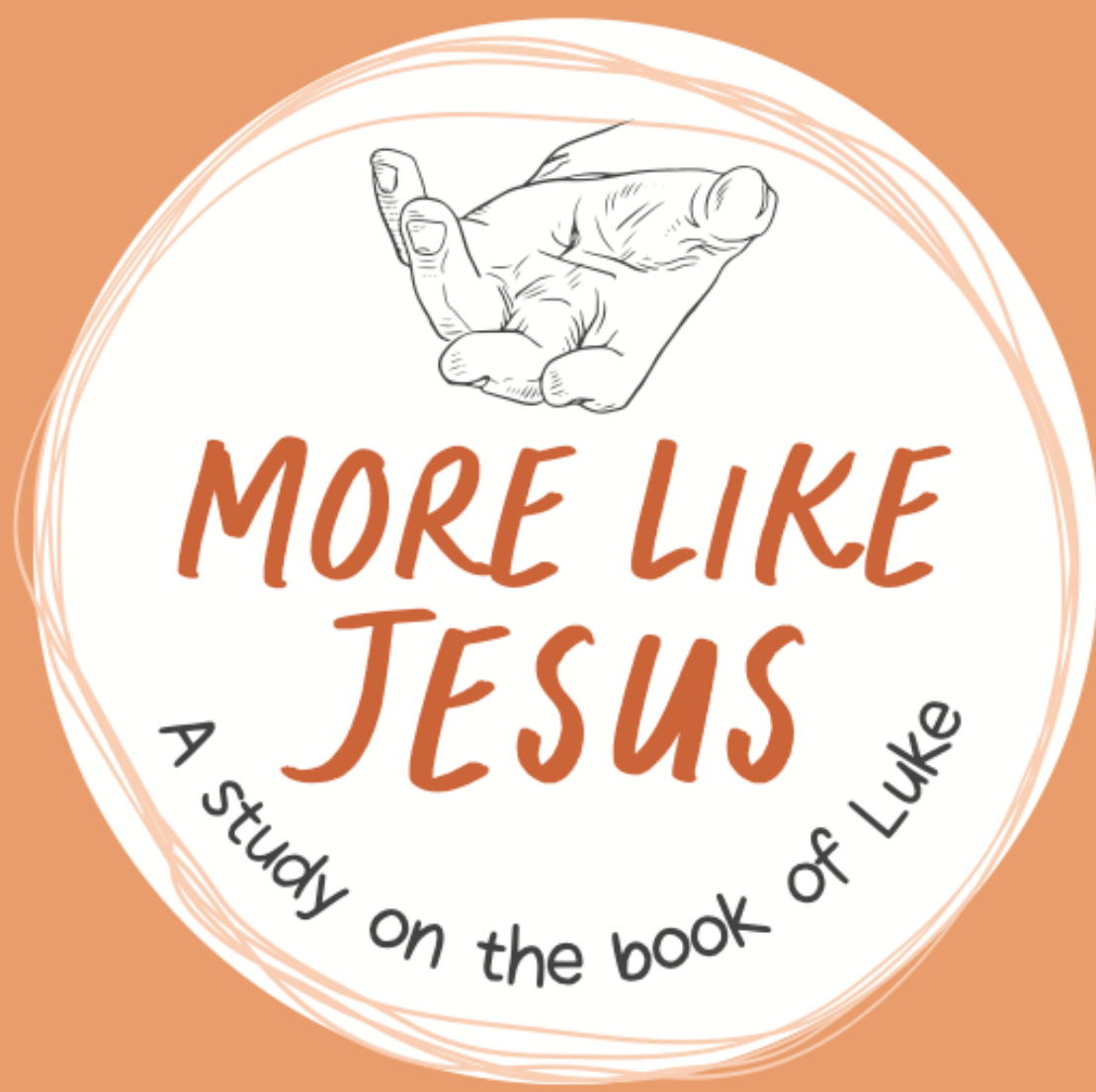




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Come, follow ME!

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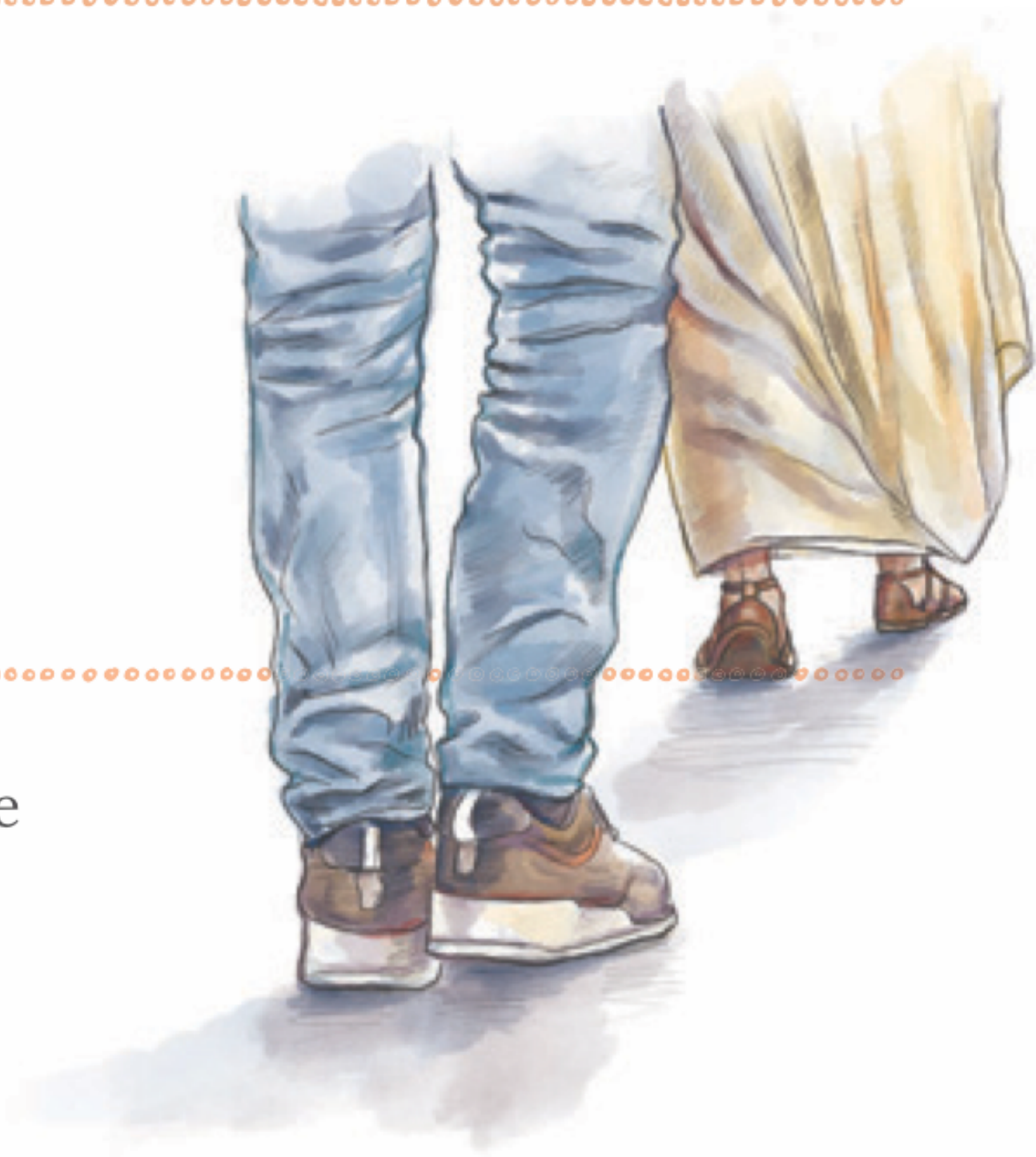
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Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12

Have you ever been doing what you were supposed to do, but you knew your heart wasn't in it? Maybe you were cleaning your room, clearing dishes, or doing yard work outside, and though you were doing everything correctly and it looked like you had the right attitude, you knew your heart was angry or upset. While there are times that we have to do the right thing even though we don't feel like it, our hearts matter!

Read **Luke 9:46-48**.
What argument did Jesus' disciples have with each other?

What does this passage say Jesus knew?



Jesus knew their thoughts and the motives of their hearts, and He pointed out their pride. Jesus drew their attention to a child, teaching them that someone usually ignored and thought of as less important was worthy of honor to Jesus.

The disciples were thinking of themselves as more important and better than others, yet Jesus pointed out that those who are humble are truly great.

Read **Luke 18:9-13**. What problem do you see in this parable?

Read  **Luke 18:14**. Why was the tax collector justified but not the Pharisee?

It didn't matter what the two men looked like—God saw their hearts. He knew that the Pharisee was trying to look righteous and worthy, but that his heart was proud. Yet, because the tax collector humbled himself before God, he was the one who received forgiveness and justification. It's possible to do almost everything right on the outside and have a heart that's not right with God. But eventually, what is in our hearts shows through.

In order to become more like Jesus,
our hearts must have **right motives**.

Sometimes it's hard to know if we have the wrong motivations. Our hearts are sneaky and trick us, so it's good to think about why we do what we do.

 In the first column, write down good things you do each day like reading your Bible, doing chores, serving others, or practicing a skill.

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Now, in the second column, record why you do each of these things.  **Be honest!** What is in your heart while you do these things?

Circle one motivation from the second column that you want to work on changing. If you need help with an idea, ask your parents!

Today, pray that God will help you do the right things for the right reasons. Thank Him for seeing and caring about your heart.

Youth Level

Ages 13+

Have you ever been doing what you were supposed to do, but you knew your heart wasn't in it? Maybe you were helping with dinner, babysitting, or doing yard work outside, and though you were doing everything correctly and it looked like you had the right attitude, you knew your heart was heavy, angry, or wishing you were somewhere else.



When has this been *true* for you?

While there are times that we have to do the right thing even though we don't feel like it, our hearts matter! If you find that, more often than not, your heart is not in the right place when you are serving, spending time with God, or attending to other responsibilities you have, you might need to check your motives. You might need to ask, "Why?"

Read *Luke 9:46-48*. What argument did Jesus' disciples have with each other?

What does this passage say Jesus knew?

Jesus knew their thoughts and the motives of their hearts, and He pointed out their pride. Jesus drew their attention to a child, teaching them that someone usually ignored and thought of as less important in their culture was worthy of honor for Jesus' sake. The disciples were thinking of themselves as more important and better than others, yet Jesus pointed out the reality that those who are humble are truly great.

Read *Luke 18:9-13*. What problem do you see in this parable?

Read  **VERSE**  *Luke 18:14*. Why was the tax collector justified but not the Pharisee?

Despite the outward appearance of the two men, God saw their hearts. He knew that the Pharisee was trying to look righteous and worthy, but that his heart was proud. Yet, because the tax collector humbled himself before God, he was the one who received forgiveness and justification.

Jesus cares about our hearts because they determine who we are and what we do. Sure, it's possible to do almost everything right on the outside and have a heart that's not right with God. But eventually, what is in our hearts shows through. We will never be truly like Jesus as long as our hearts are proud or have other wrong motivations.

In order to become more like Jesus,
our hearts must have *right motives*.

Sometimes it's hard to know if we have the wrong motivations. Our hearts are sneaky and deceitful, so it's good to think about why we do what we do.



In the first column, write down good things you do each day like reading your Bible, completing responsibilities, serving, or practicing a skill.

Now, in the second column, record why you do each of these things. *Be honest!*

What is in your heart while you do these things?

Do you notice any problems with your motives? Explain your answer below.

Today, pray that God will help you do the right things for the right reasons. Thank Him for seeing and caring about your heart.

Parent Guide

Have you ever been doing what you were supposed to do, but you knew your heart wasn't in it? Maybe you were making dinner, caring for a child, or doing yard work outside, and though you were doing everything correctly and it looked like you had the right attitude, you knew your heart was heavy, angry, or wishing you were somewhere else.

While there are times that we have to do the right thing even though we don't feel like it, our hearts matter! If you find that, more often than not, your heart is not in the right place when you are serving, spending time with God, or attending to other responsibilities you have, you might need to check your motives. You might need to ask, "Why?"

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This can be a hard concept for kids to grasp. While our world has one definition for greatness, God has another. As we learn more about Jesus and become more like Him, a lot of things in our lives will contradict or be opposite from how the people around us live and think. Though it can be hard to live this "upside down" life, remembering who we're living for will keep us on track! What are some "upside down" things your family does? Discuss these with your kids and explain from God's Word why you choose to live this way.

Read *Luke 18:9-13*. What problem do you see in this parable?

Read *Key Verse Luke 18:14*. Why was the tax collector justified but not the Pharisee?

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Sometimes it's hard to know if we have the wrong motivations. Our hearts are sneaky and deceitful, so it's good to think about why we do what we do.

 In the first column, write down good things you do each day like reading your Bible, completing responsibilities, encouraging your kids, or serving your family.

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Now, in the second column, record why you do each of these things. *Be honest!*  What is in your heart while you do these things?

Do you notice any problems with your motives? Explain your answer below.

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Scripture: Luke 18:14

Key Truth: In order to become more like Jesus, our hearts must have right motives.

Discussion: Why is it wrong to do something good, like reading our Bibles, with the wrong motivation? How can you change a wrong motivation into a right one?

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MORE LIKE JESUS

Do you ever wonder what the point of this life is? Maybe you've even wondered why God doesn't just take us straight to heaven when He saves us! There must be some purpose for our lives here on this earth after salvation, but do you know what it is?

As Christians, our life goal is **becoming** like Jesus, but this is hard to do if we don't know who He is! In *More Like Jesus*, you'll get to study what Jesus said and did, as well as what He directly taught. As you learn WHO Jesus is, you will also see how He wants to change and **transform** you, making you **more** like Himself.

