

JESUS AND YOUR INFLUENCE

Lesson 2

Dear Parents,

We just wrapped up the second week of our series called, “Jesus and Influence.” Tonight our lessons was titled, “Practice What You Preach.” It might have been a hard lesson for some teenagers to hear. We discussed that their influence is impacted by how their lives do or don’t match up with their faith. And we challenged them to commit to a deeper awareness of any inconsistencies in their lives and to focus on living more in line with their faith.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

Matthew 23:1-12

If you get a chance, read the passage yourself sometime this week.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, consider asking the following questions:

- Do you want to be closer to Jesus? What does that mean for you? (Share with your child how you feel about your own relationship with Jesus. Be honest with ways you may struggle to be closer to Christ.)
- Would you say you “practice what you preach” when it comes to your walk with Jesus? Why or why not? (Try to just let him or her talk, and be honest with his or her feelings.)
- What are some ways I can help you to get closer to the Lord? What could we do together?

Thank you for all you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don’t hesitate to call me.

