

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 8/23/20

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 17

**LESSON:** Jesus Showed His Glory



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we learned about how we can look to Jesus when we are afraid. This week we are going to learn about a time when Jesus' disciples didn't quite get the point.

**Target Practice** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

*Supplies: Paper, markers, socks, snack or candy to be a prize*

Use markers to draw a target on the paper. Lay the target on the ground on the other side of the room. Roll up socks to throw them to the target. Tell kids that whoever can land their rolled up sock perfectly on the target will win a special prize. When everyone has thrown, give the prize to everyone, even the kids who did not land their sock on the target.

**Say** - Jesus' followers didn't always get it. They didn't always understand what Jesus was telling them, but He loved and cared for them anyway.



## LESSON - JESUS SHOWED HIS GLORY

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Showed His Glory](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**The disciples missed the point when they fell asleep.** (Kids repeat!)

The disciples got distracted by their physical exhaustion and chose to go to sleep instead of praying with Jesus. They didn't realize the incredible moment Jesus has invited them into! He was inviting them into deep relationship with Him.

We get distracted too by all kinds of stuff... making good grades, getting people to like us, (insert something specific to your child). But Jesus is inviting us into something incredible. A deep relationship with Him. And for the disciples in this story an encounter with two huge characters from the Old Testament: Moses and Elijah.

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**The disciples missed the point when Peter spoke.** (Kids repeat!)

Have you ever been around someone so awesome it made you nervous? Some people when they get nervous just start talking, others go and hide in a corner. Well, Peter was the kind that just starts talking and doing stuff. The God of the universe didn't need Peter or the disciples to do anything in that moment except to sit back and enjoy this incredible moment. Jesus didn't need Peter to "Make three tents". He didn't need anything from Peter! He just wanted them to realize at an even greater level that He was the Son of God walking on Earth.

*Parents, try to really paint the picture of how incredible this moment was!*

*For example:* Moses and Elijah were very important people in their faith. Moses led the people out of Egypt and Elijah was faithful to God and brought down fire. Yet, while we saw how God moved through them, God opened the clouds and said, this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased. He didn't say anything about Moses or Elijah, He focused on Jesus.



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**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**The disciples missed the point of Jesus' life.** (Kids repeat!)

Throughout the Gospel accounts, the disciples followed Jesus faithfully after giving up everything in their past lives. They saw all the things that Jesus did, and listened to all of his teaching. But they always had a hard time when He told them the point of His life was to die on the cross. They were right there and missed the point. They just couldn't understand how Jesus dying would accomplish anything for God.

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus loves us even when we miss the point.** (kids repeat)

It would have been so easy for Jesus to get frustrated with the disciples and quit on them. But He doesn't. He keeps patiently teaching them.

Because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection we don't have to always "get" it. Even when we get distracted, mess up, or miss what Jesus is doing, He keeps loving us! We can trust His love and know that He wants to help us get the point when we miss it.



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [Psalm 40:5](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[A Future and a Hope](#)

**Pray:** Thank you Jesus that you love us even when we miss the point. Help us to place our focus on worshiping you instead of on our distractions. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Who did the disciples see on the mountain top? *Elijah and Moses*
- What did God say through the clouds? *"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to Him!"*
- Who was the prophet like Elijah that Jesus mentioned? *John the Baptist*
- What kinds of things do you get distracted by when you should be focusing on Jesus?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
  - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

**Parent Share** - What distracts you from Jesus, what causes you to miss the point?

**Red Light, Green Light** - Designate a starting line. Choose someone to call out "red light" and "green light". Everyone else is a runner. Have all of the runners stand on the starting line and the caller stand between 10 and 50 feet away. When the caller says "green light" everyone can move forward. When the caller says "red light", everyone must freeze. If anyone moves after "red light" is called, they are out. The first person to reach the caller wins and becomes caller for the next round. To make it more challenging, change the start and freeze words to more common words and have the caller talk about a topic and slip the words in so that runners have to listen extra carefully to know when to stop and go.