Shoe & Steps Theme – Order my Steps

DEVOTIONAL/LESSON STARTERS & WORKSHOP IDEAS

Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

A Walk on the Wild Side

- Take a step on the wild side of faith.
  - Grow stronger in the Lord.
  - Fight the good fight.
  - Take a stand for what is right.
- Daniel in the lion’s den
  - Refused to eat the king’s meat
  - Refused to stop praying
- David and Goliath
  - Took on the challenge
  - Faced his giant
- It’s a jungle out there! We have to walk with a deep faith in order to survive this old sinful world.
  - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:8

Stepping up to the Plate

- Meeting people’s needs
- Sharing the Gospel
- Volunteering
- James 4:17 – “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”
I Will Follow

- What is holding you back from following Jesus?
- Do you have excuses like the ones in this chapter?
- Are you “looking back” instead of moving forward in Christ’s steps?

Stepping in the Light

- Shining a light for Christ by how we walk and how we live.
- Some phrases from the old hymn, “Stepping in the Light”
  
  o (From verse 1)

  *Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior,*
  *Trying to follow our Savior and King;*
  *Shaping our lives by His blessed example*

  o (From verse 2)

  *Pressing more closely to Him who is leading,*
  *When we are tempted to turn from the way;*
  *Trusting the arm that is strong to defend us,*

  o (From verse 3)

  *Walking in footsteps of gentle forbearance,*
  *Footsteps of faithfulness, mercy and love*

Putting Your Foot Down

- Learning to say “no”.
  
  o Saying enough is enough when it comes to sin and to things that come between your relationship with the Lord.
o Saying “no” to overcommitting to projects, events, and “things”.
o Saying “no” to friends that suffocate you and drain you emotionally and spiritually.
• Keeping your own physical and spiritual health intact.

Every Step of the Way

• Jesus cares for what we are going through.
• He will be with us to help and guide us.
• He said “I will be with thee”
  o With Isaac – Genesis 26:3
  o With Jacob – Genesis 31:3
  o With Moses – Exodus 3:12
    ▪ God even told Moses He would be with his “mouth” when he spoke.
  o Joshua – Deuteronomy 31:23
• Matthew 28:28 – “…and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Workshop Ideas

• High Steppin’ – Living above reproach. Concentrating on holy living.

• In the Steps of Jesus – Being a follower of Christ. Focus on the steps Jesus took. His teaching. His compassion.

• Getting Past Baby Steps – We need to get out of our baby shoes and into those big girl shoes. Learning to branch out and grow as a Christian. Wanting more of the Word of God. Wanting more faith. Wanting to know Jesus more.

• Change your Pace – Is your prayer life, Bible reading, and devotion to the Lord in need of some adjustment? Set goals. Look toward the finish line.
Hebrews 12:1  “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,“

- *Stepping out in Faith* – 2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight:”

- *Stepping in Stride* – Being decisive in your decisions and in the direction of your life. Keeping the pace.

- *Walking the Line* – Galatians 2:14:21;5:25

- *Walking on Water* – Shoring up our faith. Matthew 14 (Peter on the water)

- *Finding the Path of Joy* – Looking for the path of joy in your life. Living close to Christ. Relying on Christ for strength for the journey Psalm 16:11 - “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

- *Walk the Walk* - Don’t just talk the talk. James 1:22 “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

- *A Mile in Someone Else’s Shoes* – Learning to have compassion on others. Taking time for other people. 1 John 3:17, 18

- *Don’t Walk on the Grass!* – Avoiding the pitfalls of shortcuts when it comes to the Christian life. Don’t sell yourself short on prayer and Bible reading, etc. Keeping on the straight and narrow.

- *Put Grace in Your Pace* – Handle each day and situation Christ-like. After all, we are His followers.
• **In Step with the Spirit** – Allowing the Holy Spirit to have control of your life. Being sensitive to the leading and will of the Lord.

• **Take up Your Bed and Walk!** – John 5:1-9. Give yourself a call of action. Christians were not made to be sitters, but “doers”. Don’t allow yourself to be bogged down or to be held back when it comes to serving Christ.

• **A Single Step** – “A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step” (Chinese Proverb). Where are you going to begin when it comes to serving the Lord and telling others about Him? What is going to be your first step? You can’t take the journey if you don’t start it.

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