

WEEK 4 - March 2020 - TWO'S

Bible Story Focus: I can follow Jesus.

The Twelve • The Gospels

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.

Make it Fun

Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story

.-Hop to twelve

Make it True

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

-Large group time

Make it Stick

Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.

- -Follow the disciples
- -Everyone follow Jesus
- -Framed Jesus

9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN

1. Hop to Twelve

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Painter's tape and 12 pieces of cardstock or carpet squares

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tape the cardstock or lay out carpet squares in a pathway in the activity area.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to hop from each piece of paper (or carpet square) to the next as you count to 12. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "There are 12 pieces of paper / carpet squares on our floor." (Point.)

During the Activity: "Let's hop on the paper while we count to 12." (Do activity.)

After the Activity: "Nice job! Today we are going to hear a Bible story about 12 of Jesus' friends. I am excited for our Bible story!"

Transition: Move to Bible story time by counting to 12 as you walk to the story area.

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

What You Need: This month's worship song, "Follow On."

LEADER: "Friends! It's been a great month learning about following Jesus. He is the BEST leader ever. **[Bottom Line]** I can follow Jesus. Let's sing out and tell Jesus how much we love Him, too!

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

"That was awesome. We need someone to show us the way. We can follow on and follow Jesus every day! [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!"

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK

1. Find the Disciples

Talk About God | Bible Story Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: "Find Jesus" and "Find Disciples" Activity Pages, cardstock, and scissors. One set per classroom.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Find Jesus" Activity Page onto the cardstock. Copy the "Find Disciples" Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. You will need 12 disciple cutouts. Place the "Find Jesus" Activity Page on one end of the floor or table in the activity area. Place the cutouts all around the activity area.

During the Activity: Ask the children to go and find the disciple cutouts and bring them back to the Activity Page. Ask the children to line the cutouts up behind Jesus.

After the Activity: Retell the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today we learned about Jesus and His disciples."

During the Activity: "Here is Jesus (point to Activity Page) and His disciples are all over our room. (Point.) Let's go and find them and bring them back to follow Jesus." (Do activity.)

After the Activity: "Jesus had 12 friends that followed Him. They were His disciples! They all loved Jesus and wanted to be His friend forever. They knew that they could always follow Jesus, and so can we! Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!"

3. Everyone Follow Jesus

Talk About God | Bible Story Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: "Everyone Follow" Activity Page, cardstock, paint stirrer, and masking tape. One per classroom

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock, cut on dotted lines, and tape it to the top of the paint stirrer.

During the Activity: Ask the children to follow Jesus. Hold up the paint stirrer with the Activity Page, and lead the children around the activity area. Allow the children to take turns holding the paint stirrer and leading the other children.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's all follow Jesus!"

During the Activity: "Follow Jesus! (Lead children around the activity area.) We all can follow Jesus and be His friend FOREVER! Who would like a turn to hold Jesus and have everyone follow you?" (Pause and finish activity.)

After the Activity: "Great job! Everyone can follow Jesus. We can, too. Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!"

3. Framed Jesus

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: "Framed Jesus" and "Framed Note" Activity Pages, cardstock, copy paper, large craft sticks, masking tape, dot markers, stickers, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the "Framed Jesus" Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. Each child will need one frame. Copy the "Framed Note" Activity Page onto the copy paper, cut on dotted lines, and set aside.

During the Activity: Give each child a frame, and help the children decorate the frames with the markers and stickers. Help the children tape their frame to the top of a craft stick.

After the Activity: Send the frame home with the child along with the Activity Page "Framed Note."

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We have been following Jesus all month long. You can always follow Jesus!"

During the Activity: "We are going to make a picture of Jesus that you can take home and you and your family can follow Jesus at home!" (Do activity.)

After the Activity: "Perfect! Now you can follow Jesus ALL THE TIME! Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!"