

## Overview

Being a “subscriber” means you like Jesus’ ideas and listen when it’s easy. Being a follower (disciple) means you love Jesus so much you do what He says, even when it’s hard. The rich young man in the Bible kept some rules but walked away sad when Jesus asked him to give up everything and follow. Real friends of Jesus say “Yes!” to Him, go where He leads, and help other kids know Him too.

## Big Ideas

1. **Subscriber or Follower?** – Liking Jesus’ words is not the same as following Him with your whole heart.
2. **Make Jesus the Boss** – Let Jesus be in charge of your choices, not just the things you already want to do.
3. **Go Where Jesus Goes** – Don’t just stay busy with fun or “good” things. Follow Jesus even if it feels new or a little scary.
4. **Help Others Follow Too** – What Jesus does in your heart can spill over to your friends and family.

## Fun Questions to Think About

- Do I treat Jesus like a YouTube channel I only watch when I feel like it, or like my best friend I listen to all the time?
- Is there one thing Jesus might be asking me to share, stop, or try this week?
- Am I just doing “good” kid stuff, or am I really following where Jesus wants me to go?
- Who is learning more about Jesus because of me?
- What kind fruit is growing in my heart right now—kindness, patience, sharing, forgiveness?

## Things You Can Do This Week

- Pick one thing Jesus is nudging you about and obey it (instead of walking away sad).
- Pray this simple prayer: “Jesus, if You’re not going, I don’t want to go. If You’re in it, I’ll follow!”
- Choose one person (friend, sibling, or parent) and do something kind that shows them Jesus.
- Every day ask yourself: “Am I putting myself first, or Jesus first?”
- Look for the good fruit Jesus is growing in you and celebrate it!

## Fun Group or Family Talk Ideas

1. Tell about a time you knew the right thing but almost didn’t do it. What happened?
2. What does it look like when Jesus is the real Boss of your choices?
3. How can we tell the difference between a “just-okay” idea and a “God idea”?
4. Who has helped you follow Jesus better? How can you help someone else?

5. Pray together out loud: “Jesus, I will follow You—whatever You ask me to give up, wherever You ask me to go, and whoever You ask me to love.”