

# Jesus, **THE** Role Model



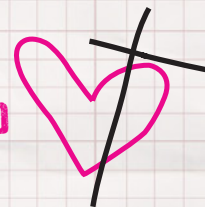
**A**s a small child, you likely stepped into dad's shoes and walked around. Maybe you applied grandma's make-up to your face or like your neighbor, carefully plucked ripe tomatoes from the vine. Instinctively you imitated the actions, words, and personalities of caregivers. You wanted to be like them; it's how you learned and grew.

As you continue to grow it is still important to imitate role models. Many are good, but only one is perfect — Jesus. Paul reminds us in Eph. 5: "Therefore be imitators of God as beloved children; and walk in love ..." Jesus is the perfect role model and Paul challenges you to imitate Him — particularly by demonstrating love.

Share experiences when you intentionally modeled your behavior after a mentor. Explore and share ways you can be more intentional about becoming imitators of Jesus.

Prayer: Thank you, Jesus, for revealing yourself to us so that we can be more like you. Give me a heart like yours so that I can be your loving hands and feet to those around me.

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