

Waumba Land

MARCH 22, 2020

KEY QUESTION: WHO CAN YOU FOLLOW?

BIG IDEA: I CAN FOLLOW JESUS.

VERSE OF THE MONTH: "COME AND FOLLOW ME, JESUS SAID."
MATTHEW 4:19

BIBLE STORY: THE TWELVE
THE GOSPELS

OVERVIEW

This week, your kiddos will learn about how they can follow Jesus just like the Twelve Disciples.

First, enjoy some fun activities about Jesus' command to "follow me" and the Twelve he called. Then, have fun singing this week's song together before listening to an amazing story about Jesus calling the Twelve. Finally, create a paper chain together to remember what Jesus said. You have flexibility in what you choose! We just want to provide a bit of enjoyment for you and your kiddos this Sunday.

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PLAY TOGETHER

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

Purpose: to engage your kiddos' natural desire to move while learning how they can follow directions.

How-To:

1. Print 12 copies of the feet on the following page or make your own by tracing your kiddos' feet!
2. Tape the feet on the floor in a path around the room with the feet facing in all different directions.
3. Invite your kiddos to walk the path, following the direction of the feet on the floor.
4. Play the game several times. Give it a fun twist by playing music, walking slow or fast, on tip toes, or backward. Maybe even freeze walking! Just have fun together!

Say this:

“Hey kiddos, let’s FOLLOW the path! While you are walking, you will FOLLOW the feet on the floor. (*Demonstrate.*) That was so fun! You did a great job following directions. Today I have a story for you about how some special people followed Jesus.”

COUNTING BY TWELVE

This activity encourages your kiddos to follow guidelines while having fun and learning together.

What you need: Grid provided, pom poms (or other small objects for counting such as beans, pasta, or playdough), and tape

How-To:

1. Tape the grid provided to the table (or make your own with butcher paper).
2. Set the pom poms (or other objects for counting) on the table near the grid.
3. Encourage your kiddos to identify the number or number of dots in a square on the grid.
4. Help them to count and place their counting objects in that square.
5. Repeat until the entire grid is full.
6. Clean the grid and go again if interest allows.

Say This:

“Do you see the numbers and spots in each square? What number do you see here? (*Point to the one*). We are going to put one pom pom in that square. Let’s do the same thing until the entire grid is full. (*After the activity.*) What number is this? (*Point to the 12.*) Yes, that is the number 12. Let’s count 12 together (*Count to 12 together*). In our story today, we will hear about 12 of Jesus’ special friends!”



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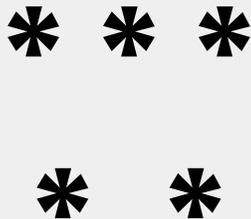
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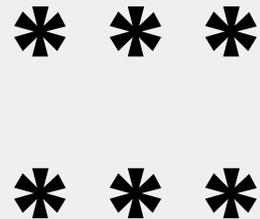
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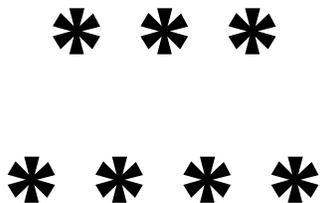
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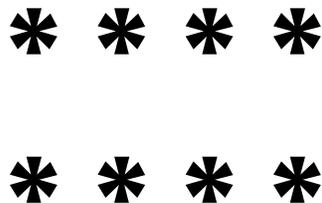
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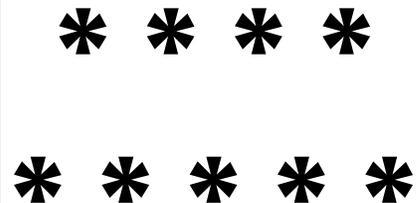
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LEARN TOGETHER

MUSIC TIME

Begin the “First Look” video found here <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6874412>. It will begin with a fun new song. Have fun singing with your kiddos! Don’t be scared to look silly. It will be fun ... we promise! (Video link also available on our website.)

Song:

“I Got a Friend in Jesus”

STORY TIME

After the song, our story for this week about Jesus calling the Twelve will begin. Enjoy!

STORY & BIBLE VERSE REVIEW

Prompt your children to remember what they learned in today’s story! Celebrate when they remember!

Say This:

- Jesus called 12 (good friends).
- His 12 friends were called (disciples).
- The 12 chose to follow (Jesus).
- Who can you follow? (I can follow Jesus).

Practice the Verse:

Help your kiddos remember that we can be follow Jesus by reviewing their monthly Bible verse! Have fun saying the verse while you hop on one foot, up and down like a frog, or maybe like a bunny. Be creative!

“Come (motion toward yourself with your hand)
and follow me (march in place)
Jesus said. (hold hands to mouth like yelling)”
Matthew 4:19. (Open hands like a book.)

Talk About It:

Jesus asked 12 men to follow Him, and these men became his closest friends. Jesus wants each of us to follow him too! What is a special way you can follow Jesus this week? (Help your children think of things.) Let’s pray and ask God to help us to follow Jesus.

Pray:

Dear God, thank you! Thank you for the story of your son Jesus and his special friends. Thank you for giving us a special friend in Jesus. Help us to follow Him better this week. Amen!

CREATE TOGETHER

MEMORY VERSE CHAIN

Supplies:

1. Colored Paper (you will want up to 7 colors, if you have it)
2. Markers
3. Stickers (if you have them)
4. Stapler or Tape

How-To:

1. Cut the colored paper into strips.
2. Write the words to the Bible verse (Come, and follow me, Jesus said. Matthew 4:19) on the strips, alternating colors for each word. Make as many strips as you want.
3. Let your kiddos decorate the strips.
4. Put the strips in word order.
5. Help your kiddos to staple or tape the strips together to make a paper chain.

Say This:

“Do you remember what the Bible verse is this month? (*Review the verse with your kiddos.*) We are going to write the words to our verse on these strips of paper. Then you can decorate them with colors and stickers. (*Write the words out for your kiddos or if they are learning to write, let them trace or practice writing their own words. Show your kiddos each strip and read them the word.*) Now let’s put the words in order and make a paper chain. This will remind us how Jesus said ‘Come and follow me,’ when he was speaking to his special friends. We can follow Jesus too!”

Parents,

We hope you enjoyed today’s activities with your kiddos! Please share your stories with us. You can tag us on Instagram or Facebook @ waumbaland_np.

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