



PRAY:

Before you start, take a moment to pray together. Thank the Lord for His presence with you. Pray for each other, for extended family, for friends, for teachers, for anybody else who comes to mind. Pray for strength and health in our community.

But most of all, pray for your kids...that they would understand deep in their spirits that Jesus loves them and wants to be their Friend forever!

BIBLE STORY FOCUS:

I can follow Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE:

“Come and follow me,
Jesus said.”

Matthew 4:19, NIrV

KEY QUESTION:

Who can you follow?

BOTTOM LINE:

I can follow Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH:

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

WHAT YOU DO AND SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children. “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.) “I am going to say our new memory verse today. Everyone, watch me! “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.)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times. “Now let’s do it all together! Are you ready? “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 several times.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Our memory verse tells us that God LOVES us so much that He gave us Jesus! Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!”

DANCE PARTY

WHAT YOU NEED: Music player and monthly song (Follow On) found on Weekly Essentials Preschool section

WHAT YOU DO: Turn on the music. Play the music and encourage the children to dance in a line while playing following the leader. Repeat so that everyone gets a turn to be the leader.

WHAT YOU SAY: “When you hear the music, start dancing while we play ‘Follow the Leader.’ Follow me!” “Great job! We can ALL follow Jesus!”

JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, colored paper, fish stickers, crayons

WHAT YOU DO: Read Matthew 4:18-20

Jesus Chooses His First Disciples

“One day Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. There he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake, because they were fishermen. “Come and follow me,” Jesus said. “I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.”

- Have your child draw a picture of this scene from the Bible. Use any supplies you have at home to make it fun!
- Talk about how we can follow Jesus just like the disciples did.