

Children's Ministry

2 & 3 year olds

3 John 1:9-12

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Lesson Plan: Main Point: Good Christian role models are good for us.
Basic Idea: Imitate those who do well.
How we get there: Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. (v 11)

Examine Hebrews 13:7

1. Who should we remember?
2. What did they speak to us?
3. How did they act?
4. What should we imitate?

God graciously gives people to help lead us. Your parents, Sunday School teachers, Children's church workers and elders are people who want to help you grow in faith. You can keep them in mind by listening to what they teach, watching how they act and doing the same.

Illustration/Game (see below)

Just like we followed the actions of "Simon Peter" and not "Simon the Magician," God desires we follow the actions of godly leaders. We should listen carefully to what people teach and how they act so that we can know their faith. If they love Jesus with all their heart, they can be a good example to us.

Illustration/Game: Simon Peter says.

This is basically "Simon Says" with a little twist. The kids will want to do what Simon Peter says to do (since he was a good example, we do well to follow him), while they do not want to do what Simon the Magician says (since he was corrupt—cf. Acts 8). You will say "Simon Peter says..." for activities you want them to mimic. But instead of omitting a name for actions they should not do, you will say, "Simon the Magician says" for things you don't want them to imitate. Near the end of the game, have them act out good things (eg. "kneel to pray, hug your neighbor, clap for Jesus, etc.)

"Nailing It"

No one will ever be the perfect example. Even Paul referred to himself as "the chief of sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). Yet, by the grace of God, these failures are a perfect chance to point people to Jesus Christ, who mercifully forgives us of our sins. Those who lead will sin, but when they do, their faith is seen when they confess that sin and point us to Jesus. And Jesus can forgive us because He lived perfectly and died for our sins!

