

## Counting the Cost: You Give Up \_\_\_\_\_ You Get to \_\_\_\_\_ (February 21 2021)

Each week the children will do the following:

1. Scripture
2. Key word
3. Application/ Message
4. Hands on Activity
5. Song
6. Memory verse
7. Optional activities

Additionally throughout the series you will also find :

1. Various different ways to pray
2. Relationship building with others
3. Connection with Christian community
4. Mission and Outreach

**Discipleship is for everyone.** Adults, children, teenagers and everyone in-between need to receive and practice it. Human needs are all the same. It is when we take steps toward Jesus each day that our lives change us inside and affect our outward actions.

**During this series we are focusing on when we choose to follow Jesus, it takes sacrifice, but when we give up some things, we get to do other things.**

Each week is numbered and has a stand alone lesson. It follows the format above (1 -7). Don't forget to use the Memory verses. Can you remember them? Maybe you can rap or sing them too. Feel free to adapt lessons as you go. Also if you are not comfortable singing; feel free to recite, rap or chant the song lyrics. **The goal is to worship and praise God and Jesus.** Have fun and we hope you experience Jesus throughout the series.

Additional note: We will be experiencing Lent during this time. Lent includes 40 days from Ash Wednesday (this year it was Wed. Feb 17) to Easter Sunday ( Sun. April 4). The count does NOT include Sundays. **Lent can include fasting, a time to reflect on our personal relationship with God, serving others, spending more time reading the Bible or in prayer. Sometimes people give up something or add a kindness action each day to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us.** The week leading to Easter is called **Holy Week** and includes **Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.** These days reflect on Jesus' last week of ministry with his disciples and others. Some churches and families have traditions for these days and we encourage you to do that as well.

Some lessons encourage you to share photos / or written responses with our church community. You can call the church office at (740) 927-3540 (*please leave a message if there is no immediate response*) or email us at [info@summitstation.org](mailto:info@summitstation.org). Feel free to check out the church website at [www.summitstation.org](http://www.summitstation.org) . We look forward to hearing from you!

Week #1 - 2-21-21  
(see sermon at [info@summitstation.org](mailto:info@summitstation.org))

**Scripture**

**Luke 14: 28-31** “ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’”

**Key Word** **SACRIFICE** (We give up \_\_\_\_\_ to gain more.)

**Application / Message:** Jesus shares these words to remind us that all of our actions have a cost or consequence. For instance, if we run in the house, we might fall down or get yelled at. We can give up running and walk instead. Jesus wants us to think before acting, so we do not do anything foolish. If we take the time to think something through carefully, we can complete the task and gain respect.

**Hands On Activity** Legos- pour Legos out and divide them between family members (*Parents can divide them into baggies before this activity.*). Build something with your Legos. Tell about what you built. Now, what could you build bigger **together** if you give up your individual Legos and put them into a group pile? Now, what can you create **together**? Make a plan **together** that you can all finish. Is your NEW building bigger, better, and stronger than the one you made by yourself? Is it complete now? Which worked better.. build by yourself or working as a group? (*send a video or picture of your family’s Lego building to [info@summitstation.org](mailto:info@summitstation.org)*)

**Song** (*for the tune and sing along go to <https://youtu.be/Eu5bBDRpzPM>*)

The wise man built his house upon the rock, (3x) And the rains came tumbling down

The rains came down and the floods came up (3x) And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand (3x) And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up (3x) And the house on the sand went SPLAT!

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ (3x) and the blessings will come down.

The blessings come down and the prayers go up (3x) So build your house on the Lord.

**Prayer:** God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to us. Jesus sacrificed his life so that we could know God better and learn to live as Your people. Help us to think of others first. Help us to be smart and choose wisely, so we are not foolish. We love you, Jesus. Thank you for loving us back and providing the Bible to help us learn about You. In your name we pray, AMEN

**Memory Verse:** John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him, will not perish, but will have eternal life.”