



## Following Jesus

### Engage: Page 39

- ▶ Ask your child think of a person who is very important to him or her. Have your child write the person's name on a sheet of paper. **Say:** *Think of words that tell why you trust this person. The words should start with the letters of the person's name.* Have your child share his or her "trustworthy" word picture.
- ▶ Read aloud the session title and the text in the blue box. Discuss your child's responses. Point out the picture. **Ask:** *What are these children doing? (helping one another cross the stream) Why do you trust Jesus? (He loved others and always did what was right.)*
- ▶ Ask your child to think of other people he or she trusts, along with Jesus. Pray aloud the prayer together.

### Explore: Pages 40–41

- ▶ Ask your child to name some favorite personal objects. **Ask:** *How would you feel if you had to give these objects away?*
- ▶ Read aloud page 40. **Ask:** *What was more important for the young man—keeping his money or following Jesus? (keeping his money) What do you think the young man will do next?* Discuss your child's response.
- ▶ Have your child read aloud the heading and the first two paragraphs on page 41. **Ask:** *What does it mean to sin? (to make a choice that hurts our friendship with God and with other people) Who gives us the grace to turn back to God? (the Holy Spirit)* **Say:** *Conversion means "change." It is a change of heart that directs us away from sin and toward God.* Have your child read aloud the third paragraph and complete the activity.
- ▶ Read aloud the Link to Liturgy feature. **Say:** *When we offer the Sign of Peace, we recognize those around us as brothers and sisters of Jesus.*

### Art Exploration: Page 233

- ▶ Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of someone praying.
- ▶ **Ask:** *What do you see in this picture?* Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including the background and how he or she knows the person is praying.
- ▶ **Say:** *Following the Ten Commandments helps us stay close to God. There are also many places and times that we can feel close to God.*



- ▶ Have your child turn to page 233. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- ▶ Read aloud Showing Our Love. **Say:** *When we are close to God, we show our faith by our actions.* **Ask:** *What are some ways that faith is shown through actions?* (follow the Ten Commandments, pray often, keep an open heart, be ready to help)
- ▶ Read aloud Paying Attention and have your child read aloud each situation. Have him or her consider the situations and circle the answer.
- ▶ Read aloud the Reading God's Word feature. **Say:** *Take a moment to think of the people and things you treasure most. If you share your treasure with others, your love will spread.*
- ▶ Invite your child to think about when and where he or she likes to pray. Ask him or her to draw or paint a picture of this place. Encourage your child to express why he or she chose that spot.

### Reflect: Pages 42–43

- ▶ Together look at page 42. **Ask:** *What sounds do you think you might hear if you were in the place shown in the picture?* Remind your child that silence is welcome during prayer so that God can speak to your child's heart.
- ▶ Softly and slowly read aloud the reflection. Pause at the end to allow your child to answer the questions silently. Close the reflection time by praying *Amen*.
- ▶ Have your child read aloud Obey the Ten Commandments on page 43. **Say:** *By following Jesus' example, you are taking the next step in being a good Christian.*
- ▶ Read aloud What I Want and What I Need and have your child complete the activity. Encourage him or her to give reasons for the choices.
- ▶ Read aloud the Did You Know? feature. **Ask:** *What can our family do to feed people who are hungry?*

### Respond: Page 44

- ▶ Ask your child to read aloud the Faith Summary. Review the Word I Learned in this session. Read aloud Ways of Being Like Jesus. Ask your child to suggest specific ways he or she can cheerfully do things for others.
- ▶ Read aloud the prayer as your child follows along. Pray the Sign of the Cross together.
- ▶ Read aloud the With My Family suggestions. Invite your child to choose one or more to complete today.