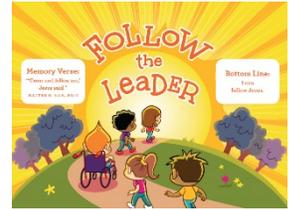


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Andrew and Peter. John and James. Jesus says, "Follow Me."

Bottom Line: I can follow Jesus.



Social Activities – 30 minutes. As children arrive, invite them to participate in the activities below as you introduce the theme of the day. Each of these activities should be done simultaneously and in small groups. Kids can do one or all activities. Activities vary to appeal to different learning styles.

Fish Scoop (15-20 small fish, plastic spoons, and floor tape)

Use the floor tape to make a square on the floor in the activity area. This will be the "boat." Spread the fish around the floor in the activity area. Give each child a spoon and challenge them to scoop the fish and place them in the boat. Continue the activity until all of the fish are in the boat.

Connecting Point: We will learn about some fishermen who followed Jesus today.

Car Tracks (Butcher paper, toy cars, tape, and markers)

Cover your table with butcher paper. Secure the paper to the tabletop with tape. Gather several toy cars. Use the clear tape to secure a marker to the back of each car. The marker point should be facing down, perpendicular to the car so that when the car is rolled, the marker draws a line along the butcher paper. Set all the cars in the center of the table.

Encourage the children to roll their cars along the butcher paper and watch the line the marker leaves following the car. Make sure they take turns so every friend has a chance to roll a car and leave a trail on the butcher paper. Remind children to only roll the cars on the paper-covered tables.

Connecting Point: The marker follows the car like we can follow Jesus.

Water Table (water table, water, and small plastic boats)

(Note: Be sure an adult is always nearby when working with water. Never leave the preschoolers unattended around water. After the activity is finished, be sure to discard the water immediately.)

Place the water table in the activity area. Put a small amount of water in the table. Place the boats in the water. Encourage the children to play with the boats in the water. Be sure each child gets a turn to play with the boats.

Connecting Point: We will learn about fishermen who followed Jesus today in our Bible story.



Circle Time – 5 minutes - The purpose of circle time is to make sure the kids know the volunteer's names, to set the plan for the day and introduce the Bible story and bottom line. It helps the kids understand play time is over.

Bring a car and marker with you. Ask the kids how the activity worked and talk about how the marker "followed" the car.



Worship Videos – 10 minutes Gather the children to sing and dance with the music videos. Give children ribbons to use as they dance. Please participate with the kids so they feel free to express their love for God through worship.



Bible Story Video, Discussion and Bible Memory Verse – 10 minutes After the music time, have the kids sit in chairs to watch the Bible story video. Ask some review questions following the story, pray together, then learn the Bible Memory Verse.

Bible Story Review Questions:

What did Andrew, Peter, James and John do? Fishermen

What did Jesus say to them? Come, follow Me.

Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.

Prayer

Bible Memory verse:

“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.)



Craft Activity – 5 minutes After the Bible Memory Verse, bring kids to the table for a craft activity. This activity will promote discussion and application of the Bible story. If a child decides not to participate, please put their name on a paper to send home so parents know what we did today.

Fish Craft (craft page, crayons, fish stickers)

Invite the kids to the table and give them a craft sheet. Ask them what they see. Talk about how the men who followed Jesus were fishermen. Talk about how they followed Jesus as they decorate their page.



Application Activity – 5 minutes As kids finish the craft activity, invite them to participate in an activity on the carpet while you wait for parent pick up.

Gone Fishing (fish with magnetic, magnetic wands)

Hide the fish around the room. Give the kids a magnetic wand. Invite the kids to catch the fish. Have them fish until all the fish are caught. Retell the Bible story as you catch fish.