

Parent Guide

PreK-March 15

MEMORY VERSE:

"Come and follow me," Jesus said.
Matthew 4:19

KEY QUESTION AND BOTTOM LINE:

Who can you follow?
I can follow Jesus!

ACTIVITY: MOVE WITH ME

What you need: Paper, pen/pencil

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Write down movements your child can do (clap, jump, hop, crawl, skip, jumping jacks) on pieces of paper and put in a bag or container.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pull out a card from the bag or container and lead your kids to follow you as they perform the same movement. Pass the bag around and allow other family members to serve as leaders, pulling a card from the bag and leading the rest of the group. Once all cards have been pulled from the bag, shuffle and return them to the bag to play again. Continue as time and interest allow.

WHAT YOU SAY AFTER: "That was fun! You made great leaders and followers. Who is the most special leader of all? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! Tell me: Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus."

ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need: [link to today's lesson](https://vimeo.com/showcase/6860371/video/397245442)
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Let's sing and hear our Bible story for today!



ACTIVITY: STORY RETELL

"Our Bible story today was about a guy named Matthew. Jesus walked right up to Matthew and said, 'Follow me.' What did Matthew do when Jesus said, 'Follow me'?" (Pause for response.)

"He sure did! Matthew got up and followed Jesus! Jesus wanted Matthew to follow Him, even though Matthew had made some wrong choices. Can we follow Jesus even if we have made wrong choices?" (Pause for response.)

"We sure can! Jesus wants everyone to follow Him! And when we do, Jesus will help us make right choices. So tell me: Who can you follow?"

Family all together: "I can follow Jesus!"

MEMORY VERSE: (see pictures below for motions.) Practice the memory verse with motions and say this, "Did you hear that? Jesus wants you and you (point to each child as you continue to say 'you') to follow Him!"

PRAYER: "Dear God, Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that Jesus wants us to follow Him, even when we make wrong choices. And thank You that Jesus helps us make right choices. We want to follow Jesus and do what He does. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

