

# In-Home Discipleship Guide

Our hope is that you would continue to both be discipled, and disciple those around you during these days. Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for the sermon to be delivered via livestream on Sunday. We encourage you to take advantage this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

**THEME:** What it means to be children of God

**MEMORY VERSE:** 1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**BIG IDEA:** True children of God are compelled to practice righteousness, rather than make a practice of sinning.

**SONGS:** Click [here](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!* Also, if you or your children enjoy hand motions with songs, click [here](#) for some hand motions to incorporate with Holy, Holy, Holy.

**TEACHING PASSAGE:** 1 John 3:4-10

See the **next page** for additional resources, including an activity that can be done with young children.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "practice" something? What would be evidences that we are practicing sin in our lives? (v4)
2. Why is Christ's destruction of the devil's work of any benefit to us? What impact does it have on the way we live our lives each day?(v5;8)
3. How does abiding Christ prevent and protect us from sin? How does it enable us to practice righteousness? (vv6-7)
4. Read Romans 8:1-18. How do these verses provide insight to 1 John 3:9?
5. How are practicing righteousness and loving our brothers and sisters in Christ connected? (v10)

**On April 22, Junior high students (JHM) are invited to join a Zoom meeting to further discuss the sermon from 4/19/2020. Follow this [link](#) to join.**

**Meeting ID: 911 4220 7018 Password: \***

**High school students (HSM) will be discussing this coming Sunday's sermon in a Zoom meeting on Sunday April 26, 2020 at 7pm. Follow this [link](#) to join.**

**Meeting ID: 969 2094 3040 Password: \***

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## Additional Resources

**Teaching Passage:** 1 John 3:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup>Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup>By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

**Activity: Make a Child of God crown**

<https://www.firstpalette.com/printable/princess-crown.html>

Make an obstacle course, add a sign "path of righteousness" and practice leading each other through the course. The leader should offer help to the followers when crossing the difficult parts of the course.

Level up: If you made crowns, try to keep the crown on during the whole course. It might be difficult. You will need to keep checking your crown, is it starting to fall off? Oh no, you better readjust your crown. Don't lose your crown. If you lose your crown you must start over.

Level up: Blindfold the followers. The leader can lead only by their words.

**Say:** What was difficult about leading/following others through this course? With the crown? With the blindfold?

**Say:** *Abiding in Christ is like the path of righteousness obstacle course. When we were wearing the crown, we had to keep checking to make sure it was on securely. That is like abiding in Christ. We need to think about our faith to live like a child of God to stay on the path of righteousness.*

**Say:** *When we were blindfolded it was sometimes scary. We were not able to see what was ahead of us. We had to trust our leader. That is much like abiding in Christ. We must trust him. We must trust him when it is scary. He will never lead us off the path of righteousness.*

### **Additional Questions:**

1. In verse 4 John mentions lawlessness, do you think he is referring to the 10 commandments? Why or Why not?
2. John was writing against false teachers who claimed they knew Jesus. How does he let the believers know how to tell who true followers of Christ are? (v6;9)
3. What do you think John is writing about in verse 9 when he refers to "God's seed"? (1Peter 1:23-25)