



## Ideas to Teach “I’m Trying to Be like Jesus”

**Please Note:** Music helps you **feel the truth**. Through music, children have the opportunity to internalize nearly every principle of the gospel. Music can have a vital role in developing a child’s testimony of gospel principles as it teaches the **heart** as well as the **mind**. At times we may feel a warm swelling inside which is the Holy Ghost telling us that what we are singing about is true. Help the children **identify** that feeling when it comes during singing time.

### IDEA #1

**“To liken the scriptures means to see how scripture accounts are similar to circumstances today and to show how the principles they teach are relevant to our lives.”**

(Teaching, No Greater Call, p. 170)

### Materials you will need:

Words on paper: LOVE, KINDNESS, GENTLE, LOVING

Gospel Art Picture: Jesus Healing the Nephites (#317)  
(Read the summary on the back of the picture so you can help the children review what is happening.)

Carefully Read & Ponder: First Presidency Message:  
“The Gift of Compassion” (Mar. 2007 Ensign, p.5) and  
3 Nephi 17:1-9

### Ask the children:

“Do you think it’s possible for us to be like Jesus? If I wanted to be more like Him, what would I need to do?”

### Take responses and tell the children:

“Listen as (Pianist) plays the first three lines of this song. Raise you hand if you can tell me any of the words.  
*I’m trying to be like Jesus; I’m following in His ways.  
I’m trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say.*”

### Sing these lines with the children and tell them:

“It’s hard to follow in Jesus’ ways if we don’t know Him. The song tells us that Jesus is loving. Let me tell you a story about the Love of Jesus.” (In your own words, tell the children about Jesus visit to the Nephites in 3 Nephi 17:1-9)

### Ask the children:

“What did Jesus DO to show the Nephite people that he loved them? (He ministered to them and healed all those that were sick.)

“What did Jesus SAY to the Nephite people to show that he loved them? (He was sensitive to them. He noticed that they were tired and told them to go home and think about what He taught them. He told them that He loved them and had “compassion” for them.)

### Liken this story to the children’s lives and talk about examples of showing love in what we do and say:

Examples could include: obeying parents, taking care of younger siblings, helping care for older grandparents or neighbors, etc.

### Ask the children and then sing:

“Is it always easy to follow Jesus?”

“Do we sometimes do and say things we regret?”

“Who can help us remember to follow Jesus?”

*At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,  
But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers...*

### Discuss with the children:

“The Still Small Voice, or the Holy Ghost, can whisper to us by helping us remember stories of Jesus, like the one we talked about today.

The chorus is like a whisper from the Holy Ghost, so listen as I sing it very quietly. Listen for four action words that tell us what to DO to follow Jesus.”

*Love one another as Jesus loves you.*

*Try to show kindness in all that you do.*

*Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought.*

*For these are the things Jesus taught.*

What were the 4 action words? (Have four children come and hold the papers with the words: LOVE, KINDNESS, GENTLE, LOVING.)

Sing the song again from the beginning with the children, singing very softly the chorus. Bear your testimony of following the Savior and the happiness it brings. Encourage them to ask themselves this week “What would Jesus do?”

### IDEAS FOR VERSE 2:

Carefully Read & Ponder: Luke 10:25–37 (The story of the Good Samaritan) Be prepared to tell this story and then liken it to the modern day example found on p. 8–9 in the Mar. 2007 Ensign. Then sing:

*I’m trying to love my neighbor,*

*I’m learning to serve my friends.*

Show Gospel Art Picture: The Second Coming (#238)

(Read the summary on the back of the picture so you can help the children review what is happening.)

Discuss with the children how the Second Coming is a day of gladness for those who follow the Savior, because they love Him and long to see Him again. Then sing:

*I watch for the day of gladness,*

*when Jesus will come again.*

**low**

**Kindness**

**gentle**

**loving**