

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

15 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

I can follow Jesus.

THE TWELVE THE GOSPELS



MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

MEMORY VERSE

"Come and follow me,"
Jesus said."

MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

BOTTOM LINE

I can follow Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my
friend forever.

1. HOP TO TWELVE

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape and 12 pieces of cardstock or carpet squares

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Tape the cardstock or lay out carpet squares in a pathway in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to hop from each piece of paper (or carpet square) to the next as you count to 12. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "There are 12 pieces of paper / carpet squares on our floor." (Point.)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's hop on the paper while we count to 12." (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Nice job! Today we are going to hear a Bible story about 12 of Jesus' friends. I am excited for our Bible story!"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by counting to 12 as you walk to the story area.

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**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
REVIEW



CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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1. FOOTPATH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Path" Activity Page, cardstock, inkpads, and footprint stamps

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Path" Activity Page onto cardstock (*one per child*).

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an Activity Page and a stamp. Help the children use the stamp make a footpath behind Jesus on the Activity Page.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that we can follow Jesus!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to make a picture that shows that we can follow Jesus. Use the stamp to make footprints behind Jesus." (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our verse together. "Come and follow me," Jesus said, Matthew 4:19. Our verse tells us that Jesus wants us to follow Him.

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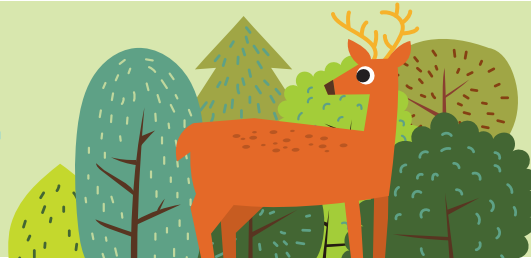
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**LIVE
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3. EVERYONE FOLLOW JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Everyone Follow" Activity Page, cardstock, paint stirrer, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock, cut on dotted lines, and tape it to the top of the paint stirrer.

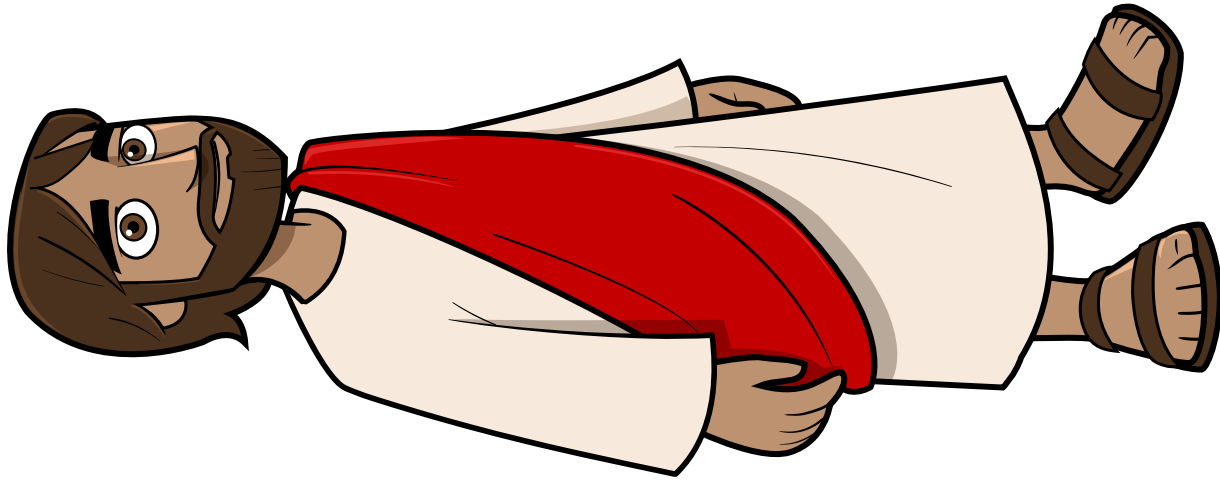
DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to follow Jesus. Hold up the paint stirrer with the Activity Page, and lead the children around the activity area. Allow the children to take turns holding the paint stirrer and leading the other children.

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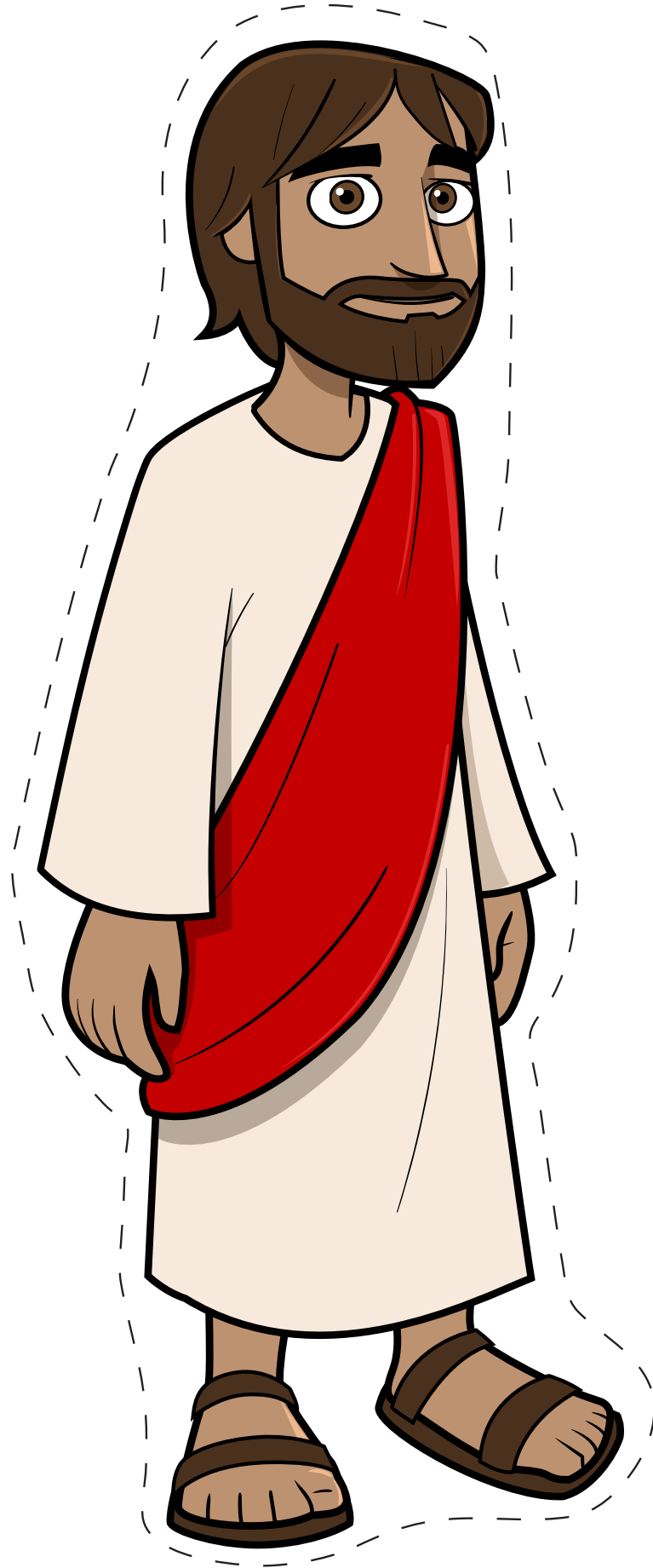
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's all follow Jesus!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Follow Jesus! (Lead children around the activity area.) We all can follow Jesus and be His friend FOREVER! Who would like a turn to hold Jesus and have everyone follow you?" (Pause and finish activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Everyone can follow Jesus. We can, too. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**"



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



Everyone Follow • Color • *Everyone Follow Jesus* • March Week 4
Copy on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. One per activity.



WEEK FOUR
THE GOSPELS

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