

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

15 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

Everyone can follow Jesus.

MATTHEW (TAX COLLECTOR)
MATTHEW 9:9-12



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.

POPPING WALK

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus" Activity Page, cardstock, bubble wrap, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Jesus" Activity Page on cardstock and tape it to the floor or to a wall. Lay out a path of bubble wrap on the floor to end at the "Jesus" Activity Page.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to follow the bubble wrap to Jesus. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear about some other men who followed Jesus today.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Look! Here's a path. It's a bubble path. I wonder where it leads. (Pause.) Let's go find out!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Start right here. (Stand at the start of the path.) Listen to that! The path makes a popping noise as you walk. Follow the path to the end. Who's at the end of the path? (Pause.) It's Jesus! Let's walk the path again. Follow the path to Jesus. Great job." (Repeat as desired.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Way to go following the bubble path to Jesus! It was fun to hear the bubbles pop. Today we are going to hear a story about some other men who followed Jesus."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by following the sound. Leader jingles coins in a bag or in their hand.



Jesus • B&W • *Popping Walk* • March Week 3

Copy on cardstock and cut on dotted line. One per activity.

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25 MINUTES

**LIVE
FOR GOD
APPLICATION
ACTIVITY**



CREATE

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

BIBLE STORY

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**MATTHEW (TAX COLLECTOR)
MATTHEW 9:9-12**

FINGERPRINT FOLLOW

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fill the Blank" Activity Page, cardstock, washable inkpad, wet wipes, and a black permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Fill the Blank" Activity Page on cardstock (*one per child*). Largely print each child's name in the blank on his or her Activity Page.

MEMORY VERSE

"Come and follow me,"
Jesus said."

MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children add fingerprints as they follow the lines of their name on their paper.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we all can follow Jesus.

KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Look at your paper. Do you see your name? (*Pause.*) There it is! Everyone's name is on their paper."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Dip your finger on the inkpad and follow the letters in your name with your fingerprint. (*Pause.*) Great job! Your paper says (*point to the child and say his or her name*) can follow Jesus. (*Repeat with all of the children.*) That's right! We ALL can follow Jesus."

BOTTOM LINE

I can follow Jesus.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In today's story, Jesus said to Matthew, the tax collector, 'Follow me!' Matthew got up and followed Him because Jesus is the most special leader. Later, Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, and everyone was invited. Jesus said to serve everyone because Jesus came so that everyone can follow Him! Jesus came for ALL the people. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus.**"

BASIC TRUTH

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friend forever.

**can follow
Jesus.**