# Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice.

DAY 2

DAY 1

# Read Matthew 16:16

Peter recognized who Jesus REALLY was. Not just a wise teacher. Not just a miracle worker who could heal the sick. Not just a prophet who spoke for God. Jesus is Christ, the Son of God, sent to save the world from sin.

If Jesus was standing right in front of you and asked the same question, how would you respond? Who do YOU say Jesus is? Do the people around you know what you believe about Jesus by the words you say and the way you live?

Sharing what you believe is one big way to practice your faith. And who knows, you might be the first person to tell someone about Jesus! You might be the first person to help someone understand just how much God loves them.

### Open Invitation

Who can you tell? Talk to your parents about inviting that friend to church and lunch afterward so you can talk about what you learned.

# Read Philemon 1:6

When you were little, did your mom or dad make a big deal about sharing your toys with siblings or friends? Was it hard to let them have a turn with something you really wanted to play with? Sharing doesn't always come naturally.

When you think about it, sharing really does make sense. No one wants to play with someone who keeps all the toys to themselves. But there's something we need to share that's even MORE important than our stuff. We need to make a commitment to share what we believe. We need to practice telling others about God.

### **Sharing Is Caring**

Practice sharing this week. For one whole week, every time someone asks you to share, say 'yes.' Make a commitment to be generous and kind this week. And look for opportunities to tell someone else about God and how much God loves them when you have a chance.

# Read 1 Timothy 4:13

All month long, we've been talking about commitment—making a plan and putting it into practice. This week is all about words. We can grow in our faith when we TALK about God with our friends. One big way this happens is at church with your small group!

When you play fun games, when you repeat the bottom line, when you work with a friend to put the memory verse words in order, your faith is growing. You're becoming stronger as you learn to follow Jesus. Your weekly small group is a great place to practice talking about God week after week!

# **Small Group Assignment**

Do you know the names of the kids in your small group at church? What about your leader's name? Try to learn one new thing about someone in your group and about your group leader this week. Pray and thank God for your church and the friends and leaders you see each week!

# Read Luke 8:39

Shooting a free throw. Playing an instrument. Riding your bike without training wheels. Getting to the next level of your favorite video game.

All these things require practice. If you want to be good at them, you have to practice. It takes commitment. The same is true when it comes to telling others about God. It's not always an easy thing to do. It takes some practice.

There are people all around you who have no clue how much God loves them. That might seem strange to you but it's true. God wants us to share with others so that they can know about God's love for them, too.

# **Practice Makes Progress**

Ask an adult to time you for one minute as you make a list of things you have to practice. Then challenge the adult to make a list too and compare your lists. Count how many unique answers you each came up with. Then talk about some ways you can practice telling others about God.



# Practice talking about God.



