



Kids Club

Leader Guide

Sept.

Week 1

Sept, 1st

RED LETTER
CHALLENGE
KIDS

HELLO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADERS:

You will be guiding kids through a 5-week curriculum, introducing them to the Red Letter Challenge that we are completing as a church.

Jesus is the greatest disciple-maker in the world. Putting His words into practice helps people of all ages find the life God designed them to live

These lesson utilize the following format:

- **WARM-UP** • **OBSERVATION** • **INTERPRETATION/APPLICATION** • **PRAYER** •

Please also keep in mind that this program is geared towards a large age span: from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Teachers will need to consider their age group as they are choosing their activities and modify content as needed. The first half of the program is the same every week. There will be a warm-up activity as well as a scripted lesson that can be used in a variety of ways.

- **Warm-up** (Learning readiness)
- **Observation** (What happened? What does it say?) This is the teaching time every week. This is where kids will be hearing and watching the main teaching of the day. Feel free to use actors, puppets, or even an older kid volunteer to do this teaching time.
- **Interpretation** (What does it mean?)
- **Application** (What does it mean to me?)

A weekly handout will be provided for parents. This handout will cover what we did that week and also any announcement about the future week and challenges for them to do during the week.

One idea you may like is to keep a "Challenge Chart" each week. You can get some red dot stickers and have the students put up a red dot sticker every time they complete a Challenge that week. See how many red stickers you can put up, and maybe try to increase it every week! This is for fun and to create a measurable and visual way for kids to see the Challenge in action!



Theme

Introducing the 5 Targets of RLC: **B**eing, **F**orgiving, **S**erving, **G**iving, **G**oing

Memory Verse

*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **Matthew 7:24***

Bible Verses

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” **Matthew 7:24-27***

Big Idea

Why are the red letters of Jesus important?

Goals

- ➔ Memorizing BFSSGG.
- ➔ Learn what the 5 targets are.
- ➔ Describe how to use the RLC Kids book.
- ➔ Teach where the RED LETTERS are from.



WARM-UP

THE MIRROR GAME; MIRRORING JESUS

What you need: Nothing

What you do: Pair up the kids two by two and have them line up. Assign one side as A and the other as B. Tell the A that they are looking in the mirror. You can pick a scenario like you are getting ready at bedtime or you are dressing up to go out. Have them switch after a minute or so. Start again with As but this time tell them that they are talking to themselves in the mirror as Bs follow. Again let them switch and then try it with no leader and no follower. Then tell them that neither is the leader or follower. **Optional:** Have a pair come up to the front of the room and see if the group can guess who the leader is and who the follower is. If they follow each other well enough, it may be tough to tell!

What you say: Remember to move VERY slowly. B is the mirror and must follow A so closely that someone watching would not be able to tell who is leading and who is following. Remember to mirror not only their arms and body but also watch their faces!

OBSERVATION

Teacher: In the Bible the words of Jesus are written in a very special way. They are written in red ink when everything else is written in black. So there is no guessing there! Following is not always easy, like we learned in the mirror game. But Jesus calls everyone from the tiniest baby to the oldest grandparent to follow Him.

Following Jesus is the greatest opportunity we will ever have!

Open to Ephesians 5:1-2 and read. (or have a volunteer read)

"You are the children that God dearly loves. So follow his example. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us. He was a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice to God."

Teacher: We don't need to do everything Jesus did, we can't. But Jesus did tell us some things that we can do, and we are going to learn all about them! They are.. Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going.

It will not always be easy to follow Jesus. But it will be worth it! And when we copy Jesus we are showing others who Jesus is! How cool is that?

Boys and girls, will you help me teach Red the 5 words?Really!!?! Awesome! Ok, are you ready?



OBSERVATION (CONT.)

Teacher: The first word is:

BEING: Place your hands over each other in the center of your chest.

FORGIVING: Place hands out like a cross.

SERVING: Take a servant stance: Do the TEBOW stance.

GIVING: Sweep arms out with open hands.

GOING: Walk or run in place.

- Spend as much time as you need practicing these different motions. Mix them up, try to trick the kids.

Teacher: You guys did awesome! Do you think you know the 5 words now?

Red tries but struggles and gets them mixed up.

In the next 5 weeks we are going to be taking one word at a time and really learn what they mean and how we can do it! This is what Jesus' life is all about, and when we do these five words, we are copying Jesus. I have a song about how important it is to build our life on a firm foundation of Christ. Let's sing! *(Can play song on youtube by scanning code below!)*

The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down!

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OBSERVATION (CONT.)

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand went SPLAT!

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ,
Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Blessings will come down.

The blessings will come down as your prayers go up,
The blessings will come down as your prayers go up,
The blessings will come down as your prayers go up,
So build your house on the Lord!

Teacher: That was fun! I'm so excited to find out more about doing these red letters.



INTERPRETATION

What you say: We are going to talk about the five principles below.

The targets that Jesus followers are called to shoot for:

- 1 **BEING:** So many times Jesus talks about the importance of spending time and just being with Him. Before he invites us to do things for Him, through Him, in His name, he invites us into a relationship. Our relationship with Him will determine how effective we are at actually doing the things He asks.
- 2 **FORGIVING:** Jesus is all about 'dat grace. So many of us struggle with receiving God's forgiveness, forgiving ourselves, or forgiving others. To truly represent Jesus in this world, we have a great understand of God's grace in our lives and extend that grace to others.
- 3 **SERVING:** After spending time being with Him, and receiving His forgiveness, now we are so motivated. After all that He's done for me, I want to serve Him. I want to get out into the community, help those in need, love my neighbors, etc.
- 4 **GIVING:** Jesus talked about the Kingdom of heaven more than anything else. A close second was money. I've found through the words of Jesus it's impossible to be a stingy Christian. Jesus followers are generous.
- 5 **GOING:** It's no coincidence that many of Jesus' last words in each of the Gospels and even the last command He says in the book of Acts centers on the fact that we as Jesus followers must not just be His hands and feet in the community, but also His mouthpiece. We are to go out there and tell the Good News that this same Jesus that has died on the cross for my sins and forgiven what I've done has done the same for everyone.

APPLICATION

ACTIVITY 6: EXTRA! EXTRA!

What you need: Nothing.

What you do: Read the fake news article below aloud with the words: being, forgiving, serving, giving, and going. Have the kids stand up when they hear the words! **Optional:** For older kids, have them write and act out their own article using the five words. They don't have to use the words in order, and encourage outrageous and goofy!

What you say: Listen to news article I'm going to read. I want you to stand up when you hear the words BEING, FORGIVING, SERVING, GIVING, and GOING.

There once was a human being named Aidan. He had to forgive a girl named Lola who broke his favorite pencil. He served her snack first to show they were still friends. She showed kindness by giving him some of her fruit snacks. By the time they were going out to recess they were back to friends again



APPLICATION

ACTIVITY 2: BUILD ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

Ages: K - 3rd grade

What you need: Building blocks, different kinds of bases to build on: a blanket, a firm surface, a pillow, something bumpy, something slanted. **Optional:** Find a kid's book that tells the story of **Matthew 7:24-27** the two men who built on a rock and sand.

What you do: Have the kids get into small groups of 3-4. Give them the blocks and the different surfaces. Have them try and build on the bumpy or soft surfaces first. See how high they can get. Then see how it compares to the hard and firm surface.

What you say: The Red Letter Challenge is important because Jesus says that if we take His words and put them into practice that we will be like a man who built his house on a rock. Let's read the story together and learn how important it is to put Jesus' words into practice.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **Matthew 7:24-27**

It was easier to build on a firm surface than a soft surface. Jesus is our solid foundation, and when we build our lives on Him our hope and faith will stay strong on Him.

APPLICATION

ACTIVITY 1: TELLING A STORY (COMIC STRIP).

Ages: 3rd - 5th Grade

What you need: Paper, markers, pencils or crayons

What you do: Invite the kids to draw three or five squares and tell a story of how they can show Jesus to others in those squares. Share with the group what they drew.

What you say: What story do our lives tell? When someone looks at your life they can see a story. We can show people who Jesus is by the stories that our lives tell.



PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

We invite you into this Challenge. Be our light and show us what it means to put your words into practice. Thank you for dying on the cross so that my sins are forgiven. You are the perfect example of love in our lives. Thank you for giving us the Bible and your words so we can follow after you.

We love you Jesus,

Amen

