

Parent Guide

Week of August 9

Memory Verse:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6

Bible Time: Lesson, craft, and game! (20 min)

Read John 15: 18-20

What makes us different? Some people have long hair and some have short. Some of us are tall and some of us are short. Can you think of ways that you act and think differently than others?

In this week's lesson, Jesus talks about being different. When we follow God's word, we will be different than others. If we live the way that Jesus calls us to, then our behavior and choices might look different from others. This might make them angry and so they may treat you differently. Jesus tells his disciples and followers to be prepared for this.

Read John 15:21-25. Jesus brought new ways to live and so the leaders didn't like him, in fact, they hated him. Jesus is warning his disciples that because they follow him, those people will hate them too. They might even become unpopular among their friends and families! Jesus knows that it wouldn't be easy for the disciples to tell the world about him.

No matter what the world tells us, **Jesus is with us!** It won't be easy to tell others about Jesus. People may hate you because of your message, and people may even try to stop you from telling others about Jesus. But you don't need to be afraid because Jesus promised to be with us. He knows what it feels like to be different and to be treated differently. Following Jesus takes courage and faith and he wants to be with you every step of the way!

Craft: What makes us different doll. To illustrate the differences we can find in people, have your child create and draw themselves. When everyone has created and cut out their little "me", talk about the differences you can find between the different cutouts! Maybe it's the size or shape, or maybe it's what they like to do, your faith and relationship with God, etc.



Game: Duck, Duck, Splash! Play "Duck, Duck, Goose" just like you normally would, but add some water! Give the person who is "it" a cup of water. When they go around the circle, instead of saying "goose", they dump the water on someone's head!

Extras: Check out our Facebook pages (Capital Kids SLC Families or Capital Kids Park City Families) and our Youtube Channel: Capital Church Kids for more videos, songs, and resources! Also, check out our **Back2School Scavenger Hunt** on the Church Center App!

Pray: Dear God, thank you for showing us how to love others and for being with us when life gets tough. Amen.