

Jesus Followers BIBLE STUDY

Family Tool Kit

Y ou and I are in a race called life. The Baton is Truth that leads to faith in Jesus Christ. Each generation receives the Baton from the previous generation, runs the race to the best of its ability, then is responsible for passing it smoothly and securely to the next generation.

Our hope is to encourage you to be intentional as you, too, seek to be a Jesus Follower who successfully passes the Baton to the next generation.

- Anne and Rachel-Ruth



What's Included:

- Helpful Hints Be Intentional
- Family Guide
- Family Prayer Requests
- The Gospel Alphabet
- YouVersion Reading Plan
- Alphabet Names of Jesus
- Legacy Cards
- · How to become a Jesus Follower



BE INTENTIONAL

Gifting

Give them Jesus, the Living Word who is revealed in the written Word...the only Hope for our world. GIFT the book, the study and other resources to your family members: https://www.annegrahamlotz.org/store/gift-ideas/

Prepare your heart

Work through the study on your own as you seek to be a Jesus Follower who will witness, worship, walk and work for His Kingdom:

https://www.annegrahamlotz.org/products/jesus-followers-study-guide-with-streaming/

Study with your family

Pass the Baton smoothly and securely as you work through the study together, either in person, remotely, or a mix of both:

(Review the Family Guide)

HELPFUL HINTS

VIEW <u>SESSION ONE</u>...Watch the Bible Study Workshop on your own to review Anne's Bible Study method.

VIEW <u>SESSION TWO</u>...To become familiar with the study format for sessions two - five.

USE THE BOOK AS A DEVOTIONAL...

The <u>Jesus Followers Book</u> has 28 short chapters. Pay special attention to the <u>Be a Jesus Follower</u> box at the end of each chapter. Use the <u>Legacy Cards Printable</u> along with reading a chapter a day.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY...Use the <u>Gospel Alphabet</u> as a way to memorize Scripture together.

PRAISE and WORSHIP...Use the Alphabet Names of Jesus or create your own list as a family.

FAMILY GUIDE

SESSION 1 | Bible Study Workshop

Familiarize yourself with the session outline and gather the necessary materials for each family member (Bible, study guide and pen).

Pray Ephesians 1:17–18 for each family member who will be joining you. Pray that God will open their hearts to His Word, and they will get to know Him better as a result of the Spirit's revelation.

We suggest using these videos as a weekly Bible study, but they could also be used monthly or the timeframe best suited for your family.

This first session in *Jesus Followers* is unique, as Anne will describe a method for studying the Bible that will be used in your personal quiet time throughout the study. During this opening session, each family member will need to watch the video and complete the work found on pages 4–7. Show the video, following the instructions given by Anne during the session. Note: You will be stopping the video periodically to complete each of the steps.

SESSIONS 2-5 | Our Witness • Our Worship • Our Walk • Our Work

REVIEW OF PERSONAL STUDY:

Review together your Personal Study from DAYS 1 – 5 for each session. Ask each family member to share:

- From Step 3 What lesson did you learn related to your (WITNESS or WORSHIP or WALK or WORK)?
- From Step 4 What application questions did you ask yourself?
- From your Personal Study Reflection page share one Live in Obedient Response to God's Word to which you committed.

VIDEO SESSION:

Watch the video for the corresponding session. Refer family members to the WATCH VIDEO SESSION page in the Study Guide and encourage them to take notes.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Refer to the GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS page to stimulate discussion on the topics presented during the video teaching. Ask your family and friends to share any personal encouragement, challenge, or inspiration they received as they watched.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Pray Anne's closing prayer with your family. Add any additional prayer requests that came to light in your discussion time. Use the <u>Family Prayer Requests</u> template to record your requests.

MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOCUS... Their Witness

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father— the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." ($John\ 15:26-27$)

Date:	Prayer Request:	Praise Report:
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PRAYER FOCUS... Their Worship

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." ($John\ 4:23-24$)

Date:	Prayer Request:	Praise Report:

MONTHLY FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOCUS... Their Walk

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God." ($Joshua\ 1:8-9$)

Date:	Prayer Request:	Praise Report:

PRAYER FOCUS... Their Work

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters..." (Colossians 3:23)

Date:	Prayer Request:	Praise Report.

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

- REVEREND JOHN LOTZ

- All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23) Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1:29) - Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28) - Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. (James 4:8) - Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. (Matt. 18:14) For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. (Eph. 2:8) - God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) H – Him that cometh to Me I will in no way cast out. (John 6:37) - I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. (John 14:6) - Jesus answered and said unto them, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." (John 6:29) K – Knock, and it shall be opened to you. (Matt. 7:7) - Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. (Isa. 45:22) Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor. 6:2) - Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. (Ps. 119:18) - Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27) - Quicken me according to Thy Word. (Ps. 119:154) R - Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. (Ps. 37:7) - Seek, and ye shall find. (Matt. 7:7) - The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:7) - Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11) - Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. (John 6:47) \mathcal{W} – What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? (Mark 8:36) X - Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3) - Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price. (1 Cor. 6:19-20) - Zealous of good works. (Titus 2:14)

YOUVERSION READING PLAN

We each want to pass on our faith to the next generation, but sometimes we wonder what that looks like in today's world. In this six-day devotional, Anne Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright—the daughter and granddaughter of Billy Graham—use stories and Scripture to give us ideas, biblical inspiration, and encouragement about living in a way that invites others to experience God's incredible grace and love, with joy!



START THIS PLAN | SAMPLE THIS PLAN

He is...

Alpha

Brother

Creator

Deliverer

Emmanuel

Friend

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Holy

I AM

Jesus

King of Kings

Lord of Lords

Messiah

Nazarene

Omega

Prince of Peace

Quickener

Redeemer

Savior

Truth

Undefiled

Victor

Wisdom

eXalted

Yahweh

Zealous for Us

Creating a Legacy of Witness



Every morning, ask God to open your eyes to someone who needs Jesus today.

Write	their nan	ne(s) he	ere:	

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

Share the gospel.

"Go and make disciples of all nations."

MATTHEW 28:19

Creating a Legacy of Worship



What priorities need to change for you to spend daily time in the Word, setting your spiritual compass and gaining perspective for each new day?

Write them here:	

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

Start your day with God.

"After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light."

MATTHEW 17:1-2

Creating a Legacy of Witness

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Every morning, ask God to help you see each person around you the way He sees him or her as a beautiful treasure of inestimable worth.

Reflect here:	

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

See with His eyes.

"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 SAMUEL 16:7

Creating a Legacy of Worship



Whether you are facing physical, emotional, mental, or relational pain, pray that God would give you a spirit of praise and lead you to someone who needs a reminder of His faithfulness in the midst of suffering.

Reflect here:	

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

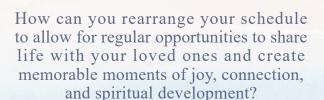
Overcome discouragement with praise.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness...For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

Creating a Legacy of Walking with God

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Reflect here:

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

Talk about Jesus together.

"Every day they continued to meet in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."

ACTS 2:46

Creating a Legacy of Working for God

How can you prioritize people over accomplishments today?

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Reflect here:

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

Release the pressure. Encourage others.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

EPHESIANS 4:29

Creating a Legacy of Walking with God

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What do you want those around you to remember about your response in the face of everyday stresses? How can you choose patience and a sense of humor over anxious thoughts and frustrated reactions?

Reflect here:

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

Have patience. And remember to laugh.

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way...being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father."

Colossians 1:10-12

Creating a Legacy of Working for God

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In what challenging situation can you seek to demonstrate a servant's heart and offer the care someone needs?

Reflect here:

BE A JESUS FOLLOWER:

Serve others with compassion.

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."

MATTHEW 20:28

HOW TO BECOME A JESUS FOLLOWER

For five sessions, you have been talking about and studying what it means to be a Jesus Follower. However, Rachel-Ruth and I wonder if perhaps we have made the assumption that you are a Jesus Follower.

In the event you are unsure, we want to give you the opportunity to make that choice as you conclude this study. If you sincerely want to follow Jesus, pray this prayer:

Dear God,

I want to receive the Baton. I want to make sure I am in the Ark, saved from Your judgment. So right now, I come to the cross by faith and I confess I'm a sinner. I was born that way. I'm a son of Adam. I'm the daughter of Eve. I'm asking You to forgive me of my sin as I turn away from it. I claim the blood of Jesus to cover me, to cleanse me. I ask that You forgive me in His name. And I believe Jesus died for me. If there had been no one else who needed to be saved, He would have died just for me. I receive the Baton of Truth... the gospel... for myself. I believe Jesus rose up from the dead to give me eternal life which I understand is a personal relationship with You right now, and a heavenly Home when I die. I open up my heart and I invite Jesus to come live inside of me in the person of the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to Him as Lord. From this moment forward I will run my race, fixing my eyes on Jesus, following Him...all the way Home.

For the glory of His name, Amen

If you prayed the above prayer in sincere faith, then your sins are forgiven! You have received eternal life! Heaven is your home! God is your Father! You are now an authentic Jesus Follower! You no longer have to struggle through life, running your race on your own! God is with you! He is for you! He loves you! You are now the Father's child! Welcome to His family!⁷

We are rejoicing with the angels in Heaven,

For young children see *HEAVEN God's Promise for Me*: There's a special keepsake invitation for children to RSVP to Jesus! www.annegrahamlotz.org/products/heaven-gods-promise-childrens-hardcover/

For older children and adults please visit our website to read more about making sure you are a Jesus Follower and ready to meet Jesus: www.annegrahamlotz.org/jesus-gods-living-word/

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