

## BIBLE WORDS

“Come and follow me,  
Jesus said.”

**MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV**

The Twelve

**THE GOSPELS**

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## BOTTOM LINE

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## BASIC TRUTH

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FRIEND FOREVER.**

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## STORY TIME

*Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible and painter's tape to make a tape path on the floor

**LEADER:** “Hello, friends! Let's celebrate Jesus' friends by playing a game today!

“Look at this path. (*Stand close to one of the ends of the tape path.*) I wonder where it leads. Come follow me, friends! (*Encourage children to walk behind you along the tape path.*) Wow! We walked all along the path and it took us all around the room.

“In our story this month, we learned that Jesus' friends, the disciples, followed Jesus and saw Him do so many amazing things! They saw Him make sick people better. They saw Him feed people who were hungry. They saw Jesus be kind and loving to everyone. They watched Jesus. They followed Him. And when Jesus went away, the disciples did what Jesus had done. And that's what we can do, too. We can follow Jesus and do what He did! **You can follow Jesus.**”

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## CRAFT TIME

*Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** “Footprints” Activity Page, footprint stickers

### WHAT YOU DO:

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Retell the story. Encourage children to put footprint stickers on their paper leading up to Jesus.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** “Today we learned that we can be like the disciples and follow Jesus.

“When you follow someone, you use your feet, just like you followed me on the path in our story. On your paper are some words that say, ‘I can follow.’ Then there is a picture of Jesus. These turned out fantastic! What a great job!

“The disciples followed Jesus and saw Him do so many amazing things! They saw Him make sick people better. They saw Him feed people who were hungry. They saw Jesus be kind and loving to everyone. They watched Him. They followed Him. And when Jesus went away, the disciples did what Jesus did. And that's what you can do, too. **You can follow Jesus.**”