**Sunday School Lesson: Walking in His Steps**

Theme: Exploring how Jesus’ teachings and actions guide us in our daily lives.

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 2:21 – "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will:

Understand the significance of following Jesus’ example in their daily lives.

Identify specific actions and attitudes of Jesus they can model.

Commit to one practical way they will "walk in His steps" this week.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending Jesus as our example. Open our hearts and minds today as we learn how to follow in His footsteps. Help us to live lives that honor You and draw others closer to Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Introduction

Begin by asking the class:

Have you ever tried to imitate someone you admire? What made them worth following?

Explain that as Christians, we are called to follow Jesus’ example in everything we do. Today, we’ll learn how His teachings and actions guide us to live godly lives.

**Lesson Outline**

1. Understanding the Call to Follow Jesus (1 Peter 2:21)

Scripture Focus: "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."

**Discussion Questions:**

What does it mean to “follow in His steps”?

Why is it important that Jesus not only taught but lived as an example for us?

Key Point: Jesus’ life shows us how to live in obedience, love, and humility. His suffering reminds us that walking in His steps may require sacrifice, but it leads to eternal rewards.

2. Jesus’ Teachings: A Guide for Daily Living

Scripture Examples:

Love and Forgiveness: Matthew 5:44 – "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Humility: John 13:14-15 – Jesus washing the disciples’ feet.

Compassion: Mark 6:34 – Jesus feeds the 5,000 out of compassion.

Activity: List some of Jesus’ teachings and discuss how they can apply to modern-day scenarios (e.g., showing kindness to someone at school or work, helping a neighbor in need).

3. Living Out Jesus’ Actions Today

Practical Applications:

Practice forgiveness even when it’s hard.

Serve others selflessly, expecting nothing in return.

Stand firm in faith during trials, just as Jesus did.

Activity: Have students write down one specific way they will follow Jesus’ example this week.

Interactive Activity: Footsteps Challenge

Lay out footprints (paper cutouts) on the floor, each with a scenario written on it (e.g., "Someone hurt your feelings," "A friend is struggling," "You see someone in need").

Students take turns stepping on a footprint and sharing how they can “walk in Jesus’ steps” in that situation.

**Reflection Questions**

What are some areas in your life where it’s hard to follow Jesus’ example?

How does knowing Jesus experienced suffering encourage you to persevere?

What’s one thing you can do differently this week to follow His steps more closely?

Memory Verse

1 John 2:6 – "Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did."

Encourage students to memorize this verse as a reminder of their commitment to walk like Jesus.

**Closing Prayer**

Lord, thank You for Jesus, who walked before us as the perfect example of love, humility, and faithfulness. Give us the courage and strength to follow in His steps every day. Help us to reflect Your light in all that we do, bringing glory to Your name. Amen.

**Takeaway Challenge**

Commit to one way you will walk in Jesus’ steps this week. Share your experience with the group next Sunday.