



LIFE OF JESUS

An Easy Yoke

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Bring in a stack of books or a heavy box. Invite a kid up to move them from one end of the room to the other. After letting them struggle for a bit, invite another kid up to help move the heavy stuff. Then, ask the first kid how it felt trying to do all the heavy lifting on their own. Then, ask them how it felt to have help. Then, have the kids sit down.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have a question for you! What is the worst chore you've ever done? (allow kids to answer). Doing things like washing dishes, or folding laundry, or cleaning up dog poop can be terrible, right? Is it nice when someone offers to help you? (allow kids to respond). Yes, of course! It goes faster, right? (If you used the leader tip, ask the class why it was easier when someone helped to move the heavy box/books rather than trying to do it alone).

Well, in today's lesson we are going to learn about how following Jesus isn't like a bad chore or something that's just too hard to do. Jesus makes it easy for us!

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

Another Day

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: Following Jesus isn't a chore because he did the hard work for us. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What did animals have to wear when they worked? (a yoke)
- Is Jesus' yoke easy or hard? (easy)
- True or False: Following Jesus isn't a chore. (T)

Of course it's not a chore! That's because Jesus already did all the work for us. Here's what the Bible says. We all have a problem called sin. Sin is when we go our own way instead of God's way. But, because of Jesus, this problem can be fixed. He came to die on the cross to pay for OUR sins! He did all the hard work. He doesn't make us do a bunch of stuff to earn his forgiveness, either. He just offers it as a gift. That's why following Jesus isn't a chore. He did all the hard work for us so we could have an awesome relationship with him.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." Matthew 1:30 (Repeat)

A yoke was something that animals wore when they plowed the fields. It was like a bracket that tied them together so they could work side by side to get the job done easier. Jesus compared his love for us to a yoke. Meaning, he makes having a relationship with him easy because he did all the hard stuff. Remember, he suffered and died for us. All we have to do is tell Jesus we're sorry for our sins, invite him to live in our hearts, and live every day to honor him. Isn't that amazing?

Kids, if you're ready to follow Jesus, talk to your teachers and parents about it today. Jesus did the hard part. All we have to do is receive his amazing gift of love and forgiveness!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Me Without You

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Following Jesus isn't a chore because he did the hard work for us. **(Repeat)**

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.