

Following Jesus Script

Print four scripts, one for each character and one for you. Recruit older students or other adults to act out the skit for your class.

Characters: Megan, Eli, and their dad.

Megan and Eli are on their way home from church with their dad.

Megan: Dad! I couldn't wait to get out of church and then Sunday school! I thought it would NEVER end! I'm so excited that we get to go ride bikes!

Eli: Me, too! I really couldn't pay much attention! Where will we go, Dad? To the park? To the bike trail? Do we have to eat lunch first? Can we go out for lunch?

Dad: Hang on, you two! I'm glad you are excited about our plans. But I'm thinking you may be TOO excited!

Eli: What do you mean? How could we be TOO excited!

Dad: Well, Megan, what did you say about church and Sunday school just a minute ago! Tell us again.

Megan: Weeeelll. I said I couldn't wait to get out! It did seem like a very long morning!

Dad: Hmm. And Eli, what did you say?

Eli: Well, I THINK I said something like I couldn't pay attention.

Dad: Yeah, I think that is exactly what you said. So what do you two think *I'm* thinking right now?

Megan: Well, you probably don't like that we weren't paying attention this morning. But can we still go?

Dad: Let's talk about this. Why do we go to church on Sunday? Eli?

Eli: To learn about God and to thank Jesus and praise Him.

Dad: And Megan? Can you add to that?

Megan: Well, we go to study the Bible and be with our friends.

Dad: That's right. We go to church to honor God. God is our Creator! He gives us everything we have! AND God sent Jesus to earth to die for sinners. Did you two talk about being a "disciple" of Jesus today?

Eli: Yes, we did! And I remember it! A disciple is someone who follows Jesus.

Megan: Oh, yeah! And if someone wants to follow Jesus, then Jesus should be the most important thing in their life.

Dad: OK. So, I'm glad you were listening a little anyway! A follower of Jesus is someone who loves Jesus more than anything else.

Eli: Oh, yeah—even more than everything in the world!

Dad: That's right, Eli. So, when you said you were so excited about bicycle riding that you couldn't wait to get out of church, were you acting like someone who wants to follow Jesus?

Eli: Well, no. I guess not.

Dad: Megan? How about you? Were you acting like someone who wants to follow Jesus?

Megan: No. But Dad, that seems so hard. I love Jesus. But I love riding bikes with all of you, too!

Dad: I know you do. But that is where we need to be careful. We always need to check our hearts. God has blessed us with so many things to enjoy. Especially our family and the special times we have! We have to be sure that those blessings and gifts from God don't become more important than God Himself. He is the one who gives us those things.

Eli: That makes sense, Dad. So, we were putting bike riding before Jesus today, right?

Dad: It seems that way! And that doesn't honor God. What does the Bible tell us is the greatest commandment? Do you remember?

Megan: Yes! We are supposed to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. Right?

Dad: That's right. What does that mean to you?

Megan: It means God and Jesus should be what I love the most in my life. Even more than I love you! Or Eli! Or Mom!

Eli: Dad, that just seems like it's really hard to do.

Dad: It is hard to do, Buddy! And I forget that great commandment myself sometimes. But you see, a real follower of Jesus will WANT to love Him that much. And will always TRY to love Him that much.

Megan: So, for your whole life you will be trying to love Jesus the most?

Dad: Yes, Megan. And that is because I was born a sinner. But Jesus has changed my heart and, even though I still sin, I don't WANT to sin anymore. And I WANT Jesus to be the most important thing in my life. Does that make sense?

Eli: Yes, Dad. It does. So, learning to put Jesus first could take the rest of our lives, right?

Dad: Yes, it could. And it can only begin if you understand what Jesus did for sinners when He lived on earth.

Megan: You mean dying on the Cross?

Dad: Yes. But when He died on the Cross, He took the punishment for the sins of everyone who would ever believe in Him, trust Him, turn away from their sins, and turn to Jesus. Jesus died so sinners could live forever in heaven.

Megan: Wow! I guess when people understand what Jesus did for them, it gets easier to love Him more than anything else in the world!

Eli: Yeah! Because they would be grateful for what He did. He never sinned. But He was punished for sins He didn't do!

Dad: Well, I'm glad you two understand. I want both of you to love Jesus that much one day. And I want to keep learning how to love Jesus more myself—even more than I love the two of you!

Eli: So, we aren't in trouble, Dad? Can we still go biking?

Dad: Absolutely!

Megan: Yay! And we can thank God that He gave us this wonderful day and this wonderful family to enjoy it with!