

FOOTPRINTS

Leader's Guide for LESSON 22

For Kids

Lead Your Friends to Choose Jesus

Welcome (7 Minutes)

As the parents/mentors and children arrive, give each a warm welcome. Encourage a young person to help you greet others as they arrive. Begin your group time together by inviting the participants to share by asking, "Where have you seen God at work in your life this past week?" (Acknowledge all responses.)



Say: Last week we learned that Jesus wants us to bring our friends to Him. Find someone who is not in your family to share with, and briefly tell about any first step you have taken to help one of your friends know Jesus as a friend.

Use the "M.M." ball or the "T.A.G." ball (see Curriculum introduction for instructions.) to ask the families about their use of *Mentoring Moments* for family worship at home **OR** to ask the participants to share something they have studied or learned during their T.A.G. time.

Goals for this lesson

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

- **Know** how to invite a friend to accept Jesus as Savior
- **Feel** equipped to lead their friends to Jesus
- **Respond** by practicing how to lead a friend to Jesus

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The Bridge (10 Minutes)

Activity

Instruct the participants to team up in pairs for this activity. One partner is to put on the blindfold. The other partner is to hide the treat somewhere in the room. This team member will then give instructions to lead his partner to the treat. Switch roles and repeat the activity so each person finds a surprise treat.

You need

- A treat for each person such as a cookie or piece of fruit
- Paper bags
- Blindfolds

Ahead

Place the treats in individual paper bags.

Debrief

Ask: Did you enjoy leading another person to a special treat? (Acknowledge responses.) What did you need to do to help your partner locate the gift? (Know where to direct him/her, give clear directions, give encouragement, be patient.) How is this activity similar to sharing the good news of Jesus with someone who doesn't know Him? (Takes planning, requires patience, you need to want that person to experience the joy of Jesus.)

Say: In our lesson today we are going to look at how you can lead your friends to the best gift anyone can give another person — Jesus.

Prayer: Pray or invite a volunteer to pray for the Holy Spirit to direct this meeting.



Into the Word (25 Minutes)

Write this lesson's *Footprint* on the board:
Jesus wants our friends to be in heaven.

Bible Discovery

Say: Earlier in our small group journey together we discovered that we can know for sure that Jesus has saved us. In this lesson we are going to review the Scripture texts from Lesson 3 so we can be ready to share Jesus with our friends.

You need

- White board and markers
- Bibles
- Pens/pencils
- Photocopies of *Steps to Salvation* cards - 1 per person

Ahead

Prepare photocopies of the *Steps to Salvation* cards. Use card stock if available.

Write on the board: Leading your friends to choose Jesus

Activity

Use the *Steps to Salvation* card to demonstrate how to lead another person to accept Jesus as Savior. Ask for a volunteer who will be the leader as you take the role of someone being led to accept Jesus. Distribute the *Steps to Salvation* cards to the participants so they can follow along as you demonstrate this. Instruct your volunteer to follow the steps, telling him/her that you will stop after each step to write on the marker board.

The content from the *Steps to Salvation* card has been printed below with leader information printed in **bold**. After each step, make the point(s) as printed in bold then ask a volunteer to write the point on the marker board as noted under “**Volunteer write on the board.**” Invite comments and questions before instructing your volunteer helper to go to the next step.

You Can Be Sure About Your Salvation

Ask: If Jesus came back tonight, would you go to heaven? Why?

Say: Let's look at what the Bible has to say about you, heaven and salvation.

Read: Romans 5:8

Ask: Do you know that God loves you just the way you are?

STEP #1 **Be sure God loves you**

Leader say: Jesus died for us before we ever knew about Him or cared about Him.

Volunteer write on the board: Step # 1 — Be sure God loves you

Read: Romans 3:23 - Everyone is a sinner.
Romans 6:23(1st part) - Sinners have earned death.

Ask: What problem does each person have?

STEP #2 Tell Jesus you need Him

Leader say: Each and every person has a problem because every person has sinned and deserves death. The Bible calls this death the “second” death. It is eternal death which is the opposite of eternal life. We all need Jesus to save us from this sin problem.

Volunteer write on the board: Step # 2 — Realize you need a Savior

Read: I John 1:9

Say: When you confess your sins, Jesus completely forgives you.

STEP #3 Confess your sins to Jesus

Leader say: When we confess our sins we accept our responsibility for choosing to sin. It is saying “I’m sorry I did this.”

Volunteer write on the board: Step # 3 — Confess your sins

Read: Romans 6:23(2nd part) - God offers you Jesus’ gift of eternal life.

Ask: Do you want Jesus’ free gift of eternal life?

Read: John 3:16

Ask: Do you believe Jesus died for you?

STEP #4 Believe that Jesus is your Savior

Leader say: God loves you so much that He gave Jesus to die in your place. Jesus loves you so much He was willing to die to pay the penalty for the sins that you have done. The moment you believe in Jesus as your personal Savior from sin, you have eternal life. It is God’s free gift to you.

Volunteer write on the board: Step # 4 — Believe in Jesus

Read: Revelation 3:20

STEP #5 Invite Jesus into your heart

Share your testimony: Why are you happy that you invited Jesus into your heart?

Ask: Would you like to ask Jesus into your heart right now?

Would you like to ask Him yourself as we pray, or would you like to repeat a special prayer after me?

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving me before I loved you. I accept your free gift of salvation. I believe that you died for me. Forgive me of my sins. Completely clean out my whole heart. Come into my heart and stay there forever.

Thank you Jesus! Amen

Leader say: Once we believe in Jesus as our Savior, once we realize that He can take care of our sin problem and give us eternal life, we open the door of our heart to Jesus. Jesus doesn't force Himself upon us. We can choose to let Him be our Savior or we can choose to reject Him. He waits for our invitation to come in.

Volunteer write on the board: Step # 5 — Invite Jesus into your heart

Read: I John 5:13 - When you believe in Jesus you can KNOW NOW that you will be in heaven!

Ask: Has Jesus helped you be sure that you will be in heaven?

Leader say: Jesus wants us to know for sure that Jesus has saved us and that we have eternal life.

Volunteer write on the board: Know for sure that Jesus has saved you

Thank the volunteer for his/her help. Ask the participants if they have any questions. Encourage them to keep the *Steps to Salvation* cards in their Bibles or copy the information on a fly leaf of their Bibles

Review/Quiz

Steps to follow:

1. Review the summary points written on the board.
2. Cover or turn the board around and quiz the class by asking, "What are the five steps to salvation?"
3. Encourage adults to allow students to answer the questions and assist only if needed.



My Choice (5-8 Minutes)

Leader Share briefly your personal experience of leading another person to receive Jesus as his/her Savior, if you have done this. If not, share your experience of accepting Jesus as your personal Savior. What impact has this Bible truth had on your relationship to Jesus?

You need

- One copy of *My Choice* handout for each family
- Pens/pencils

Distribute one *My Choice* handout to each family group.

Say: Parents and mentors, move your chairs into a family circle and follow the instructions on *My Choice* with your child. When you are finished with *My Choice* turn the paper over and continue with *My World*.



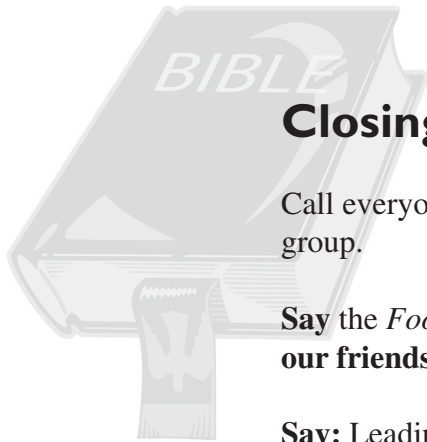
My World (5-8 Minutes)

Leaders: While the families are working together, the leader and co-leader pray for each of the parents/mentors and children.

You need

- One *My World* for each family
- Pens/pencils

If some families finish early, as leader you can: 1) engage those families by asking them about their family circle time or 2) give a time “warning” to the other families such as, “Please finish in three more minutes.” Let them know they can finish their *My World* time together at home.



Closing (2 Minutes)

Call everyone back together as a large group.

Say the *Footprint* together: **Jesus wants our friends to be in heaven.**

You need

- One *Mentoring Moments* handout for each participant

Say: Leading a friend to Jesus is the best gift you could ever give anyone. God is eager to use each of you to lead others to Him!

Ask: Did you each think of one someone who might let you practice using the “*Steps to Salvation*” card?

Leader Note: This week you need one copy of *Mentoring Moments* for each participant as noted in the *You need* box above.

Say: Parents and mentors, the *Mentoring Moments* this week is a homework assignment to help with this lesson. Please do the assignment yourself as your child does it so you also will be prepared to lead a friend to Jesus.

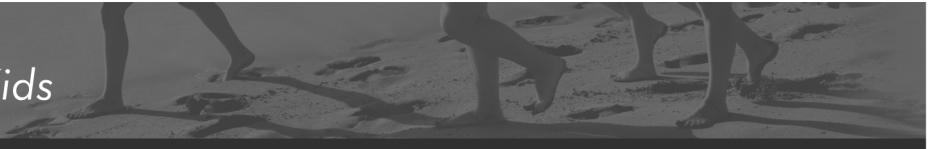
Grace Point — Say: Next week I will ask you to share your experience in practicing how to lead your friends to accept Jesus and have the assurance of salvation.

Close with a prayer or invite a volunteer to pray:

- thanking Jesus for giving us an easy plan we can use to help others accept Him
- asking the Holy Spirit to lead each person to a friend who needs to choose Jesus as Savior

Distribute *Mentoring Moments* and instruct the families to use these at home to build on the concepts developed in this lesson.

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My Choice

1. Say the *Footprint* together: **Jesus wants our friends to be in heaven.**
2. Parents/mentors: Use the *Steps to Salvation* card to **Review** with your child the process used to lead another person to accept Jesus, asking the following questions: “Do you understand why this step is important?” and “Do you have any questions about how to do this?” Clarify any points as needed.

Steps to Salvation:

Step # 1 – Be sure God loves you..... Romans 5:8
 Step # 2 – Tell Jesus you need Him Romans 3:23 and 6:23
 Step # 3 – Confess your sins 1John 1:9
 Step # 4 -- Believe in JesusRomans 6:23; John 3:16
 Step # 5 – Invite Jesus into your heart Revelation 3:20
 Know for sure 1 John 5:13

3. Parents/mentors **Share** your experience of leading another person to receive Jesus as his/her Savior or your experience of being led by someone else to accept Jesus as your Savior. When did you realize that Jesus died just for you? How did you feel knowing that Jesus loved you enough to pay the death penalty for you? What difference has this made in your life?
4. **THE CHOICE – Ask:** Will you choose to lead a friend to accept Jesus as Savior when the Holy Spirit gives you that opportunity? If your child says “Yes,” affirm his/her decision. If your child is not sure or says “No” or “Not now,” **Say:** It’s all right if you need time to think about this or want to wait. **Ask:** Can you tell me why? Is it okay if we talk about this next week?
5. **Pray** as a family thanking Jesus for giving you the information you need to lead others to Him. Ask Him to help you know who and how and when.

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My World

1. **Ask:** How do you feel about the idea of leading your friends to accept Jesus as Savior? Is this exciting or scary? Why? Do you think the *Steps to Salvation* card would be easy to use?
2. **Ask:** Do you have any friends in the neighborhood or at school who you think may not have accepted Jesus as their Savior or may not have the assurance of salvation? How does this make you feel?
3. **Brainstorm** for names of people you know who need to accept Jesus as their personal Savior or who need the assurance of salvation

People You Know Who Need Jesus

Ideas for a first step to draw him/her to want Jesus

1.	
2.	
3.	

4. Select one name and circle it. **Discuss:** What can you do as a first step to draw him/her to Jesus? Make a commitment to be ready to share Jesus with this friend when the Holy Spirit impresses you.
5. **Ask:** Who do we know that would be willing to let us practice leading someone to Jesus with him/her? Make an appointment this week with this person and practice using the *Steps to Salvation* card. Parents/mentors, team up with your child to help him/her practice with a relative or family friend.
6. **Pray** together and ask the Holy Spirit to help you be ready to share Jesus when He impresses you.
7. Use *Mentoring Moments* at home this week to add your story to Step 5 in the *Steps to Salvation* card.

Grace Point — Next week you will be asked to share about your “practice” session with someone else.

Next week Parents/mentors, you will be asked to share an experience you have had in studying the Bible with another person. The lesson will have a homework assignment that requires a Bible concordance and the creation of a Bible study.

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Mentoring Moments for Lesson 22

This week's *Mentoring Moments* is a continuation of *My World* for lesson 22 and needs to be completed before the next small group meeting.

Parents/mentors: To help your child with this activity do each number yourself. Be available to offer suggestions or answer questions. Be ready to share your own testimony with your child and also with the person you selected in *My World*.

One important thing we each can do to share Jesus with others is give our personal testimony of what Jesus has done for us. The following will help you add your own story to Step 5 in *Steps to Salvation*.

1. Think about a time when you invited Jesus to come into your heart. Describe that experience. For example: Were you invited by someone else to accept Jesus as your Savior? Were you at a camp or Pathfinders or church or school or by yourself?

2. What difference has it made to have Jesus as your Savior and Friend? For example:
 - Are you now no longer afraid of something?
 - Does Jesus help you when you need help?
 - Do you feel peace when bad stuff happens?
 - Are you nicer now to your brother or sister or school mates?
 - Another difference is _____.

3. Spend 2-3 minutes thinking about what you could say to someone else about your experience with Jesus. Use some of your ideas from numbers 1 and 2.

For example: Brandon is 10 years old. Here is his testimony.

Sometimes I'm really mean to my younger brother Kyle. He really annoys me so I pick on him. One time it was so bad that I made him cry. Something inside told me that I should stop it, but I knew I couldn't. I asked Jesus to come into my heart and make me more like Him. He did. I still pick on Kyle sometimes, but not like I used to. I know Jesus helps me be nice.

4. Practice saying your testimony out loud to one of your family members. When you're done, ask him/her to give you ideas to make your testimony more powerful.

5. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be ready to share your testimony when He impresses you.

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Ask: If Jesus came back tonight, would you go to heaven? Why?

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