

## WILDLIFE LEADER GUIDE



### **"A Savior Worth Following"**

**Easter – Week 2**

#### **BEFORE WILDLIFE:**

1. **This is a VIDEO-BASED curriculum.** Make sure you have the ability to play the video links on either a television, computer, or tablet. There will be links and passwords to access the videos.

2. Select & prepare which session activities you will use.

#### **Please Note:**

*Some Activities require supplies, some of which are included in your Wildlife Kit. Some include pages that will need to be printed off ahead of time. If your group is interested in a Wildlife Kit, please contact your campus' Campus Life Pastor.*

**LESSON OVERVIEW:** Today the children will learn that Jesus taught his disciples and others about the Kingdom of God using parables and memorable sayings.

**Have children repeat:** “I can tell about Jesus teaching about the Kingdom of God!”

## ACTIVITY 1

**WELCOME KIDS TO WILDLIFE**

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITY 1**

**SAY:** Welcome everyone! Let’s play a fun game called “Follow The Leader!”

**INSTRUCTIONS:** One child is chosen to be the leader. The rest of the children line up behind the leader. They must copy all the actions and movements of the leader. Have children take turns being the leader.

\*If not completing the video + activity, ask an ice breaker question like “What is one of your favorite games to play?”

# LEARN

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**SAY:** When the time came for Jesus to begin his ministry, he decided to gather some people together to help him. They were his “disciples.”

Even though being Jesus’ disciple wasn’t always easy, his closest friends knew that they could trust him. They didn’t always understand what he was teaching, and sometimes they were afraid of what was happening, but they followed Jesus anyway.

After he returned to heaven, they believed in him so deeply that they were willing to suffer persecution and even give their lives for him. They knew that he was the Savior who had come to establish the Kingdom of God!

# ACTIVITY 2

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITY 2

**SAY:** Jesus used stories called parables to teach people what the Kingdom of God was like. This is your chance to be dramatic as we take a closer look at some of Jesus' parables... Let's play "Charades!"

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Children have to "act out" a word or phrase without speaking, while the other members of the group try to guess what the word or phrase is.

Use some key words from parables, such as: mustard, sheep, coin, seed, father and son.

### **Parables Jesus Told:**

- The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32)
- The Sower and the Seeds (Matthew 13:1–23)
- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)
- The Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31–32)
- The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1–7)

\*If not completing the video + activity, ask a question like “What is a parable Jesus told?”

## RECAP GAME

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITY 2

**SAY:** As we learned earlier from the video, many people followed Jesus around. Let’s remember some of the things we learned today.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Have children stand in a circle. Toss a ball. When a child receives the ball, have them share one thing they learned.

*\*You could also do this activity without the ball and simply have kids call out their ideas”*

\*This activity is good for children 5+, so you may want to skip this activity if the majority of your group is younger.

**Pray** with the group to end your time.