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**NB Kids Church Online**

[Parent Cue App](https://theparentcue.org/app/) – Download the Parent Cue App. This free app gives parents weekly cues that are aligned with the content in our video presentations.

[Helping Kids Navigate Anxiety](https://orangeblogs.org/252basics/okp-022-helping-kids-navigate-anxiety-naming-the-worry-monster/) – Hey Parents! This podcast is another great resource for you as you navigate this unique season and every season of our kid’s lives.

RightNow Media – Has amazing video content

[HomeWord Culture Blog](https://homeword.com/culture-blog/) – Helping Families Succeed. This is a great resource for parents to get information on what’s happening in our Culture today.

**PreK/Kinder**

**Video link** – [*PreK/Kinder Video*](https://vimeo.com/showcase/6874412/video/398274813)

**Story Focus**: I can follow Jesus. It wasn’t just Andrew, Peter, James, John, and Matthew that followed Jesus, as we will see this week. Jesus asked twelve men to follow Him, and they did. We know them as the Disciples. Those twelve men followed Jesus everywhere. They watched, learned, and were changed. And, they went on to help others—lots of others—follow Jesus too. We can all follow Jesus.

**Activity: Disciple Bin**

**What You Need:** 12 small random preschool safe items that can represent 12 disciples (you could use Little People® figures, hot wheels, Duplo box, or whatever you have handy in your home), and an empty egg carton or muffin pan (with 12 cups)

**What You Do:**

Hide all of the items and figures in your home.

Place the open egg carton or muffin pan in a central location.

***During the Activity:***Count the compartments in the carton or the tin with your children (There should be 12 compartments – one for each disciple). Encourage your children to search for the figures and place one in each compartment of the carton or muffin pan. Continue the activity until all of the compartments are filled with the figures.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Let’s look for 12 ‘people’ hidden around the room!” (If you are using an item that is not technically a person – encourage kids to use their imagination)

***During the Activity****:* “There are 12 people. Let’s put them in each space of the tin. *(Carton.)* There are 12 spaces. Let’s count them. *(Do activity.)* Are you ready?” *(Pause and continue activity.)*

***After the Activity****:* “Nice work! We found all of the people. This is like our Bible story about 12 people who followed Jesus!” Just like them, we can follow Jesus too!

**Bonus activity:** Play a game of follow the leader or hide and seek with your child.

**Weekly Take Home Conversation:** Attachment

**Elementary**

**Video** – [*Elementary Video*](https://vimeo.com/showcase/6874412/video/398255789)

**Story Focus:** In Luke 15:11-24, Jesus shares a parable to help people understand God’s amazing grace and forgiveness. A son came to his father and asked for his share of the inheritance. This broke the father’s heart, but he went ahead and gave the son what he wanted. The son wasted every last penny and hit rock bottom. He decided to go home to his father and ask forgiveness. The father was waiting with arms open wide and ready to have his son home. The Bottom Line is: Everyone needs to be forgiven. Everyone at some point will do something to hurt another person, and we’ve all done something that goes against what God wants for us. We all need forgiveness. Thankfully, through Jesus, God offers forgiveness no matter what we’ve done.

**Activity**:

**What You Need:** Deflated balloon (you could also use a beach ball)

**What You Do:**

* Gather your family in a tight circle and ask if there is anyone each person needs to forgive this week.
* Blow up the balloon with air and hold the end closed.
* Let the air out as you use the dialogue below to talk about why forgiveness is important.
* Close in prayer, asking God to help you let it go and choose to forgive.

**What You Say:**

“What might happen if I kept on blowing up this balloon? *(Pause.)*

Yes, it will pop! This balloon is like us when we refuse to forgive and choose instead to stay mad. When we choose to let go of our anger, remembering that**everyone needs to be forgiven,** *(let the air out of the balloon)* then everyone wins! Let’s pray and ask God to help us choose forgiveness this week for everyone!

“God, thank You for sending Jesus so that we could be forgiven! We don’t want to stay angry and blow up and do something unkind. Help us to let it go and choose to forgive. Thank You for showing us how to do that. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

***Following your “Kids Service” blow up and tie a balloon for each person and let out some energy by seeing how long you can keep your balloons from hitting the ground.***

**Weekly Take Home Conversation:** Attachments