

March 22, 2020

Bible Story Focus: I can follow Jesus.

The Twelve • *The Gospels*

Memory Verse: “Come and follow me,’ Jesus said.” Matthew 4:19, NIV

Key Question: Who can you follow?

Bottom Line: I can follow Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Fun Family Activity

Follow the Swirl **

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the “Allergy Alert Poster” and post it at the door to your room.

What You Need: Play-Doh®, straws (one per child), and ping-pong ball(s)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Allergy Alert Poster” on white cardstock and hang it on the door. Roll out the Play-Doh into one long, thin strip like a thin snake. Lay out the strip of Play-Doh on the table in one big swirl. If you have a large class, create more Play-Doh swirls on the table and provide additional balls.

During the Activity: Give each child a straw. Select one child to go first. Place the ball on the table inside the Play-Doh swirl. Encourage the child to blow through the straw to make the ball move around the swirl to the center.

After the Activity: Pick up all the Play-Doh and collect the straws for clean-up.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Do you see this swirl here on the table? We’re going to take turns blowing through the straw to move the ball from the edge of the swirl all the way around to the center like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Don’t worry, everyone will have a turn!”

After the Activity: “That took a LOT of air, didn’t it? Great job moving the ball all the way around the swirl into the center. You followed the path of that swirl. We’ve been learning

about the BEST person to follow. Who wants to be my friend forever? *(Pause.)* Jesus! That's right. You can follow Jesus, and so can I! **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus.**"

Memory Verse Practice

"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.) (Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

Recap of Story

"Jesus asked 12 men to follow Him, and they became His closest friends, the disciples. Jesus wants us to follow Him, too!"

Prayer

SGL: "Dear God, thank You that even though we can't go to church right now that we can hear about how much Jesus loves us. Thank You that Jesus wants to be my friend forever. I pray that *(your child's name)* 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."