

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



THE BIG IDEA

Jesus understands my challenges.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Predicts His Death:
Mark 8:31-38; (Psalm 22:23-31)

QUESTIONS

- How many days later did Jesus raise from the dead?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What did Jesus say a Jesus follower has to do?
- Re-read Mark 8:33. What do you think it means to have in mind the concerns of God instead of human concerns?
- What do you think it means to “take up your cross?”
- When Peter found out Jesus’ death was inevitable, how do you think Peter felt?
- Do you think it was challenging for Jesus to tell the disciples about the upcoming death?

ACTIVITY

Ask kids to describe what they’ve learned this month in a catchy sports slogan of five words or less (e.g., “Challenge Accepted,” “Jesus is the real MVP,” “Team Jesus,” “Jesus is goals,” etc.). Then have kids create a bracelet, necklace, or keychain containing that phrase.

This month, we talked a lot about the challenges Jesus faced, and how Jesus shows us what to do when we face challenges of our own. Remember that whatever you are going through, you are not alone – Jesus has been there. Jesus understands your challenges. Jesus accepts you and your challenges. Let’s accept the challenge to follow Jesus the best we can!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: 1 John 5:5 (NIV)

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Looking for sign language? Go to growcurriculum.org/1John5-5 and get memorizing!