



Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Who can you follow?

Bottom Line: I can follow Jesus.

Memory Verse: “Come and follow me,’ Jesus said.”

Matthew 4:19

Bible Story Focus: When I follow Jesus, I can love everyone.

Love One Another- John 13:34-35

Memory Verse Activity:

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide your preschoolers to stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Invite them to say the Memory Verse in different ways. Examples: Soft voice, loud voice, singing voice, and a laughing voice. Repeat as desired. Also have different people be the “leader” of selecting what way to say the verse.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “There are different ways we can show love to one another.”

During the Activity: “Let’s say our memory verse in different ways, too.

“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.)

First, let’s say it in a soft voice. (Say the verse in a whisper.) Nice job! Now let’s say the verse in a LOUD voice! (Shout the verse.) Way to go! Now, let’s SING our verse! (Sing the verse.) You are all doing such a great job! I am so happy! Let’s say our memory verse in a laughing voice.” (Laugh and say the verse.) (Repeat as desired.)

After the Activity: “Awesome! We can follow Jesus by showing love. We can show love in different ways. We all can follow Jesus! **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!**”

Love One Another Homemade Cards:

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: Blank paper, stickers, crayons, and markers



What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today we’re going to make some special cards for people we love. It’s so nice to show love to someone! Let’s show some love to others by making and decorating our cards, and then we’ll mail them to people we love to show we are thinking about them!”

After the Activity: “We can follow Jesus by showing love to one another. Thank you for helping make these special cards today. Making a card for someone is just one way to show love. What are other ways? **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!** And what’s the number one thing we can do to show that we follow Jesus? That’s right...LOVE ONE ANOTHER!”

Follow Me:

What You Need: Blindfold of some sort.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Help one child put on the blindfold. Have another child or adult be their leader and either hold their hand and walk them around an area or for a bigger challenge, have the leader call out directions to the blindfolded child.

Encourage the “leader” to take small steps as they lead. After a minute or so, let the pairs stop and then switch roles.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Let’s take turns leading and following! Your leader will guide you very carefully for a few steps around this area. When I say, ‘Stop,’ I want you to freeze where you are, and we will switch roles.”

After the Activity: “You did an awesome job leading AND following. Super job, friends! Who is the BEST leader to follow? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus.** And what’s the number one thing we can do to show that we follow Jesus? That’s right...LOVE ONE ANOTHER!”

Prayer Time:

“Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves us and shows us how to love others. Help us to remember the #1 thing we can do when we follow Jesus, to love everyone the way He loves us. In Jesus’ name, amen.”