

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

15 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

John told people that Jesus is special.

JOHN THE BAPTIST
MATTHEW 3:3-4, 11, 13-17

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.



PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

LEADER TAPE

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape and Little People® figures

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Use the tape to create a line around the edge of a table in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Place the figures in the middle of the table. Choose one figure to be the leader. Place the leader anywhere on the tape. Encourage the children to place the figures on the tape behind the leader. Be sure each child gets a turn to place a figure.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “Our friends (*point*) want to play ‘Follow the Leader.’” (*Choose a figure to be the leader and hold it up.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “This will be our leader. (*Place the figure on the tape.*) Let's help his friends follow him.” (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Nice work! Today we are going to learn how we can follow Jesus.”

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by choosing a leader and following them to the activity area.

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**TALK
ABOUT GOD
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW**



EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

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BAPTIZE

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic punch cups, water, and Little People® figures

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Divide the children into smaller groups. Give each group a cup and fill it half way with water.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each group a figure and encourage the children to take turns dipping it into the water and "baptizing" it.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Retell the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We heard a Bible story about someone being baptized."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's pretend that we are baptizing someone. (*Do activity.*) Great job! John the Baptist wore fur, he ate honey and bugs, and he LOVED Jesus! John was baptizing people in the river when Jesus walked by. Jesus asked John to baptize Him. John was confused, but he followed Jesus. John knew Jesus is the most special leader!"

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

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**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

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CLOTH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Cloth" Activity Page, fur or felt cloth, cotton, and glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an Activity Page and a piece of the cloth. Help the children glue the cloth to the body of John (*left picture*). Give each child some cotton, and help them glue it to the picture of Jesus (*right picture*).

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Send the Activity Pages home with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "John knew Jesus was the most special leader and that everyone should follow Him."

KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to make a picture of John the Baptist and Jesus. You can take your picture home and tell your family that we can all follow Jesus! Let's glue fur onto John because he wore fur. We can glue cotton onto Jesus because His robe was cotton." (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Awesome work! John followed Jesus, and so can we!
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