

## Lesson plan

Main Point: Imitate God!

Basic Idea: If we are God's children, we will act like Our Father.

How we get there: the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. (3:7)

Start out Activity A, to establish you can identify things from their actions/mannerisms. Then take the kids to Ephesians 5:1-2 and ask the following:

1. What does it mean to imitate?
2. What does it mean to walk in love?
3. What example of walking in love did Jesus give us?

Help the children see we cannot imitate God's size or power or even purity. But we can imitate God by loving one another and doing what is right. Remind them that imitation does not mean you become something (acting like a monkey does not make you an actual monkey), so it is not our actions that make us right before God...but because of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection to life, we can be right with God...and then we should act that way.

## Activity:

## Animals Imitations

To help teach the concept of imitation, have the children make the sounds, and act like the following animals:

Dog Cat Cow Horse Parrot Elephant

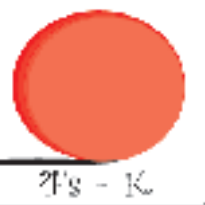
Next, you do some imitations of animals and see if the kids can figure out which one

Lastly, Give each child the chance to act like an animal (either let them decide which one, or quietly whisper an animal into their ear), and see if the class can figure out which one.

(other animal ideas: Frog Pig Lion Donkey Goldfish)

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