



## WEEK 4 - March 2020 - PRESCHOOL

**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.

### Make it True

*Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.*

-Large group time

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**9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE**

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**LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:**

**Bible Story**

**What You Need:** A Bible, a fishing net, and fake money from previous weeks

*Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder.  
(02\_LG35\_Stage\_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.*

**STORYTELLER:** “Today I want to tell you all about 12 special friends! These friends followed Jesus and did what He did. To help me tell you all about these special friends, I need some help.

*(Select 12 older children to come stand on the stage.)*

*(Option: Story Image W4 01)*

“Wow! Look at all these guys. Jesus had 12 good friends called the disciples. What were they called?”

**CHILDREN:** “The disciples.”

**STORYTELLER:** *(Walk behind the line of children.)* “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.

*(Walk back to the start of the line, hand the net to the first four kids.)*

“Peter and Andrew were brothers. And so were James and John. And all four of these guys were fishermen!

*(Hand half of the money to the next child.)*

“Matthew used to be a tax collector.

*(Hand the remaining bills to the next child.)*

“And Judas was in charge of the group’s money.

*(Lightly touch the rest of the children on the shoulder as you say their names.)*

“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. Follow me, guys.

*(Lead the children around the stage and back to where you started.)*

“The disciples followed Jesus and saw Him do so many amazing things! They saw Him make sick people better.

*(Option: Story Image W4 02)*

They saw Him feed people who were hungry.

*(Option: Story Image W4 03)*

They saw Jesus be kind and loving to everyone.

*(Option: Story Image W4 04)*

*(Make sure all the children are back in a line along the front of the stage.)*

“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. Let’s give our volunteers a big hand! Friends, you can head back to your seats.

*(Gather the props from the children and send them back to their seats.)*

“Just like Jesus’ friends, the disciples, we can follow Jesus and do what He did, too! Tell me: **Who can you follow?**”

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** *[Bottom Line]* “**I can follow Jesus.**”

**STORYTELLER:** “Yes, you can! Just like the disciples, *[Bottom Line]* **I can follow Jesus.** Let’s pray.”

### **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** “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.”

*(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)*

**CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video**

## **Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God**

*Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hey, everybody! I've loved learning about following Jesus with you this month. **Who can you follow?"**

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* "I can follow Jesus."

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes, you can! *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus. Anywhere He leads is right where we belong. Let's sing!

*(Lead children in singing "Follow On," this month's worship song.)*

"Jesus will always show us the right way to go. **Who can you follow?"**

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* "I can follow Jesus."

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right. *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus. Let's say our verse 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.*) Say it with me!

*(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)*

"Great job, friends! I'm so glad to know we've got a friend in Jesus! Let's sing this out together.

*(Lead children in singing "I've Got a Friend.")*

"That was beautiful, friends. Tell me: **Who can you follow?"**

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* "I can follow Jesus."

*Dismiss children to small groups.*