



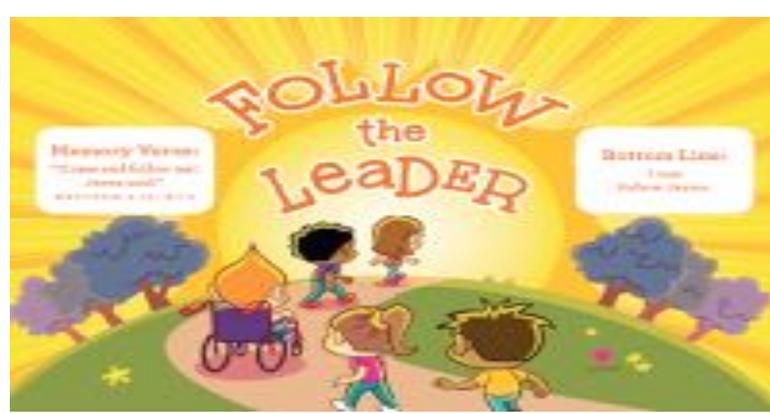
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First Look

Beginners & Preschool

Bible Story

Everyone can follow Jesus



Fort Building Competition

FAMILY CHALLENGE

It's time for a challenge! Can your family make the best fort? Bust out the sheets and clothes pins and make the most epic fort your family can!

Don't forget to take a picture and show us: tag us in your story @parkchruchnj

Activity: Move with me

What you'll need: Paper, pen / pencil

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Write down movements (clap, jump, walk, crawl, skip, jumping jacks, etc.) on pieces of paper and place them in a bowl or dish

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pull a card from the bowl and lead our kids to follow as they perform the same movement. Pass the bowl around and allow other family members to lead. Once all the cards have been pulled return them to the bowl and play as many time as interest allows.

WHAT TO SAY AFTER: That was fun! You made great leaders and followers. Who is the most special leader of all? Yes, Jesus! Who can you follow? **I can follow Jesus.**

PRAYER: Dear God, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank you that Jesus wants us to follow Him, even though we make wrong choices. And thank you that Jesus helps us make right choice. We love you God. In Jesus' name, amen.

Activity: Story Reflect

What you'll need: Bible, Memory Verse

"Our Bible story today was about 12 men called the disciples. Jesus told all the men to follow Him. And they did! They became Jesus' closest friends and they followed Jesus everywhere He went.

Are the 12 disciples from our story the only people who can follow Jesus?

Nooooooo. Everyone can follow Jesus!

So tell me: Who can follow Jesus?

I can follow Jesus

Yes you can! You can follow Jesus just like the disciples did. And our Bible verse helps us remember that Jesus wants us to follow Him. Let's say it together:

'Come and follow me' Jesus said. Matthew 4:19

Activity: Visualize

What you'll need: Camera or phone

Help your child(ren) visualize the connection that Jesus had with his disciples, work with them to come up with the names of 12 people that mean a lot to them. Take a picture or video of your child(ren) with your phone and send it to the 12 people on that list. (Social distancing done right!)

SAY THIS: You have some great friends! Did you know Jesus wants to be your friend forever? He loves you and cares about you so much. He gives us a great example to follow. Who can you follow? **I can follow Jesus.**

The Parent Cue App is a FREE app that you can use to bring the message home with you on a daily basis. It allows you to watch the weekly Bible story with your child in the comfort of your own home. This app is available both on the Apple IOS Store and the Google Play Store.

