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# CRAFT Week 1

## *Memory Verse Following Jesus*

**SUPPLIES:** Memory Verse cardstock page, crayons/markers, various people stickers

**TIP:** You can prep the stickers ahead of time by lining up Dixie cups and placing 6 stickers in each cup. Later, when the kids are done with the craft, you can encourage them to gather up their scraps and place them in the cup. Empty cups into garbage and keep the cups for the next class!

### What You DO and SAY:

#### ⇒ Review Memory Verse

- *"We learned a new memory verse today from the book of Matthew. Let's practice it together!"*
- **"Come** (*motion toward yourself with hand*) **and follow me** (*march*)," **Jesus said** (*hands to mouth like yelling*), **Matthew 4:19.** (*Open hands like a book.*)
- *Great job, friends!*

#### ⇒ Pass Memory Verse page and crayons or markers.

- *This page says our memory verse, "Come and follow me," Jesus said. And look! Who do you see there? It's Jesus! Because who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!*
- *Let's color the words and Jesus!*

#### ⇒ Pass out Dixie cups filled with 6 stickers each.

- *Look at all these little friends! They can follow Jesus! Can we put our stickers in a line following Jesus? Jesus is the best leader ever and we can follow him!*

#### ⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus

- *These look great, everybody! You can hang these memory verse signs somewhere special so you can practice all month long and remember that you can follow Jesus!*
- **Who can you follow?**
- **I can follow Jesus!**

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# CRAFT Week 2

## *I Can Follow Jesus*

### **SUPPLIES:**

I Can Follow Jesus Baptism page, Jesus cut out, crayons/markers, craft sticks, tape

### **What You DO and SAY:**

#### ⇒ **Pass out I Can Follow Jesus Baptism Page.**

- *“Friends – Today in our true Bible story we learned about John the Baptist! John told people that they could follow Jesus! He knew that Jesus was the best leader ever!*
- *John baptized people in the river as a way to say I love you to God!*
- *Let’s color John and the water!*

#### ⇒ **Pass out Jesus. After children color Jesus, attach him to craft stick.**

- *Then Jesus came! John was so excited! Jesus asked John to baptize him in the river! John said that Jesus should baptize him! But Jesus said no, he wanted to be baptized by John! Wow!*
- *John knew that Jesus was the best leader and he should do what Jesus said. So he baptized John in the river.*
- *Let’s color Jesus.*
- *When you’re done, we can attach him to this craft stick!*

#### ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *Look! Now we can baptize Jesus! See?  
Show me how you put Jesus down into the water!  
Wow – and God was so happy with what Jesus did.*
- *Friends, we can follow Jesus, too!*
- ***Who can you follow?***
- ***I can follow Jesus!***

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Baptism Imagination Play*

**SUPPLIES:** Laminated Jesus and John the Baptist figures, Several Little People toys, bin, towel, water

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children around a table or around you on the floor with the bin filled 1/3 of the way with water (have a towel nearby or under the bin just in case!)**
  - *“In our true Bible story today, we heard about how John the Baptist told people that they could follow Jesus! And when they decided to follow him, they got baptized as a way to show God that they loved Him!”*
  
- ⇒ **Hold up the John the Baptist and one Little People figure.**
  - *“John the Baptist said, ‘Who can you follow?’ and the people said ‘I can follow Jesus!’” Then he baptized them to say I love you to God. Watch this!*
  
- ⇒ **Pass out one Little People figurine to each child. They will each get a turn one at a time to “baptize” their figurine.**
  - *“Now you each get a turn to bring your person up to be baptized!*
  - *John says, “Who can you follow?” and what do you say? “I can follow Jesus!” Let’s try it!*
  - *Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!”*
  
- ⇒ **Hold up Jesus. Show them how he was baptized.**
  - *Then, Jesus came! John was so excited to see him! Jesus told John he wanted to be baptized! John said, “You should baptize me, Jesus!!” But Jesus said He wanted John to baptize him! So John baptized Jesus like this (baptize Jesus) and then GOD said, “This is my son and this makes me VERY happy!” Isn’t that amazing?!*
  
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“John knew that Jesus was the best leader ever and that we could follow him! He told everyone about Jesus!*
  - ***Who can you follow?***
  - ***I can follow Jesus!”***

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# ACTIVITY #2

## *Move With Me*

**SUPPLIES:** Move with Me cards in a small bag

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around you!**

- *“Look at this bag I have here! It has some very special Follow the Leader cards in it! They are all fun movements we can do together!”*

⇒ **Pull one card out and show children.**

- *“Let’s pull a card out and see what it says!”*
- *Look it says to \_\_\_\_\_! Let’s do it!*
- *Before we pull the next card I have an important question for you –*
  - *Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!*

⇒ **Let each child take a turn pulling a card out. It’s ok to repeat cards in large groups.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice work, my friends! You did a great job following the leader and doing the motions!*
- *But do you know who is the best leader to follow? Jesus!*
- ***Who can you follow?***
- ***I can follow Jesus!***

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# ACTIVITY #3

## *Freeze Dance Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** CD player, Worship CD

**SET-UP:** Make sure your CD player and CD are working

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Today we learned that Jesus is the best leader ever and we can follow him! That makes me so happy that I want to dance! I’m the leader! Follow me and do the moves that I do! Listen carefully, though! When the music stops you need to freeze!”*

⇒ **Lead children through several fun dance moves. Pause music.**

- *“Freeze! Now in order to unfreeze we need to say the memory verse together!”*
- *“Come (motion toward yourself with hand) and follow me (march),” Jesus said (hands to mouth like yelling), Matthew 4:19. (Open hands like a book.)*
- *Yes! You can Follow Jesus! Let’s dance!*

⇒ **Play as long as children are interested!**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Great dancing and following the leader, friends! I am so glad that we can follow Jesus!”*
- **Who can you follow?**
- **I can follow Jesus!**

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# REFLECTION & REVIEW

## READ

- ⇒ *The Beginner's Bible: John Baptizes Jesus, p. 303*
- ⇒ *John the Baptist Story Cards*
  - Use the story cards to have children help retell the story!

## REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - **Who can you follow?**
  - **I can follow Jesus!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **“Come, and follow me,” Jesus said. Matthew 4:19**
- ⇒ Basic Truth
  - **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**
- ⇒ Connect it!
  - **“Today we learned that John the Baptist told people that Jesus is special and they can follow Him. Let’s make a list of people we can tell about Jesus so they can follow Him, too. When I say your name tell me one person you can tell to follow Jesus!”**
- ⇒ PlayDoh
  - *“Can you make people with your playdoh? Let’s make a lot of different people! They can all follow Jesus!”*

## PRAY

*“Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus. Thank You that everyone can follow Him. I pray that (name each child) will follow Jesus. And I pray that You will help them tell (read the names on the list) about Jesus so they can follow Him too. Jesus really is the BEST, most special leader ever! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*