



Family Conversation Guide

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Do You Remember?

This week, in **John 15:18-27** and **John 16:1-4**, Jesus has a reminder for His disciples: **He wants them to remember that they are not of the world.** We have been chosen by Jesus to follow Him, not the ways of the world. This can be a hard thing, especially for young people who want to fit in and belong. Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit to help us know the truth.

Read and Discuss

1. **Read John 15:18-19.** What does Jesus mean when He says we are not of this world? (*Because we belong to Jesus, the world hates us as they hate Him*)
Who is the leader of the world? (*Satan. Read Isaiah 14:12-14*)
2. In **John 18:20**, what does Jesus say the world will do to Him and to us? (*Persecute us*) **What do you think it means to be persecuted for our faith?** (*To be harassed or mistreated because of our beliefs*)
3. **Why does the world hate Jesus?** (*Because He shows us our sin so that we understand our need for Him and so that He can save us. if we did not know about our sin, we would not be guilty. But if we know we are sinners, we understand how much we need Jesus to save us.*)
4. **Have you ever done something that you didn't realize was wrong until someone told you? After you knew it was wrong, how would it make you feel?** (*You would feel guilty.*) Read **verses 22-25.** The world does not want Jesus to point out sin, and they hate Him for it-and the Father as well because He sent Jesus. And because we belong to Jesus, the world will hate us too.

5. John Kasay says that the world wants to walk the middle ground- between following Christ and also living in the world's culture, which does not want to offend anyone. But, there is no middle ground. We either choose to follow Jesus, or follow the ways of the world. **Have you ever felt tempted to do what others want you to do, even when you knew that it was wrong? Have you ever been tempted to agree with someone's sin?**

6. Read **verse 26**. **Who is the Helper that Jesus would send from the Father to us?** (*The Holy Spirit*) **What will the Holy Spirit do for us?** (*He will testify about Jesus. He will teach us the truth. He will teach us that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*)

7. Read **verse 27**. **Who else will bear witness to the world about Jesus?** (*We will!*) **Have you ever told anyone about Jesus?**

8. Read **John 16:1**. **Why did Jesus tell his followers these things?** (*So that we will not stumble- so that we will not miss the opportunity to be a follower of Jesus. We can't give just part of ourselves. There is only one way- we have to be fully committed to Him and trust Him with our lives. Sometimes, we have to stand up for the truth when everyone else does not.*)

9. Read **John 16:2-4**. **Jesus is warning the disciples that they will be persecuted**, and that the people who persecute them will think they are serving God. In **verse 3**, Jesus reminds them that the people who do these things do so because they don't know the Father, and they don't know Him.

10. At the end of the sermon, John Kasay reminds us to continue to be strong and stand firm. To walk controlled by the Holy Spirit. And, to tell others the good news, that God sent His Son to save us. "Each one, teach one." **Who do you know that doesn't know about Jesus? How can you let them know how much Jesus loves them?**

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for reminding us that if we choose to follow You, we will need to stand for the truth. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be our Helper, and to remind us of what is true. Help us to be strong and to stay close to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Challenge:

Once a week, **sit down with your family and discuss what is going on in the world and in their lives** during that week. Help your children to talk through difficult things and **teach them how to stand for truth** even though the world may say something different. They will leave your home one day, and they will need to know how to live in this world while following the truth that Jesus taught and that the Holy Spirit can continue to teach them.

Together, listen to the song "Not Afraid" by Amber Sky Records on Spotify.

<https://open.spotify.com/album/4R5xmXeQwIbwMd9OVRV8mm>