

# JOURNEY

# ADVOCATES

## PARENT GUIDE

### LESSON 1.4: LOGIC

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 22:15-45

#### SUMMARY:

Worship is often a deeply emotional experience which deepens our faith and relationship with Christ. The lesson this week takes a look at Jesus' command to have more than an emotional response to Him. Our love involves our heart, soul, and mind. Mature faith requires clear, logical thinking. As we grow in Christ, we should also cultivate our minds to think logically.

This week's passage tells of how Jesus uses logic to avoid

the tricks of the Pharisee and Sadducee skeptics. In verse 37, Jesus implores the Pharisees to use their minds. Beginning at verse 23, students were introduced to an argumentative strategy used by the Sadducees called *reductio ad absurdum*—an argument that, when drawn to its logical conclusion, is ridiculous. But they underestimated Jesus' wisdom. In both cases, Jesus modeled the importance of careful, logical thinking. He clearly loved God with His mind, and He calls us to do the same.

#### CORE VERSES

*That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ.*

*Ephesians 4:14-15*

#### CORE CONCEPTS

Mature faith requires clear and logical thinking.

#### LOGIC:

The process of thinking according to reason

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How does clear and logical thinking help you to understand your faith?
- Have you ever felt trapped by an argument against your faith? Tell me about it.
- What areas of your faith do you need to learn more about to help you understand and think logically about truth?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?