



FOLLOW THE MESSIAH



Skill

Follow the Messiah is living like Jesus; following His example, obeying His commands as Lord, and pursuing holiness through God's power and presence.

Design

Follow the Messiah (slain lamb) > The slain lamb illustrates the new song that the saints sing in Revelation 5:8-10. Jesus Christ is described prophetically as a "lamb led to the slaughter" in Isaiah 53:7. The **sketch** is a crowned lamb illustrating that Jesus is the faithful Son who paid the penalty for mankind's sin and fulfilled the Genesis 3:15 prophecy of a triumphant Deliverer. Jesus is Yahweh's flaming torch and glorious crown (Isaiah 62:1-3).

Story

Wealthy Young Prince (Mark 10:17-31)

This story demonstrates Follow the Messiah as a kingdom skill because Jesus clearly explains to a young prince the cost of becoming a faithful disciple. The young man considered his life holy and his deeds worthy of God's salvation; yet, Jesus the Messiah looked into his soul and found pride and the love of worldly riches. Jesus loved him deeply, and trained him to die to his wealth so he would be unhindered as a true disciple. The youth was shocked and decided not to follow Jesus because he loved his comforts more than God.

Scriptures

Mark 1:17-18 > "Follow Me," Jesus told Simon and Andrew, "and I will make you fish for people!" Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

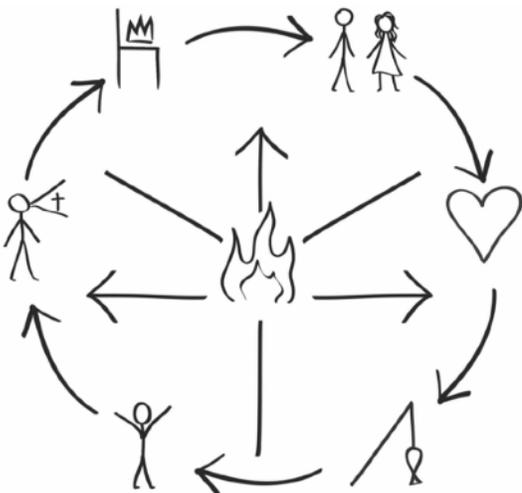
John 15:14 > You are My friends if you do what I command.

John 15:17 > This is what I command you: Love one another.

Lesson Summary

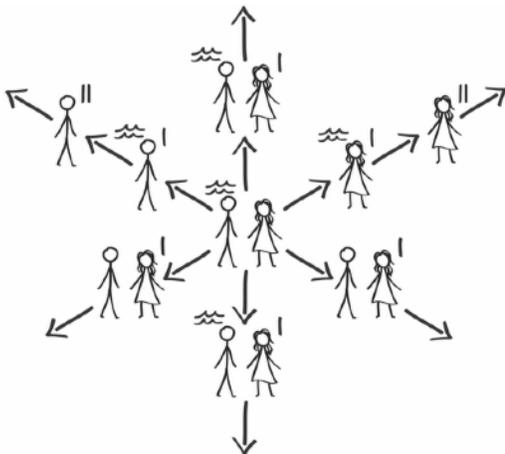
Follow the Messiah involves total self-sacrifice. To follow Jesus means dying to self and embracing His complete Lordship over our lives (Luke 14:26-27). If we want to find meaning and live with redemptive purpose, our part is to become living sacrifices who surrender completely to God's sovereign plan (Romans 12:1-2). The angel Gabriel gave two names to the Messiah. "Jesus" means "He will save His people from their sins," and "Immanuel" means "God is with us" (Matthew 1:21-23). Jesus trained us to follow Him by obeying two commands: Love God with all our hearts, and make disciples of all nations (Luke 10:27; Matthew 28:18-20).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?