



Lesson 10

How Can I Make an Impact for Christ?

Tips for Family Discipleship

- Adapt this content to meet the needs of your family
- Focus on Jesus
- Be a guide, not a general
- Feed your own growth
- Share personal stories/testimonies
- Pray with your child and for your child

Families of younger children may want to spend some time discussing the different responsibilities within the Church. Some are called to be pastors and teachers. Others are called to serve behind the scenes in preparing supplies or cleaning. Others are called to lead worship or play an instrument. Even though we have different responsibilities, it's all to help others know about Jesus. Spend some time talking about your child's strengths and how these can be used for the Kingdom.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: none

DISCUSS: Spend some time discussing a time when someone did something for you that really impacted your life. Maybe you were sick and someone went out of their way to bring you food? Perhaps you were overwhelmed at work and someone took over some responsibilities for you? Did you feel loved and appreciated? Discuss how actions can help someone experience love.

PRAY: Lord, help us realize how we impact those around us.



Introduction

The Lord wants to use Christians to make Him known. Following Christ means fishing for people. Many believers are involved in many religious things, but they aren't personally used by the Lord to make an impact for Christ. All Christians have a part in the ministry of the Church.

Point #1 – My Witness.

If you and your child want to make a difference for Jesus, your lifestyle is the first place to start. When we live lives that reflect the character of Christ, others will see a difference in us. What we say and do in our daily lives demonstrates to others what we believe.



Using a mirror, discuss the reflection you see. A mirror reflects our outer image. Our behavior reflects our inner attitude and beliefs. How do you reflect Christ to others? We aren't perfect, but believers have the gift of the Holy Spirit to help you reflect Jesus to others.

When we wear a shirt that has a team's name or logo, we are identified as a fan of that team. How we live our lives and handle life's ups and downs identify our walk with Christ more than our attendance at church. How have your actions and attitudes this week reflected your walk with the Lord? How has your child's? Spend some time discussing this important concept.

Stuff to Talk About

Point #2 – My Work.

Many believers are confused about the work of ministry. Many believe that pastors and church staff are the only ones responsible for expanding the Kingdom. When we read Scripture, however, we see that the role of pastor is simply to lead the work of ministry. Every Christian has a part in making Christ known.



**OPEN YOUR
BIBLE**

READ Romans 12:4-6a

Have your child find the phrase “we have different gifts.”

In this passage, Paul teaches on the body of Christ. Every believer is part of the body and can contribute in some way. We are not called to serve the same way as others. It’s important to understand how God made you to serve. Determine your strengths, then use them for Christ.

Spend some time talking about your body. Do we pay more attention to some parts of the body more than other, such as our face, hands, or feet? But isn’t an elbow important? And our little toe? What about the organs inside our body? The body of Christ is like our body, with many parts. Some get more attention than others, but all are very important. Spend some time discussing the different ways a believer can serve in the body of Christ.



Point #3 – My Wealth.

The Lord intends for us to use our resources, our money and our possessions, for Kingdom advancement. He has blessed us with home, food, cars, clothes, skills, abilities, and money for a reason. Even though children may not have a regular source of income, they can still learn the importance of sharing or using their possessions to make an impact for Christ.



**OPEN YOUR
BIBLE**

READ
Matthew 25:14-30

Have your child read the story of “The Parable of the Talents.”

Stewardship is the act of one managing something one has been entrusted to manage. In this parable, we can see how three different men were given different money to invest. One of the men didn’t do anything with what he was given and was called “lazy” by the master. God has also given us things that we can use to make an impact for Jesus.

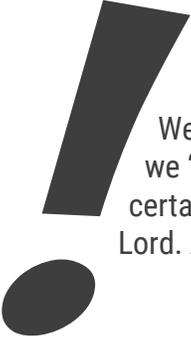
Point #4 – My Words.

The Lord has called us to speak His truth so that others might be changed. When we speak God’s Word, it has the power to change souls. Although it is important for our actions to reflect what we believe, sometimes we need to use our words. Communication of the gospel is necessary. Someone who knows Jesus will not learn about Jesus unless we use our words and God’s Word to share truth with him or her.

Remember the children’s rhyme, “Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me?” This rhyme is so far from the truth! Words do matter. Luke 6:45 says, “for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.” Do you use your words to lead others to Jesus?



**Stuff to
Talk About**



We want to avoid legalism with children. We don't act a certain way or say certain things because we "should." Our love for the Lord and our gratitude for what He has done should compel us to act a certain way. Children need to understand that what we say and how we live reflects our walk with the Lord. Actions do speak louder than words.

Follow Me Challenges

PERSONAL: Write out your story using these three questions.

- What was your life before you met Christ?
- How did you meet Christ?
- What has your life been like since you met Christ?

Then, ask a friend (perhaps a friend on your "My 5" list) to listen to your story.

PUBLIC: Participate in or invite folks to VBS at Tabernacle (June 7-11). Participate in, donate to, and/or host a Backyard VBS. More information can be found at tabernaclebaptist.org/vbs.

PRAYER: Pray for both Backyard and on-campus VBS and the kids who will attend.