

## **Children's Sermon for June 30 (based on Luke 9:51-62)**

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**Items needed:** toy airplane with wheels; a long strip of papers, taped together. Has anybody ever seen an airplane, on the ground, at an airport? Sometimes, an airplane rolls along on the ground, on its wheels. The airplane will move around on its wheels to get to what's called the gate, the place where people get on or off the airplane. (Move the airplane on its wheels in a few different directions.) When an airplane moves around in different directions on its wheels that is called, "taxiing." But after an airplane gets all the people and the suitcases on, it rolls along to what is called a runway. (Pull out paper strip and lay out on floor.) This will be our runway for the plane. What does the airplane do then? It starts to go down the runway (act out), faster and faster and faster! What happens then? The plane starts to rise up in the air, higher and higher and higher! (act out). This is called, "taking off." To be able to go up in the air, the plane has to go in one, straight direction, for a long way. The plane can't go a lot of different ways, like it did when it was taxiing around. The plane has to go in one direction, to take off. In today's Bible reading, Jesus is talking about aiming our lives towards God. We are kind of like an airplane---to go towards God, we need to keep going in one direction--by following Jesus. Following Jesus is how we take off, towards God.