



WEEK 5 - March 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: When I follow Jesus, I can love everyone.

Love One Another • *John 13:34-35*

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

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

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A Bible and a #1 foam finger

*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: “Hello, friends! I’m SO excited to be with you today. If you’ve been here this month, you know that we’ve been learning a LOT about how to follow Jesus. But today we are going to talk about the . . .

(Hold up the foam finger on your hand.)

“ . . . number one way we can follow Jesus! Everyone say, ‘What is it?’”

CHILDREN: “What is it?”

(Option: Story Image W5 01)

STORYTELLER: “Let’s find out! Jesus and His friends were having dinner one night when Jesus said, ‘I’m going to tell you a brand new rule to follow.’ Do you want to know what it is? Drumroll, please.

(Lead children to pat their legs as a drumroll.)

“Jesus said, ‘The most important thing you can do is to love others the way I have loved you.’ Whoa! If we want to follow Jesus, the number one *(hold up the foam finger)* thing we can do is to love others! So let’s practice.

(Option: Story Image W5 02)

“Let’s say you and a friend are riding bikes and the friend falls down. What do you do? Do you stop and help? Or do you keep riding? *(Pause.)* You stop and help! That’s loving others like Jesus!

(Option: Story Image W5 03)

“Okay, what if your friend is playing in the sandbox with you, but you’ve only got one shovel. Do you keep it for yourself or share it with your friend? *(Pause.)* Yes, you share! That’s loving like Jesus.

(Option: Story Image W5 04)

“What if you find out your older brother accidentally broke your LEGO® creation? Do you stay angry with your brother? Or do you forgive your brother and work together to build a new one? *(Pause.)* You forgive your brother. That’s right! That’s loving like Jesus. *(Hold up the foam finger)* That’s the number one thing you can do!

“If you want to follow Jesus, then the most important, number one thing you can do is to LOVE people the way Jesus does. The most important thing is LOVE. What is it? *(Pause.)* Love! Say it again! *(Pause.)* LOVE!

“Tell me: **Who can you follow?**”

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

STORYTELLER: *(Point to the left side of the room with your foam finger.)* “Now, just this side: **Who can you follow?**”

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

STORYTELLER: *(Point to the right side of the room with your foam finger.)* “And now this side: **Who can you follow?**”

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

STORYTELLER: “That’s right. *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus. We can follow Jesus. But we definitely need God’s help to love others well, so let’s pray!”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Heavenly Father, You are an AWESOME God! Thanks for reminding us that LOVE is the number one thing we can do. Help us to love others this week remembering that *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus. In His 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: “Yay! So many friends are here today! This month we’re learning how to follow Jesus. **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. Anywhere Jesus leads us, we are not alone. Let’s sing and tell him we want to follow on.

(Lead children in singing “Follow On,” this month’s worship song.)

“Following Jesus is right where we belong. **Who can you follow?”**

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

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus. We have one more chance to say our memory 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 and give it everything you’ve got!

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

“Jesus is amazing! He’s big and strong. So let’s clap our hands and sing and dance!

(Lead children in singing “Wow Oh Wow.”)

“That was AMAZING! One more time, tell me: **Who can you follow?”**

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

Dismiss children to small groups.