

Follow God's Way Activity

READ: Matthew 16:21-23

Jesus began to tell his disciples that he would be brought before the high priests and put to death before rising to life again.

"Lord, this cannot be allowed to happen!" exclaimed Peter, who was deeply upset by what Jesus told them.

But Jesus said, "Peter, your way is not God's way. If you follow me, sometimes things will be difficult, but you must accept them and try not to take the easy way out."

Discussion:

Jesus said to Peter, "Peter, your way is not God's way." What do you think he meant? Peter wanted to take the easy way out because he did not want Jesus to suffer and die. Jesus chose to follow God's way, to give up his life so that God could save all of us.

He had been sent by God the Father to suffer and die and bring everlasting life to the world. He showed how much he really loved us by following God's way. Like Peter, sometimes we do not fully understand God's way of doing things, but we should trust the father as Jesus did.

When we find it difficult trying to live as Jesus taught us, should we give up easily?

As Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane he felt afraid to die. He did not run away and hide, but instead he asked God to give him the courage to do what he knew was right. With the help of Jesus, we, too, can face up to any difficulties in our lives and choose to show God how much we love him by following his way.

Activity:

Make copies of the bookmark and color. Maybe color one for a family member or friend that might need to be reminded to "Follow God's Way." Maybe hang one on the family bulletin board.

