

Hikers – September

Theme Points



Theme: Follow Jesus

Central Question: Why should I go to church?

We live by the Bible...

What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

We learn...

It's God's book!

Who God is!

How to live!

Theme Points...

Luke 2:41-52, 4:14-22

Young Jesus Goes to Church

Jesus is our example.

I go to church!

Memory Verse: Mark 1:17 Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"

Key Point: We need to do what Jesus did. Jesus went to church to listen to God's Word and learn about God. We follow Jesus when we read the Bible and go to church.

For Teachers: *Jehovah Nachah* means "The Lord is my Guide." One place we see this is in Psalm 23:3 "He guides me along right paths." Nachah, translated from Hebrew, means to lead or guide. Paths, in Hebrew ma'gal, means entrenchment or track. Right, in Hebrew tsedeq, means rightness or justice. These three key words reveal to us that God is guiding and leading us on the track to the goal, which is righteousness. As we follow Jesus He will show us the right way to live. (From: <http://peculiarplace.com/ps23v3.shtml>)

Class Schedule – to be done each week



Free Play (9:50-10:45AM)

Worship – 1-2 song videos

Snack – Children can have two small helpings of goldfish (use the snack scoop) and water.

Lesson – Teach the lesson while the children are eating snack. They are already sitting and ready to listen! See the weekly sheets attached for each lesson.

Transition Activity/Game - "Going To Church" – Have the children stand in a circle around the masking tape church on the floor. Have them do some of the actions listed below. As they play, remind them that Jesus went to church and so do we. We follow Jesus when we go to church.

Put one foot in the church.

Put both feet in the church.

Jump up and down.

Jump out of the church.

March around the church.

Tiptoe around the church.

Sit next to the church.

Fold your hands to pray.

Hiker Challenge – Use the hand and feet cookies cutters-we use our hands and feet to follow Jesus! Set out the cardboard church and encourage the children to make people out of play dough. The people are following Jesus by going to church.

Hikers Week 1- Central Question: *Why should I go to church?*

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



Teacher: Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

Mighty Mouse: What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

Kids Respond: It's God's book!

Who God is!

How to live!

Mighty Mouse: Let's say the memory verse together. (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Mark 1:17 *Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*

Let's listen while your teacher reads from the Bible.

Teacher reads the Bible story.

Mighty Mouse:

- Jesus' mom and dad took him to church so he could learn about God. That's why it's important for us to go to church. To follow God, we need to know God. Learning about God makes you happy. Show me a happy face.
- There's a letter in our Trail Log from a friend. Let's read it.

Trail Log Entry (Show the children the picture and read the entry from the Trail Log book.)



Dear Trail Log,

My name is Douglas and my Dad and I have been hiking all day. When we got to the campsite I climbed a tree. I was hanging from a branch and Dad had to rescue me. I wish we could sleep at the campsite again tomorrow night but Dad says we have to go home so we can go to church. It's not fair! I like church, but we go all the time. What I want to know is this: Does the Bible say it's important to go to church?

Bye for now. Douglas

Mighty Mouse: Douglas is upset because he wants to keep camping with his dad instead of going to church. Show me your best mad face. Going to church makes you happy. Show me a happy face. Let's tell Douglas our memory verse so that he will know why he should go to church. (Shine the flashlight on the verse.) Mark 1:17 *Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Douglas. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.

Hikers Week 2- Central Question: *Why should I go to church?*

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



Teacher: Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

Mighty Mouse: What is the Bible?

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Kids Respond: It's God's book!

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Mighty Mouse:

- Jesus' mom and dad took him to church so he could learn about God. That's why it's important for us to go to church. To follow God, we need to know God. Learning about God makes you happy. Show me a happy face.
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Dear Trail Log,

My name is Kara. Mommy and Daddy brought me to the pond for a picnic. When we went for a walk we saw a big blue butterfly. I chased the butterfly but I couldn't catch it. Another little girl was chasing butterflies too. She told me that she learned in church that God made the butterflies. I've never been to church. What I want to know is this: Does the Bible say it's important to go to church?

So long, Kara

Mighty Mouse: It sounds like Kara and her family don't know God. That's so sad! Show me your best sad face. Let's tell Kara our memory verse so that she will know why she should go to church. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) *Mark 1:17 Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Kara. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.

Hikers Week 3- Central Question: *Why should I go to church?*

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



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Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

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Dear Trail Log,

I'm Chad. My dog Goldie is my best friend in the whole world. I like to chase her and sometimes she chases me! When I go camping she sleeps in the tent with me. My friend invited me to go camping tonight but Mom says that we need to go to church tomorrow. What I want to know is this: Does the Bible say why people go to church?

See you later. Chad

Mighty Mouse: Chad is frustrated because his mom wants him to go to church instead going camping. Show me your best frustrated face. Let's tell Chad our memory verse so that he will know why he should go to church. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Mark 1:17 *Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Chad. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.

Hikers Week 4- Central Question: *Why should I go to church?*

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



Teacher: Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

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Dear Trail Log,

Our names are Emily and Kyle. We had a big picnic with all of our family today. Then we had a family picture taken. It has Grandma and Grandpa, Mommy and Daddy, Aunt Martha and our big sister Chelsea in it. We go to church but Aunt Martha doesn't go to church. She says she has other things to do. What we want to know is this: Does the Bible say why it's important to go to church?

So long, Emily and Kyle

Mighty Mouse: Sometimes it's hard to explain things to adults. If you have a hard time explaining things to grown-ups wiggle your ears. That can make you feel mad. Show me your best mad face. It sounds like Emily and Kyle need help explaining to their Aunt Martha why she should go to church. Let's tell them our memory verse so that they can tell Aunt Martha. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Mark 1:17 *Jesus said, "Come, follow me!"*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Emily and Kyle. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.