

## Knowing and Obeying (4/17/22)

**Main Verses:** Luke 9:18-22

**Key Verse:** Luke 9:22

**'Takeaway':** Even though Jesus knew his path led to suffering and death, he also understood that, wonderfully, resurrection was his final destination.

**Getting Started:** [MISSING]



**READ** the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- How did the disciples answer Jesus's question, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
- How did Peter answer Jesus's question, "But you, who do you say that I am?"
- What did Jesus say was going to happen?

Elementary:

- Why do you think there was a difference between the crowds and Peter, representing the disciples?
- Why did Jesus tell them to not tell anyone he was the Messiah?
- What did Jesus say was going to happen next? Why were they necessary?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- Prayer is an important part of life as we follow Jesus.
- People were confused about who Jesus was at this time.
- Jesus knew what was going to happen to him, including being killed, but he also knew that God would resurrect Him on the third day.
- When we face hard times we need to remember God's promise of resurrection like Jesus did.

Elementary:

- Jesus prayed continually, and especially before momentous events. We should pray continually as well, to fully understand who Jesus is and thank him for what he has done for us.
- Generally speaking, people were confused about who Jesus was. The disciples' response confirms this.
- Jesus walked in perfect obedience to God's plan of redemption, knowing it would lead to suffering and death, and ultimately resurrection. Here Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for what was coming.
- Like Jesus, we too can face hard times in light of God's promise of resurrection. (II Cor. 4:17)

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK): Talk to God, thanking Him for the gift of life that is possible through faith in Jesus. Thank him that Jesus, knowing that he would die on the cross and rise again, obeyed God so that we might have life in him.

(Elementary): Talk to God, thanking him for the gift of life that is possible through faith in Jesus. Thank God that Jesus, knowing what was coming, walked in obedience so that we, through faith in him, can be rescued from death forever. Ask him to be King of your life. Admit you are a sinner, that you have led a me-centered life. Believe that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom and eternal life with God. Commit now to following his leadership from this time on. Ask God to teach you how to live for him as a member of his family. If you talk to God about this, talk also to a trusted adult about your prayer