

Don't Be a Weak Sauce Christian

week 3

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.

The last few weeks we've been going through our series about what it means to be a true Christian. What is a Christian again? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, it's another word for a follower of Jesus. We also learned what it means to be a "kinda sorta" Christian. Do 'kinda sorta" Christians make God the number one priority in their lives? **(allow kids to answer)** Nope! They say they love Him, but they don't really spend any time with God. A true Christian knows Jesus like a best friend. We should spend time with Him by praying and reading our Bible. Last week, we learned that a true Christian doesn't treat God like a kid's meal. Should **we** demand things we want from God? **(allow kids to answer)** NO! God knows what's best for us because He created us and we should trust that what he gives us is good for us.

-SLIDE- Lesson Intro (2 min)

Today, we're going to talk about being strong for God. Raise your hand if you know someone really strong? **(allow kids to answer)** Well, think about why they are strong. They have probably shown you that they are strong by lifting something really heavy and they probably have huge muscles! Now think about someone you know who is weak. How do you know that they're weak? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, because they CAN'T lift anything heavy. The same can be true for Christians. You can tell if someone is a strong or weak Christian by what they can do.

We'll talk more about that test in a few minutes, 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 true Christian will stand up for God. (repeat with kids)**-SLIDE- Key Question: How can we stand up for God?**

That's a great question, let's listen to our video closely to how we can stand up for Him.

-VIDEO- Sauce (4 min)**-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)**

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

- True or False: God wants us to stand up for him. (True)
- A strong Christian cares more about ___ opinion than any other (God's)
- Who should be our best friend? (Jesus)

Great job! You see, just like we can test if someone is physically strong by making them lift heavy things, we can test someone's faith by seeing how they act in different situations in life.

So, let's play a quick game. See if you can identify the difference between a weak or strong Christian. I'll give you a scenario and you yell out whether I'm a strong or a weak Christian. Ready?

Some of my friends are teasing a kid at school and I start teasing the kid, too. Strong or weak? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, weak! God wants us to follow the Golden Rule and treat others the way we want to be treated. Okay, my friends are teasing someone and I tell my friends to stop it. Strong or weak? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, very strong. We need to stand up for God's way even when our friends don't. Last one: I get home after playing with my friends and want to play my video games but I know I need to memorize my verse for church. Instead of playing, I decide to spend time with God by reading the Bible and going over my memory verse. Strong or weak? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, strong! Spending time with God will always make us stronger!

You know what, that last example reminds me of our memory verse, let's all stand and say it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "Don't **(arms in X)** copy the behavior **(hand mimic talking)** and customs of this world **(point thumb over shoulder)**, but let God **(point up)** transform you into a new person **(fists on hips)** by changing the way you think **(fingers on temples)**. Romans 12:2 **(Repeat)**

You guys did that great! This verse is telling us that if we're living for God, we will look very different than the rest of the world. Unfortunately, the world doesn't care about God's opinion and they don't care what the Bible says. So, if you're going to be strong for God, you have to be willing to stand up for God's way even if no one else around you does.

Not let's stand together and sing one last song to God about how we will stand up for Him!

-SONG- We Won't Be Quiet (3 min)

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

-SLIDE- Key question: How can we stand up for God?
(allow a few kids to answer).

-SLIDE- The answer: We live out what the Bible says!

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 true Christian will stand up for God. (Have kids repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)

-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups