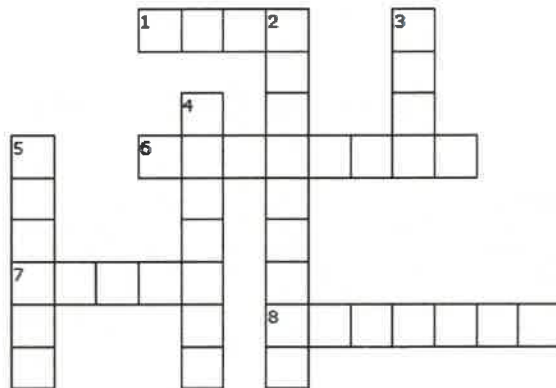


Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Difficult to understand, accomplish, or finish
6. Sharing knowledge with others
7. To go away from; depart; abandon or forsake
8. Continuing forever

DOWN

2. The original followers of Jesus
3. To reverse directions
4. To accept as true or real
5. To come after; to go behind someone

BELIEVE	HARD	DISCIPLES	TEACHING
ETERNAL	TURN	LEAVE	FOLLOW



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Children's Worship Bulletin

No Turning Back

John 6:60-69

Word Search Puzzle

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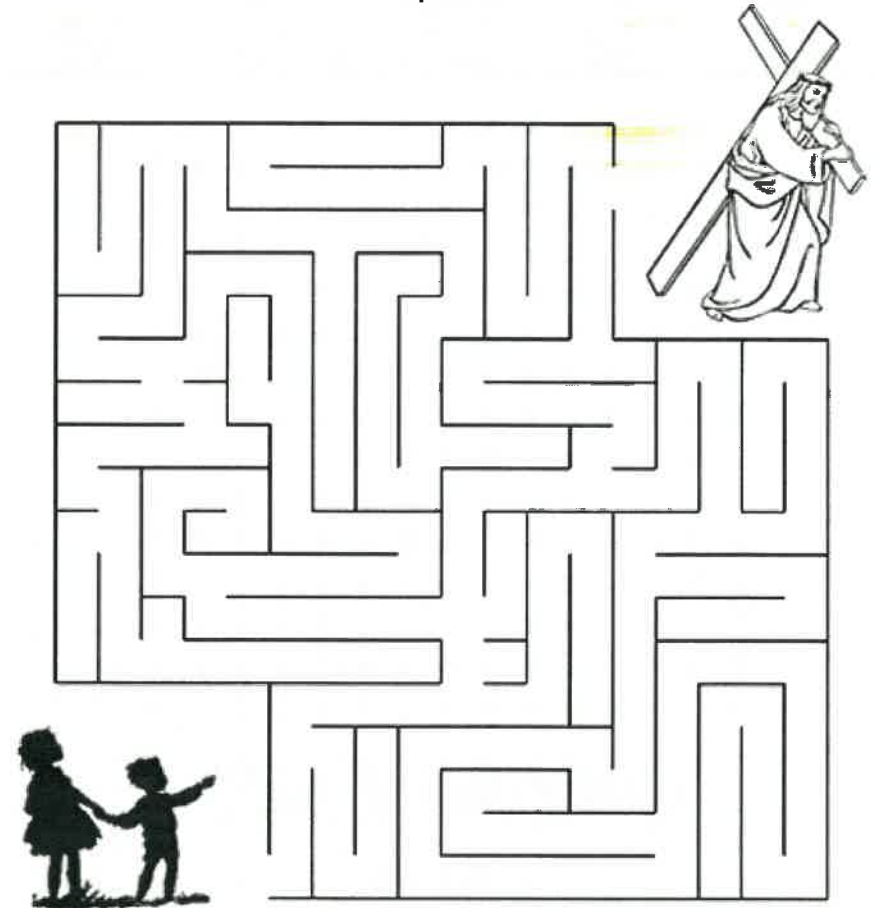
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I will follow Jesus, our Leader.

Maze Puzzle

Follow the path to Jesus!



“You do not want to leave me too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

John 6:67-68 (NIV)

No Turning Back

Theme

Following Jesus

Object

None is needed. (You could play "Follow the Leader")

Scripture

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:67-68 (NIV)

When I was a child, "Follow the Leader" was one of my favorite games. Have you ever played "Follow the Leader?" Of course you have! "Follow the Leader" is a game that is played and enjoyed by children all over the world.

The rules are very simple. First, you choose a leader. Then you follow him wherever he goes and do whatever he does. You stomp through puddles, climb over fences, or swing from a tree -- all to stay in the game because nobody wants to be a quitter.

"Follow the Leader" is a great game, but in our daily lives we play follow the leader too. In school, in Church, in sports, in any activity in which we may participate, there are always leaders. Every day we choose which leader we will follow.

One day Jesus was teaching in the synagogue and he said to the people, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. He who feeds on this bread will live forever." That was a difficult teaching for some to understand. When they heard it, they said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Some of them quit following Jesus after that day.

Jesus knew that many people were grumbling and complaining, so he turned to the twelve whom he had chosen to be his disciples and said, "You don't want to leave too, do you?"

As usual, it was Peter who spoke up. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The disciples had answered the call to follow Jesus. They were not about to turn back now.

There is a song that some of you may know called "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus." It goes like this:

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus;

No turning back, no turning back.

Have you decided to follow Jesus? It may not always be easy, but once you have decided to follow him, there is no turning back.

Dear Jesus, you have called us to follow you. May we answer, "Yes, Lord, I'll follow you -- no turning back, no turning back." Amen.

Sermon Title: "No Turning Back"

Scripture Reading: John 6:67-68

FEET FOLLOWERS:

Trace feet and cut out. Let children place their own feet cutouts in a designated area. After all the feet have been put down, children can try to FOLLOW THE FEET and will enjoy the weaving back and forth to find another foot to follow. Have children sit down at the end of the feet, and tell the story today about following JESUS.

FOLLOW THE LEADER GAME:

Children play this game by following the person in the front of the line, BUT they have to keep holding on to the person in front of them as they FOLLOW! So, if they run, jump, hop, lay down, roll over, touch their heads, etc, they have to keep touching the person in front of them, or they are OUT of the game! See who lasts the longest in really FOLLOWING!!!

SHOE PILE UP:

Let children take off their shoes and make a big pile in the middle of the room. Sit in a circle and the teacher can call off numbers for the children to have to run to the middle and get their OWN shoes and put them on complete, OR the teacher could have everyone go to the middle at the same time. After the shoes are ALL ON the children's feet, they can FOLLOW the teacher to the craft table or begin to FOLLOW THE LEADER in the game ahead.

WRAPPING LOAVES:

Give children mini loaves of bread or rolls and a recipe card. Children will decorate and color the recipe card and write JESUS IS THE LIVING BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. HE WHO FEEDS ON THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER. Children can wrap the little bread and attach the card with a ribbon and give to someone else in their family or church. A separate roll or mini loaf of bread or muffin could be enjoyed by children too as a snack today!!

ETERNAL LIFE HUNT:

The teacher can write out small cards for children to hunt for around a designated area. (Words can be from our lesson such as living bread, Holy One of God, Believe, Jesus, following, etc). When all the cards have been found, have a large poster board CROSS handing on the wall, for the children to tape their found-cards onto and talk about FOLLOWING JESUS and having ETERNAL LIFE, with no turning back!

FOLLOW JESUS BAG:

Purchase an inexpensive canvas bag from a craft section of a store. Let children trace their feet on the bag. Use colorful fabric markers to decorate and write FOLLOW JESUS, on their bags. Children could take their "wrapped loaves" home in their new canvas bag.

FLAG FOLLOWING:

Give children material to make a rectangle flag. Write: JESUS FOLLOWERS. NO TURN BACK! Decorate with star stickers, etc and color the flag. Attach to a wooden dowel, for flag waving during the following JESUS MARCHING!

FOLLOW JESUS MARCH:

Let children march and wave their new flags, while singing the song, I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS, NO TURNING BACK. etc.

FOOT PAINTING:

This will be like finger painting but the children can remove their shoe and sock; place their foot in a shallow pie plate of paint (for finger painting) and step onto a piece of paper. Children could do this in 2 or 3 different colors to over lap their feet painting, if desired. Tell children to allow this to dry and then write words from our Bible verse today, around the edges of the feet painting.

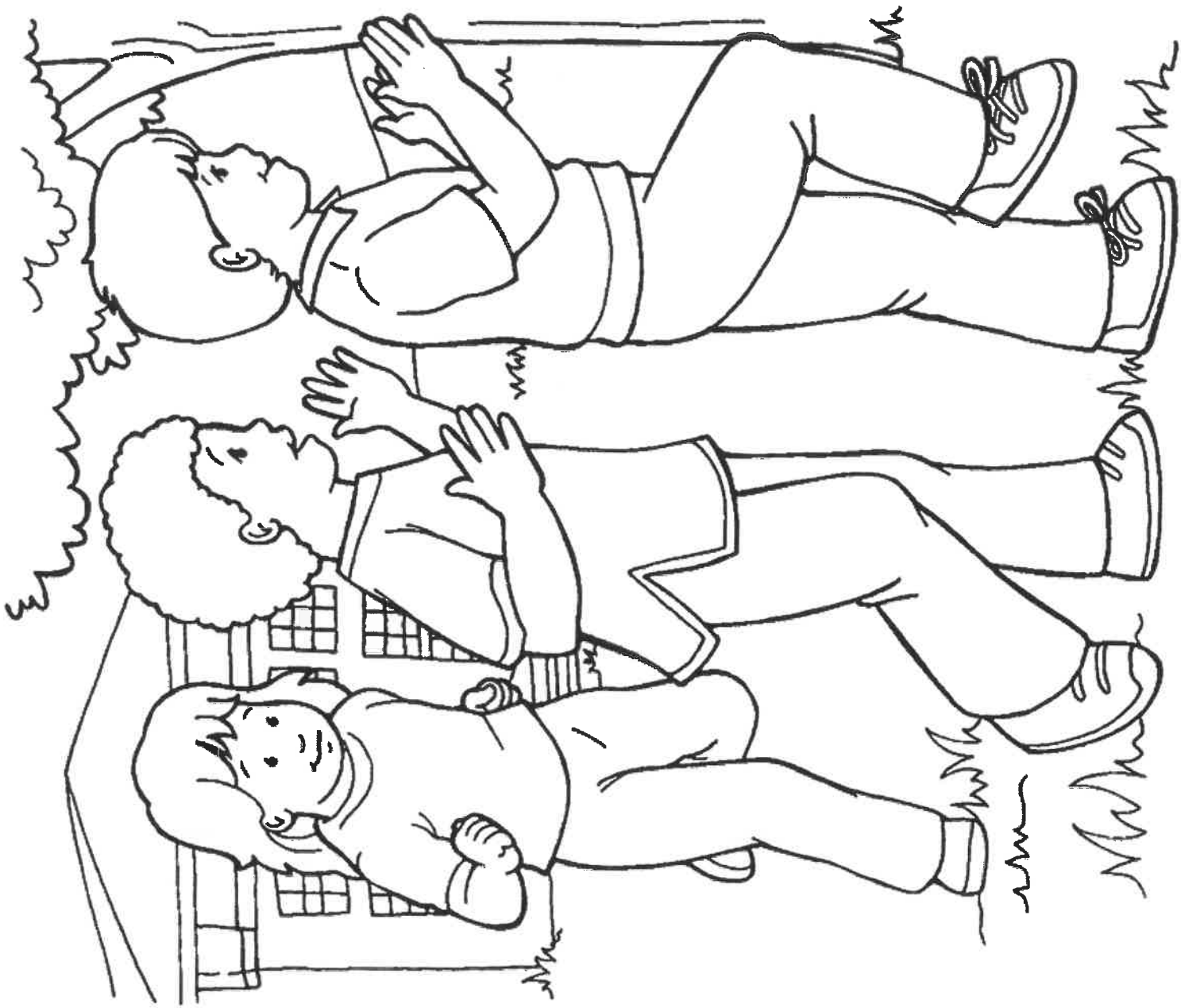
FEET WRAPPING:

Provide children with some colorful tissue paper to wrap around each other's feet as gift wrap. After all the feet are wrapped, tell children to form a circle and have a prayer time together to GIVE JESUS their feet to FOLLOW HIM!

Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Sheet Music PDF

Piano Accompaniment MP3



I will follow Jesus, our leader.

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