

Are You a “Kinda Sorta” Christian?

week 1

Slides and Videos are in **bold**.

Props: Decorate your space with differing sizes and colors of question marks. You can also incorporate the name of the series, “Kinda Sorta Christian” in some creative ways by using varying fonts and color.

-SLIDE- Welcome

Start kid’s countdown once all classes are present

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid’s church. I’m so glad you could be here today. We’re gonna have fun, right? Let’s get started.

Raise your hand if you like candy? **(allow kids to answer)** Mmm, so do I. How many of you hate getting stung by a bee? **(allow kids to answer)** It is terrible! So, I’m noticing something. We all really like some things, like candy, and really don’t like other things, like bee stings. Now, can you think of something you kinda, sorta like? **(allow kids to answer)** It’s a little harder to come up with something, huh? That’s because we don’t feel as strongly about things we only kind of like. We don’t seem to care as much about stuff that doesn’t fall in the “really like” category or the “really don’t like” category.

-SLIDE- Lesson Intro (2 min)

We’re going to talk about this whole idea of what we like, dislike, and kind of like in our new series called “Kinda Sorta Christian”. We’re going to talk about how we can treat God like we do other stuff in our lives. Sometimes, we may really like God because life is going great. But, other days we may not really think much about God so he ends up on our kinda sorta list. He just isn’t that big of a priority. That’s not a good thing and we’ll find out why later. But first, let’s stand and sing our first song!

-SONG- I Will Follow (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let’s sit down and say our big idea and key question together!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: A real Christian knows Jesus like he's a best friend. (repeat with kids)

-SLIDE- Key Question: How can we get to know Jesus?

That's a great question, let's listen to our video closely to see how we can get to know Jesus.

-VIDEO- Kinda (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- True or False: You should only think about God at church. (F)
- If we really want to know God, what should we read? (Bible)
- God should be like your ____ _____. (Best friend)

Great job! Think of your best friend at school or in your neighborhood. Do you think about them or see them once a month? **(allow kids to answer)** Of course not, you see them and think about them all the time! Do you only talk to them every once-in-awhile? **(allow kids to answer)** No way, you talk to them everyday. This is how it should work with God. God wants to be on our list of things we really like, not on the kinda sorta list. He wants to be our best friend. And, if we want to know him like a best friend, then we have to spend time with him.

That reminds me of our memory verse, let's all stand and say it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "Those who say **(hands cup mouth)** they live in God **(hands over heart)** should live their lives **(march in place)** as Jesus did **(point up)**. 1 John 2:6 **(Repeat)**

You guys did that so well. You see, this verse is telling us that if we really like God then we will spend time with him and will live our lives to honor him. He will be a priority in our lives not just someone we think about from time to time. So, let's all commit to reading our Bibles, praying everyday, and going to church so that we can be friends with God. Not kinda sorta friends, but best friends.

-SONG- You Are God (3 min)

Okay, we're ready to answer the Key Question.

-SLIDE- Key question: How can we get to know Jesus?

(allow a few kids to answer).

-SLIDE- The answer: We need to spend time with Him doing things like: reading the Bible, praying everyday, and going to church.

You'll talk more about this in your small groups today. But, before we go, let's say the Big Idea one last time...

-SLIDE- Big Idea: A real Christian knows Jesus like he's a best friend. (Have kids repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)

-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups