

Follow the Leader

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LARGE GROUP

John the Baptist

HOST:

“Hello, my friends!! It’s my favorite time—time to worship Jesus together! But before we do, I have a brand-new question to teach you! Jesus wants to be our friend forever and he is the best leader ever. We can follow him! So, when I say, **‘Who can you follow?’** You say, **‘I can follow Jesus.’**”

Let’s try that! **‘Who can you follow?’ ‘I can follow Jesus!’** (*Encourage children to say the entire bottom line statement.*)

That’s right! I can follow Jesus! That makes my heart SO happy I want to jump and sing! Let’s stand up and worship Jesus together!!

SONG 1: I LIKE TO

SONG 2: GO GO GO!

WORSHIP LEADER:

“Jesus is the BEST, and He is the one I want to follow. I want to follow Jesus forever and always. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**”

Our memory verse from the Bible this month says:

“**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.*)

Can you say it with me?”

(Repeat several times)

Great job, everyone! We can follow Jesus because he is the very best leader!

Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!

STORYTELLER:

There are so many awesome kinds of leaders. There are lifeguards and teachers and crossing guards and coaches and so many more! But do you know who the best leader ever is? It's Jesus!

Today's true story from the Bible is about a man called John the Baptist. He loved God so much and he told everyone he met that Jesus was coming and they could follow Him! Wow!

Let's check out our Ollie video and learn more about how John followed Jesus!

OLLIE VIDEO: JOHN THE BAPTIST**STORYTELLER:**

"Wow! John told all the people that Jesus was coming and they should follow him. And then he got to baptize Jesus! That's amazing! John knew that Jesus was God's son. That makes him the BEST leader for us to follow.

Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!

That's right! Friends, let's follow Jesus in everything that we do. Now let's say a prayer and thank God for sending Jesus to be the best leader ever!

PRAYER "Dear God, thank You for loving us and for sending Jesus. He is the BEST leader. We want to follow Him always. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

HOST:

"I can trust that God has a great big awesome plan for my life. He sent Jesus for me to follow! Let's sing one more song together!"

SONG 3: PLAN FOR ME