

## Family Worship at Home – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Mark 8:31-38 Getting Behind Jesus

**Introduction:** If you were at church on Sunday, reflect on the follow the leader game we played. How when we don't keep our eyes on the person we are following it is hard, if not impossible to follow them. Just as we need to see the leader in the game of follow the leader to see what to do, God wants us to keep our eyes on Jesus as Jesus tells us to keep our eyes on God. We don't want to get turned around like in our game. When we worship together, read and talk about the Bible stories together, and pray together – these are the reminders of the direction that Jesus is pointing us to.

If you weren't at church the message I gave is attached to this email or linked on the website. Enjoy the activity and message.

**Animated Bible Reading:** Read Mark 8:31-38 from your Bible or watch [Australian animated Bible stories – Mark 8:31-38 - YouTube](#)

Share with each other some things that can turn us around so that we are not keeping our eyes on Jesus. What does God do when this happens? (He comes after us through our family and our friends, reminding us that he loves us and wants to be with us.) What can we do when this happens? Go back to our reading our Bible, praying, going to worship etc.

**Songs:** I am the way, the truth and the life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D406Meo3Op4>

Follow Me: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyHla0hmPfg>

We're following Jesus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcdxkZv9kDA>

Follow Jesus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqPlzzvD2q8>

### **For Older Children:**

An animation explaining the difference between following and believing in Jesus. (for older children) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0eppMB7a7w>

Song: Chris Tomlin, I will follow you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ohvhmGSfxI>

Share with each other some things that can turn us around (makes it difficult to follow Jesus, to be a believer in Jesus.)

What does God do when this happens? (He comes after us through our family and our friends, reminding us that he loves us and wants to be with us.)

What can we do when this happens? (Go back to our reading our Bible, praying, going to worship etc.)

### **Prayer Time:**

Dear God, thank you for my home and my entire family. Thank you for the love you give to each one of us so we can share it with others. Help us to always keep our eyes on you and to follow you. Amen

**Activity:** Play games of follow the leader with each person in the family taking turns to be the leader.

**MASKING TAPE CROSS:** Have the children form a cross with masking tape on a piece of paper. Paint or draw with crayons around the cross using many colors and add words from today's lesson. "Jesus wants us to follow him" When the painting is done remove the masking tape to leave the cross in the middle of their painting.

