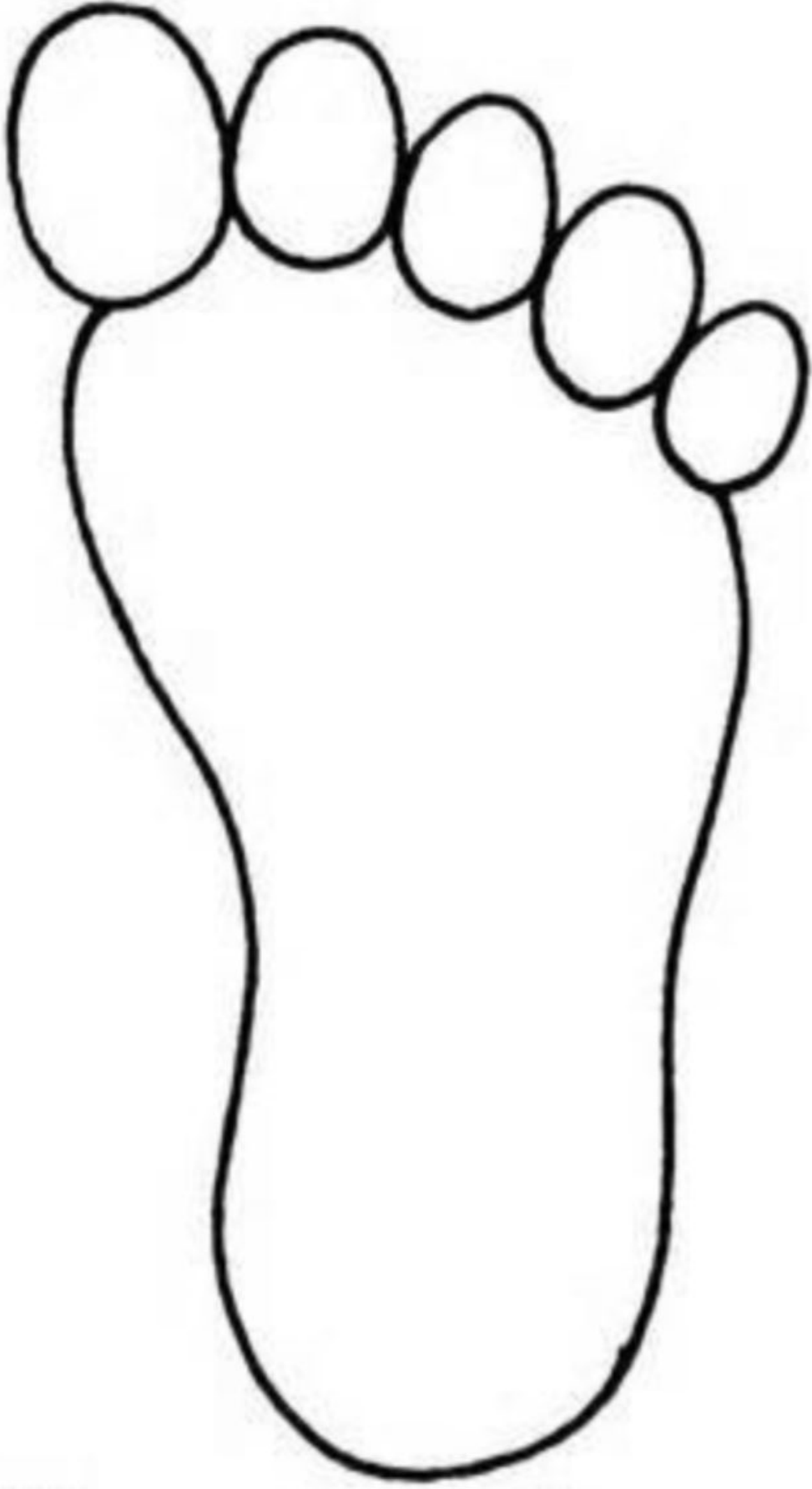
God you are a wise, good, loving father. Send us the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus' teachings so that we can be free from all of those mean sin slave masters.

Questions:

1. Who are we supposed to follow? (Jesus)
2. Who does Jesus listen to? (God)
3. Is God good? (Yes!)
4. We are not slaves when we obey who? (Jesus)
5. Do you want to follow Jesus? (Yes!)







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