

A New Year: Put Your Faith into Practice!

Scripture: Luke Review

Memory Verse: Colossians 2:6 “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.” *

Lesson Focus: Throughout the Christmas season, our studies of the Scripture have been challenging us to “practice” our faith in Jesus Christ. The Scriptures have taught us to practice giving thanks, practice praying, practice loving God, and practice loving others. * As we close out 2022 and begin 2023, we will revisit the story of the Good Samaritan on the big screen with a fresh challenge to launch into 2023 ready to practice our faith.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video. While the video does not have any really intense moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

Please consider previewing the video before you come which you can do through Amazon Prime (Season 3, Episode 13) or Rightnow Media (see here <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/230513?session=325532>).

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms for appropriate follow-up small group activities (see below).

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: There is a door hanger craft for the kids to do. Also, we would encourage you to lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) to help the kids better learn from the video.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Teachers: If you have any New Years resolutions relevant to putting your faith into practice in 2023, please share those with the kids!

We will continue with our study of Luke the following week!

Discussion Qs

- 1) At the beginning of the story Joy was “hangry”. What does that mean and have you ever experienced that? Is it OK to be “mean” like Joy was even if you are “hangry”?
- 2) **Read Luke 9:51-54.** How did James and John respond to the Samaritans that made them angry?
- 3) Jesus corrected James and John by saying He came to save people’s lives, not to destroy them. What did He mean by that?
- 4) **Read Luke 10:30-35.** Why did it matter that it was a Samaritan that helped the Jewish man hit by robbers?
- 5) If you asked the priest and the Levite why they didn’t help, what excuses do you think they might have given?
- 6) **Read James 2:14-17.** What can happen to our faith if we never put it into practice?
- 7) How did Joy put her faith into practice at the end of the video?
- 8) **Read Colossians 2:6.** What must happen first before we can properly put our faith into practice? (see also **John 15:5**)
- 9) As we begin 2023, what are some ways that you can put your faith into practice?
- 10) **Read Philippians 2:13.** Who will help us as we choose to put our faith into practice?