

## **GROUP ACTIVITY**

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

## Pass a Prayer

**Set up:** For each small group, inflate a balloon and use a marker to write the following verse on it:

"Am I now trying to get people to think well of me? Or do I want God to think well of me?" (Galatians 1:10)

**Say:** We learned in our true Bible story today that Jesus was rejected for saying unpopular things. We all want to be popular, don't we? We all want to be liked. But a lot of times, following Jesus is going to mean saying unpopular things. We're going to spend time thinking of ways we might be tempted to please others more than to please God and then pray about it together.

**Directions:** Read the Bible verse on the balloon and ask the question below. After discussing, toss the balloon to a kid in your group. Encourage the kid holding the balloon to share one way they might be tempted to please others, even though it would mean disobeying God. When finished, have that kid toss the balloon to another kid and repeat. Continue until every kid has a turn to share. Finally, lead your group in a closing prayer. Encourage the kids to talk to God whenever they are worried that doing the right thing will make them unpopular.

**Question:** Why do you think we so often care about what people think about us more than what God thinks about us?



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What do you think it means to please God instead of people? Draw a picture of it.

Has there ever been a time when you felt rejected by your friends because you chose to do the right thing—the thing that was pleasing to God? Tell God about it.

## THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

JESUS IS REJECTED IN NAZARETH

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus was rejected for saying unpopular things.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Luke 4:16-30

**KEY VERSE:** "Am I now trying to get people to think well of me? Or do I want God to think well of me? Am I trying to please people? If I were, I would not be serving Christ." Galatians 1:10



Luke 4:14-30. Write to God what your favorite part of that story was. Tell Him why you liked it.



Write a prayer to God asking Him for the courage to please Him even when it means doing something unpopular. Are you facing a specific situation right now? Tell God about it.





## JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus calls ordinary people like us to follow Him.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Luke 5:1-11, 27-31; 6:12-16; Matthew 4:18-22

KEY VERSE: "Come and follow me," Jesus said. "I will send you

out to fish for people." Mark 1:17



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Galatians 1:10 (NIrV)

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