

Preschool

Discussion Questions, and Prayer Time:

Discussion & Questions:

SAY: “Today we learned about Jesus’ 12 special friends who followed him.

1. What did we call his special friends? (They are called the disciples.)
2. Did they all decide to follow Jesus on their own? (Yes!)
3. Are the 12 disciples from our story the only people who can follow Jesus? (Pause for response.) (Nooooooo. Everyone can follow Jesus! [Child’s name] can follow Jesus and (repeat with each family member's name).

Wrap Up: We show that we are following Jesus when we do things like He did. *What kinds of things did Jesus do?
(Jesus healed the sick, fed people, and loved everyone)

Bottom Line:

Ask: Who can you follow? **Answer:** I can follow Jesus!

Memory Verse:

SAY: “Let’s practice our Bible verse about following Jesus!

(Turn the pages of your Bible to Matthew 4:19)

“It says: “Come and follow me,” Jesus said, Matthew 4:19.

(Close Bible and lay it down.)

“Wow! Jesus wants you and me and everyone to follow Him!

“Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions.”

CHILDREN AND SGL:

“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.)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

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Prayer Journal:

“Let’s write in our prayer journal and talk to God.”

SAY: “Jesus asked 12 men to follow Him, and they became His closest friends, the disciples. Jesus wants us to follow Him, too! Let's all write our names in our prayer journal today. I want to pray that we will all follow Jesus.

(Let your child or children write their first name in the prayer journal. Encourage them to do the best they can. They may only know the first letter of their name, and that’s okay.)

“You did a wonderful job writing your name. Thank you for doing that! Let me add my name because I can follow Jesus, too. (Write your name.)

“There. Now, would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SAY: “Dear God, thank You that (read each name) get to hear about how much Jesus loves them. Thank You that we get to hear that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. I pray that (name each child) will follow Jesus, because He is the best friend we could ever have and He will always lead us the best way. We love You, God.

In Jesus’ name, amen.”