



March 25, 2020
NB Kids Mid-Week

PreK/Kinder

I Can Follow Jesus

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.

Story Review Activity

Watch the Weekend video together as a refresher for the story.

Video link – [PreK/Kinder Video](#)

What You Need: “Disciples and Jesus” Activity Page, scissors

Optional supplies: cardstock, craft sticks, clear tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print the Activity Page and cut on the dotted lines (if your child is old enough to use scissors safely, have them help with this part). You should have 12 disciples and one Jesus cutout.

- Craft Stick Puppet Option: Print Activity Page on cardstock, then tape each cutout to a craft stick to create puppets.

During the Activity: Give your child(ren) the disciples to hold and keep the Jesus puppet yourself. Lead the children around the room/house/yard while holding up the puppets.

After the Activity: Retell the Bible story using your own words.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s be Jesus’ disciples!”

During the Activity: (Give child(ren) the disciple papers and lead them around the room.) “I will pretend to be Jesus and you can be Jesus’ disciples. The disciples were Jesus’ best friends. When Jesus said, ‘Follow me,’ they did! FOLLOW ME!” (Continue activity.)

After the Activity: “The disciples followed Jesus, and so can we! **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**”

Close in prayer

Elementary

Please Forgive Me

Bible Story: Please Forgive Me (The Story of the Lost Son) • *Luke 15:11-24*

Bottom Line: Everyone needs to be forgiven.

Memory Verse: *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.* Colossians 3:13 (NirV)

Life App: Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

A PROPER Review

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Watch the Weekend video together as a refresher for the story.

Video – [Elementary Video](#)

What You Need: Bible, bag of coins (real or plastic), backpack, stuffed pig (or a substitute item for a pig), robe or piece of fabric

What You Do:

- Open the Bible to Luke 15:11-24.
- Select someone to play the role of the son and one person to play the role of the father from today's Bible story.
- Let the rest of the people in your family use the props to help retell the story.
- Make sure each person understands how their prop relates to the story.
- Read the plot points below from the story as pairs use their props to act it out.
 - The younger of two sons asked his father for his share of the inheritance.
 - The father gave the money to his son.
 - The son packed up and left home for a faraway country.
 - There, the son wasted all his money.
 - The son became so hungry, he took a job caring for pigs.
 - The son decided to return home and beg to be let back in as a servant.
 - The father ran to meet him, gave him a hug, and gave him the best robe, a ring, and sandals for his feet.
 - The father threw a huge party to welcome his son home.

What You Say:

“Why do you think Jesus told this story? How does our heavenly Father act like the earthly father in this story? *(Pause for kids to respond and discuss.)* The father in this story Jesus told had every right to be angry. While his father was still living, the son had asked for his inheritance, which is something that is only given when someone dies! And what did the son do with that hard-earned money? He wasted it. The father could have refused to see him or, at the very least, let him come back only as a servant. But what did he do? The father ran to him,

hugged him, and forgave him. He was so happy to see him that he threw a big party to celebrate his return.

Everyone needs to be forgiven. The good news for us is that God LOVES each one of us. He loves us SO much that He sent Jesus, His only Son. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sin, those are the choices we make that separate us from God. Jesus made a way for EVERYONE to be forgiven! When we believe or trust in Jesus so that we can be forgiven, we can have a friendship with God forever!”

Tell your family about when you first understood that God sent Jesus so that everyone—including you—could be forgiven.

Close in prayer