

FOLLOW ME

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CRAFT Week 1

Follow the Leader Jesus

SUPPLIES:

I can follow Jesus framed picture, craft stick, tape, heart stickers, crayons, Parent take-home note, Beginner's Bible

TIP:

Please make sure you have a plan for the parent note to get into the hands of the parent. You can either staple it to the outside of their bag, put it directly in the parent's hand at check out, or give it to the child to give to their parent. Do what works best in your class!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Review the Bible story.**

- *"Today in our true Bible story that Jesus asked 12 men to follow him and be his best friends and disciples. These men got to be with Jesus when he did his amazing miracles. They learned from Jesus how to trust God and how to show love to other people!"*

⇒ **Pass our Jesus framed picture, crayons, and heart stickers.**

- *"Today we are going to play some fun follow the leader games and look who we have here! The best leader ever! Jesus! We are each going to make a Jesus puppet that we can take home and play Follow the Leader with!"*
- *You can use the crayons to color your picture and the heart stickers to decorate the outside of the frame.*

⇒ **Read "Jesus Chooses His Disciples" on p. 308 of The Beginner's Bible.**

⇒ **Pass craft sticks and tape.**

- *Now we are going to tape our sticks on the back to make the puppet. We can help you if you need help attaching it.*

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

- *These look great, everybody! We want you to take these home and play Follow the Leader with your family! Let's hold up our Jesus and say the memory verse together!*
- **'Come, and follow me,' Jesus said. Matthew 4:19**

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CRAFT Week 2

Jesus and Me – I Can Follow Jesus

SUPPLIES:

I Can Follow Jesus page, crayons/markers, self-stick googly eyes, assorted stickers, Beginner's Bible

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *"Friends – Today in our true Bible story we learned about how Jesus asked 12 men to be his disciples. The disciples knew they could follow Jesus because he was the best leader ever.*
- *We can be like the disciples and follow Jesus, too!*

⇒ **Show children the page and how to decorate it.**

- *Who do you recognize in this picture? That's right! It's Jesus! And we get to color in the person next to him. That's you! You can follow Jesus!*
- *We are going to come around and give each person 2 googly eyes. Let's put the eyes on.*
- *Then you can color in your little person. Decorate it to look just like you! We also have some fun stickers that you can use to decorate your clothes and your page.*

⇒ **Read "Jesus Chooses His Disciples" on p. 308 of The Beginner's Bible.**

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

Wow! Great job, friends! These look just like you! I want you to go home and hang these up in a special spot where you can look at the picture of you and Jesus and remember that you can always follow him.

- ***Who can you follow?***
- ***I can follow Jesus!***

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ACTIVITY #1

Disciples Look & Find

SUPPLIES: Cardstock disciples and Jesus

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Today in our TRUE Bible story we learned about the 12 men who followed Jesus. They were called Disciples.*

⇒ **Hide the Disciples around the room.**

- *“Can you help me follow Jesus? I need one friend to stand here and hold Jesus and everyone else is going to look around the room and find the disciples.*
- *Before we go, let’s all say our memory verse together.*
 - *“Come, and follow me,” Jesus said. Matthew 4:19.*
- *Let’s find the disciples!*

⇒ **Have children bring the disciples back to Jesus.**

- *“You found all the disciples. Great job! I have an important question for you. Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!*
- *That’s right! Let’s play again!*

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

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Great job helping Jesus find all of his disciples. The disciples knew they could follow Jesus because he was the best leader ever. And we can follow him, too!*
- ***Who can you follow?***
- ***I can follow Jesus!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

I Can Follow Jesus Imagination Play

SUPPLIES: I can follow Jesus Card on craft stick

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around you.**

- *“Now we are going to use our imaginations! Let’s all pretend that we are real people from the Bible. Jesus is going to ask us to follow him! I have my Jesus puppet here and I am going to pretend to be Jesus.*
- *I want everyone to spread out all around the room and sit down. When Jesus comes over to you get ready to follow him! When I ask you, ‘Who can you follow?’ you are going to say, ‘I can follow Jesus!’*

⇒ **Have children spread out around the room. Carry the Jesus puppet from child to child. Go up to the first child.**

- *“Come, and follow me!*
- *Who can you follow?*
- *I can follow Jesus!*
- *Great job, friend! Let’s go find another disciple. Come with me!*

⇒ **Go around to each child in the room.**

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

- *You all did a great job following Jesus. We can follow Jesus every day for the rest of our lives!*
- ***Who can you follow?***
- ***I can follow Jesus!***

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ACTIVITY #3

Follow the Leader

SUPPLIES: No supplies needed

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! Now we are going to play a fun game of Follow the Leader. I want everyone to follow in line behind me and when I do something, I want you to do it, too!”*
- *Come and follow me!*

⇒ **Lead children around the room doing several fun and funny things. Ex: Walking, marching, hopping like a bunny, hopping on one foot, skipping, galloping, crawling, frog jumping, crab walking, etc.**

- *“Great job, everybody! You are doing a great job following the leader. It is fun to follow the leader, but the BEST leader we can follow is Jesus!”*
- *Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!*

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

⇒ **4/5 year old option: Have other children be the leader.**

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

- *“Great job 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 STATION

DISPLAY AND TALK

- ⇒ *The Disciples 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 about Jesus and his disciples. Jesus asked 12 men to follow Him, and they became His closest friends. Jesus wants us to follow Him, too! That’s why I want to write each of your names on our list today. I want to pray that we will all follow Jesus. Let me add my name because I can follow Jesus, too.”**
- ⇒ 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 that my friends (name each child) get to come to church and hear about how much Jesus loves them. Thank You that they get to hear that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. I pray that (name each child) will follow Jesus, because He is the best friend we could ever have and He will always lead us the best way. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”