

## Discussion points:

1. Believing is our first act of obedience.

Read John 6:26-29

Ask children the following:

1. Why was the crowd following Jesus?
2. What does Jesus encourage them to work for?
3. Why would the people want to do the works of God?
4. What does Jesus say is the first work?

Take the opportunity to teach your children about the joy of faith. Show them that the first thing Jesus required of people was their faith. Only by faith in Him, could they participate in His works.

2. Believing is more than knowing.

Read James 2:18-20

Ask children the following:

1. How can people see our faith?
2. Can people see our faith if nothing accompanies it?
3. What does it mean that the “Demons also believe and shudder?”
4. What is faith without action worth?

Take the opportunity to teach your children about about faith. Faith is not simply knowing some facts. To believe that “God is One” was one of the primary teachings of Judaism. Yet, James said the demons knew that fact, but were far from God still. If our faith is going to show, and if it is genuine faith, people will see it.

3. God commands us to love one another.

Read John 13:34-35

Ask children the following:

1. What is the new commandment?
2. How are we love one another? What is our example?
3. How can we love other people like Jesus?
4. What will people notice when they see our love?

Take the opportunity to encourage your children about loving others. Remind them that Jesus tells us to love one another...and not just to feel good about people, but to love like Jesus loves us. He states that by doing this, our love for Him will be visible and people will know we are truly disciples of God.

4. If we love God, we'll obey Him.

Read John 14:15

Ask children the following:

1. What will we do if we love God?
2. Will people who don't love God obey Him?
3. If we don't obey God, what does that say?
4. When we disobey God, what are we really saying about Him?

Take the opportunity to encourage your children that loving God means you will obey Him. A person who does not obey God cannot claim they really love Him. For if we disobey, we are either saying our way is more important, or God doesn't know what He's talking about, or that God can't really give what He promises. And if we don't trust God, we can't really claim that we love Him.

# Table Talk

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

-Deuteronomy 6:7

