



**February 19th, 2012**

**My Life 5**

**I. Synopsis** *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

Kids don't have to wait until they grow up to live their life for Christ! Watch each week and see the lives of other kids just like you that are Makin' a Difference!

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at: <http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-83/Week-5>. It will be helpful to watch this segment before talking about it with your child. Or, you all can watch it together as a family – it's only about 15 minutes long!

**II. Hook:** *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

Play the game "Simon Says." In this game, the leader tells everyone else to do a simple action, like walking in place or tugging your ear. If the leader says "Simon says..." before the action, then everyone should obey. If the leader doesn't say that phrase first, then the other participants aren't supposed to obey and are out if they do. Let several family members be the leader. Afterwards, talk about why it is so hard not to do what Simon is doing, especially when he tells you to do it. Discuss how this is just like life sometimes – there are people around us who say and do things that are wrong, and we know we shouldn't do them. In these situations, it can be very hard not to follow their bad example.

**III. Book** *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read Philippians 4:13NLT, or read it yourself: "I can do everything, through Christ who gives me strength."

Then read the phrase for this week: "God, if I want to do big things for You, Your voice inside will help me stay true."

#### **IV. Look** *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that this week Jake was upset because the guys at school were mad with him for missing the soccer game to help his neighbor. Forest reminded him that sometimes God asks us to do things that our friends may not like, but we have to obey God anyway. Forest then told Jake about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who refused to bow to King Nebuchadnezzar even though it meant they would be killed in a fiery furnace! Later, Jake was able to share that same story with Emily when she felt sad after some kids at school picked on her for standing up for a girl who got hurt.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- Why is it hard to do things that are different from the people around you?
- What are some things that God might ask you to do that would make you act differently than the other people around you?
- What should you do in situations where others make fun of you or are mean to you because you are doing what you think God is telling you to do?

#### **V. Took** *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. Sometimes God asks us to do things that will make us different from the people around us.
2. We shouldn't worry about what other people think of us when we obey God, even if they are mean or make fun of us for doing what's right.
3. Instead, we should trust God and live to please Him.

Have someone in your family share a time when doing what was right was uncomfortable because it was so different than the other people around you. Then, talk about how important it is to do what is right, even when other people don't agree or understand.

#### **VII. Close with Prayer**