

8-2-26 Do You Really? - Know Jesus - Kid's Study Guide

Overview

A lot of kids know facts about Jesus—like where He was born or that He did miracles. But there's a big difference between knowing *about* Jesus and really *knowing* Him as a friend.

Jesus once told Peter to push his boat out into deeper water to catch fish. That's what this message is about: Jesus invites us to go deeper with Him so we can really know Him, not just know facts about Him.

Big Ideas

1. **The deep is full of life** Just like the best fish are out in deeper water, the best parts of knowing Jesus are found when we go deeper with Him. His love is bigger and better than we first think!
2. **The deep can feel hard** Going deeper isn't always easy. Sometimes Jesus asks us to change, be brave, or let go of something. That's okay—He's with us the whole time.
3. **The deep is where friendship grows** Real friendship with Jesus grows when we spend time with Him and when things get tough. Hard times can actually help us trust Him more.

Fun Questions to Think About

- Do you know a lot *about* Jesus, or do you feel like you really *know* Him as a friend?
- What would it look like to “go deeper” with Jesus this week?
- Have you ever had a hard time that actually helped you trust Jesus more?
- If Jesus asked you to push your boat into deeper water today, what do you think He'd want you to do?

Things You Can Do This Week

- Talk to Jesus every day—even just 1 or 2 minutes before bed or in the car.
- Ask Him: “Jesus, what's one thing You want me to do this week?”
- Try one new step: pray with your family, help someone, say sorry if you need to, or learn one new Bible verse about Jesus.
- Tell a parent or leader the step you want to take so they can cheer you on!

Fun Group or Family Talk Ideas

- Share one thing you know *about* Jesus and one way you want to know Him better.
- Which “deep” idea sounds most exciting (or a little scary) to you—full of life, challenging, or friendship?
- Pretend you're Peter in the boat. How would you feel if Jesus told you to try again after catching nothing all night?
- What's one simple step our family or group can take together this week to go a little deeper with Jesus?