

PARENT GUIDE

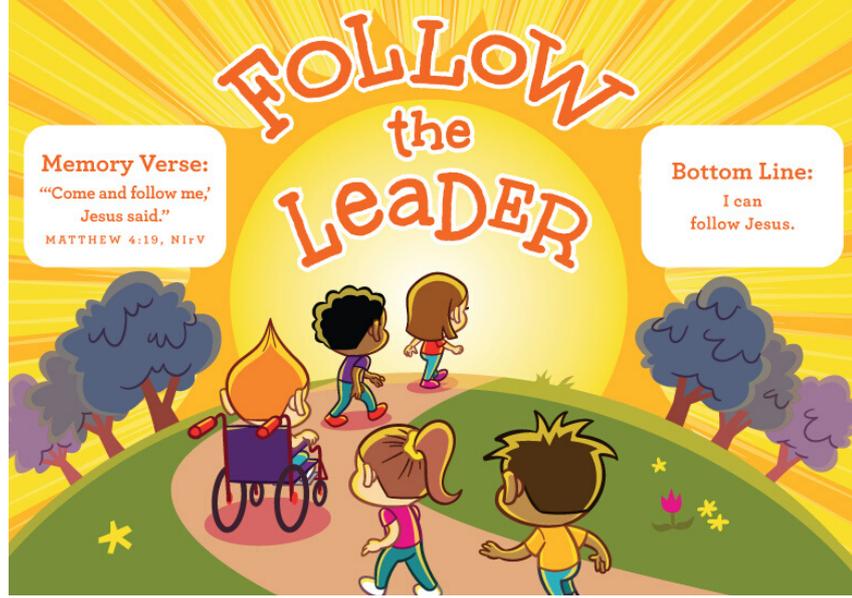
PRESCHOOL – MARCH 22

MEMORY VERSE

**"Come and follow me,' Jesus said."
(Matthew 4:19)**

KEY QUESTION & BOTTOM LINE

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



I FOLLOW JESUS CRAFT

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Since we are staying in this Sunday, have each family member get creative and use a variety of materials (string, cereal, crayons, foil, etc) around the house to make a portrait of themselves following Jesus.

ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: PAPER, 12 CUPS, TONGS OR SPOON

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Label 12 cups 1-12. Have your child/children crumble up 78 small pieces of paper (they need to be large enough that your child can pick them up with tongs or a spoon)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage your child to identify the number on each cup and count out that many wads of paper. Using the tongs or spoon, have them place the right number into each cup.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, we'll hear about 12 special friends who followed Jesus. Let's count to 12 together."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Let's go watch/listen to our Bible Story now. Pay attention to see if you can name some of these friends."

PRAYER

"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. Thanks for loving us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

LINK TO WORSHIP SONG AND BIBLE STORY VIDEO: [LINK](#)

BIBLE STORY

Parent: "Today I want to tell you all about 12 special friends! These friends followed Jesus and did what He did. Jesus had 12 good friends called the disciples. What were they called?"

Children: "The disciples."

Parent: "They were Peter, Andrew, James, John, the other James, Matthew, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Judas, Thaddeus, and Simon. Let's learn a bit more about them." "Peter and Andrew were brothers. And so were James and John. And all four of these guys were fishermen!" "Matthew used to be a tax collector." "And Judas was in charge of the group's money." "There was Simon and the other James who was younger than James the fisherman." "And then Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, and Thaddeus." "Do you want to know the most important thing these guys did? Can you guess? When Jesus said, 'Follow me,' they did it! They became the disciples, and Jesus was their leader. Everywhere Jesus went, the disciples went." "The disciples followed Jesus and saw Him do so many amazing things! They saw Him make sick people better. They saw Him feed people who were hungry. They saw Jesus be kind and loving to everyone." "They watched Him. They followed Him. And when Jesus went away, the disciples did what Jesus did. And that's what we can do, too." "Just like Jesus' friends, the disciples, we can follow Jesus and do what He did, too! Tell me: Who can you follow?"

Children and Parent: "I can follow Jesus."

Parent: "Yes, you can! Just like the disciples, we can follow Jesus."