

## IDENTITY & SELF ACCEPTANCE | WEEK 8

### LEADERS GOAL

Students value following directions

### SUPPLIES

- Fill-in-the-blank Bible verse pages, one per Small Group
- Markers, pencils
- Slips of paper for What are God's Commands?
- Graph paper, one per student, for Draw It Following My Directions
- Bible

### SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 1:8  
 Luke 11:28  
 John 14:15  
 Colossians 3:20

### ACTIVITIES

Draw it following my directions  
 Mufasa says

### PRAY

### BOTTOM LINE

Following directions

### AS STUDENTS ARRIVE

What new thing did you learn or try this past week?

### STORY CONNECTION

This week, we are talking about following directions.

Following directions means:

- taking the right turns down the right roads to arrive at your destination.
- putting the right ingredients at the exact amounts to make the yummiest chocolate chip cookies.
- Listening to rules so you know how to play the game or how to stay safe.

In The Lion King, Young Simba learns to follow directions.

Choose readers for Young Simba, Scar, and Mufasa.

Scar encouraged his nephew to visit the forbidden Elephant Graveyard. (Script, p25)

Was Simba allowed to go to there?

No, Mufasa told him the shadowy place was beyond the borders of the Pride Land. He must never go there. (Script, p23)

Young Simba thinks a king can do whatever he wants.

Mufasa says, “Well, there’s a lot more to being king than getting your way all the time.”

Simba invites Nala to join him on the adventure to the Elephant Graveyard. (Script, p28)

Simba and Nala ditch overbearing Zazu. They are all grown up; they feel they don’t need a feathered babysitter telling them what to do. (Script, p29)

What happened when Simba and Nala ventured into the Elephant Graveyard?  
They found themselves in trouble with Shenzi, Banzai, and Ed.

(We will talk about their rescue by Mufasa next week.)

## OUR STORIES

- Where in our everyday life do we have directions or rules to follow?
- Why is listening to directions and following them important?
- What if we don’t like or agree with the directions? Should we still follow them?
- What are some directions or commands God gives in the Bible for us to follow?

## TRUTH & TREASURE

Supplies: Fill-in-the-blank verse pages: [LINK](#) Students work together to fill in the blanks with the missing words. The correct answers are underlined below.

What does God say in the Bible about following directions?

Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Proverbs 1:8 NIV

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it. Luke 11:28 NIV

If you love Me (God), keep My commands. John 14:15 NIV

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20 NIV

### What are God’s Commands?

Supplies: The following commands printed on slips of paper for students to take turns reading aloud. God helps to direct us in our lives many ways through the bible. We are going to read a few of the ways that God has instructed us to live so that we can have the most fulfilling life possible.



Love God. Deuteronomy 6:5

Love your neighbor. Leviticus 19:18

Do not stay angry or hold a grudge against someone. Leviticus 19:18

Love others as God loves us. John 13:34

Go and make disciples of all nations, telling others about Jesus. Matthew 28:19

Pray for each other. James 5:16

Say "I'm sorry, will you forgive me?" when you hurt someone. (Confess your sins to one another.) James 5:16

Be humble toward others, not arrogant. 1 Peter 5:5

Do not lie. Colossians 3:9

Do not complain or grumble about someone else. James 5:9

## DISCOVERY TIME

### GAME | Draw It Following My Directions

Supplies: graph paper, one per student, pencils or markers

Students partner up. Partner 1 thinks of an object to draw such as a house. Partner 2 must draw the object based on the directions Partner 1 gives. (ie: Draw a straight line 5 blocks high. Keep your pencil on your paper and draw a straight line 5 blocks to the right.)

Partner 1 cannot point to the paper or give any other help but word directions.

Share the drawings with the whole small group.

Game Variations: Set a timer, giving students a limited time to convey directions for their partner to draw.

### GAME | Mufasa Says

Play just like Simon Says; however, one student playing as Mufasa gives the directions for the other students to follow. If players perform the action that doesn't begin with "Mufasa Says," they are out of the game. The last player remaining wins the game.

## PRAYER

Thank you, God, that you care about our safety, success, and growth. The commands or directions in your Bible are good and meant for us to have a great life. We choose to follow your directions. And helps us to follow the directions adults in our lives give us, our parents, teachers, coaches, and K2K leaders. Amen.

### WEEKLY CHALLENGE

When a parent, teacher, coach, or K2K Small Group Leader, gives directions, say "Yes!" and do it right away, believing they want the best for you.



Fill in the blanks with these words:

**Listen, Blessed, Children, love, instruction, mother's, God, commands, parents**

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spot.

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