

Follow the Leader

March 14/15
March 21/22

LARGE GROUP

The Disciples

HOST:

“Hey, everybody! I’ve loved learning about how we can follow Jesus this month! Jesus is the best leader ever. We can follow him! Do you remember the answer to that important question I asked you?

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

That’s right! You can follow Jesus! Anywhere he leads us, we can follow him! Jesus has a perfect plan for our lives, and we can always trust Him to lead us. Let’s stand up and sing a song about that now!

SONG 1: PLAN FOR ME

SONG 2: I LIKE TO

WORSHIP LEADER:

“Jesus is the best! He loves us so much and that makes my heart so happy! **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**

Let’s say our true memory verse from the Bible 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.*)

Can you say it with me?”

(Repeat several times)

Great work, friends! We can always follow Jesus – forever and ever for the rest of our lives.

Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!

STORYTELLER:

Today in our true Bible story we are going to learn about a whole bunch of people who followed Jesus. Jesus picked out 12 people to be his special followers. Let's count to 12 together! 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12! Great work!

When Jesus saw each of these friends he said, "Come, and follow me!" and they did! They knew that Jesus was the son of God and that he was the best. They trusted him and they followed him!

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

OLLIE VIDEO: THE DISCIPLES

STORYTELLER:

"What an amazing story! Those men who followed Jesus were called the disciples and they got to see Jesus do so many amazing things. And then, they learned from Jesus and treated other people the same way He did! Just like Jesus' friends, the disciples, we can follow Jesus and do what He did, too! Tell me:

Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!

That's right! Just like the disciples, we can follow Jesus. Let's pray.

PRAYER "Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us to follow Jesus just like the disciples did. We want to love others and help when we can. Thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

HOST:

"We can follow Jesus! And Jesus wants us to go out into the world and tell other people to follow him, too! Let's stand up and sing one more song together!

SONG 3: GO!