



HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice.

Main Idea

This week, we head to Matthew 16:13-20. Jesus asked his disciples about who people thought He is. He then turned the question on them. After everything they'd seen Jesus do and heard Him say, He wanted to know who they thought He was? This gave Peter the perfect moment to declare what he believed about Jesus. He thought that He truly is the Son of God. We can know God better by talking about Him with others. As the kids process their growing faith, they will have questions and doubts. Today, we will practice the faith skill, TALK, and learn how to talk through their questions about God with others who believe in Jesus.

Memory Verse

Training the body has some value but being godly has value in every way. It promises to help for the life you are now living and the life to come. I Timothy 4:8 (NIRV)

Bottom Line

Practice talking about
God.

Small Group Discussion

Ice breaker: If you could trade places with a character in a movie or TV show, who would you choose and why?

Story Review:

- 1) Jesus asked His friends a very important question. Does anyone remember what He asked? **"Who do people say that I am?"**
- 2) What were some of the answers that people gave?
John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, a prophet
- 3) Jesus' disciples new that Jesus was different. What were some of the things that Jesus did that showed them He was special?
Healed people, multiplied food and fed thousands, commanded evil spirits to leave

- 4) What was the answer that Simon Peter gave?
You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God

Jesus asked His friends these questions for a reason. He wanted to make sure that they knew who He really was. Jesus asked them to wait until the right time to talk to others about who He really was, but we don't have to wait. We are going to practice talking about God and how to follow Him every single day.

Small Group Activity

Each small group has a discussion cube.

- * The leader can roll the cube or have one of the kids roll it and then the group works together to answer the question.
- * Try to ask prompting questions to the kids if they get stuck rather than giving them the answers.
- * Really use these discussion times to encourage them to have the courage to talk to people about God. Sometimes it isn't easy, but practice will help us get better.