



UNIT 20 | SESSION 4 | MAY 2-3, 2020

Preschool Parent Guide

Jesus Called Disciples

Bible Passage: Matthew 4 & 9; Mark 1-3; Luke 5-6

Story Point: Jesus chose disciples to follow Him.

Key Passage: “He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:30

Christ Connection: Everyone needs to hear about Jesus.

Use this guide as a way to continue the conversation from the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the key passage and discussion questions. Check out the [Big Picture Card](#) or [Preschool Activity Page](#) as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

ACTIVITY OPTION 1: COUCH FISHING

(A pole or stick, string, clothespin, variety of household items)

Create a makeshift fishing pole using whatever objects you have for the pole and fishing line. Attach a clothespin as the “hook.”

Together with your preschooler, gather some small, lightweight objects that can be clipped by the clothespin(socks, dryer sheets, playing cards, etc. all make great objects for this game)

Position yourself on one side of your couch along with all the gathered objects. Have your child “cast” the line over the couch while you wait on the other side. (Heads up!) Clip one of the objects and see if your child can guess what he or she has caught. Make a big celebration out of guessing correctly!

SAY • Fishing is a lot of fun! Do you remember that in the story we watched about Jesus there were people fishing from boats and using nets to catch fish? They would throw the net over one side of the boat and wait for lots of fish to swim into the net. Jesus chose a few of these fishermen to be His disciples. That means He asked them to follow Him wherever He went and tell the whole world about Him, even after He went back to Heaven. What an important job! Everyone in the world needs to hear about Jesus!

ACTIVITY OPTION 2: FOLLOW ME

(No Supplies Needed)

Play a classic game of ‘Follow the Leader’ or ‘Simon Says,’ depending on the age of your preschooler. Because of their love of all things silly, choose a fun theme like “Animal Follow the Leader,” where all of your actions are those of

familiar animals. Walk on all fours like a dog; scratch your back on a door frame like a bear, hop like a kangaroo...you get the idea! This works for 'Simon Says,' too! "Simon says 'meow like a kitty cat.'"

SAY • Jesus chose twelve men to follow him and be His special helpers. These men were called "disciples." He taught them to go where He went and talk to people about how much He wanted them to trust Him and follow Him, too. John knew how important this special mission was, which is why he said, "Jesus must become greater, and I must become less." Everyone needs to hear the good news that Jesus came to earth to save people.

KEY PASSAGE MOTIONS

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. "He (point up) must become greater, (hold arms upward in a V) but I (point thumbs to chest) must become less (crouch down)" John 3:30 (open hands like a book).

REVIEW

Show preschoolers a Bible, and retell or reread the story, if needed. You can ask the following questions:

Who did Jesus ask to follow Him? (*12 men/disciples*)

What did Jesus want His disciples to do? (*Tell people about Him.*)

Who can we tell about Jesus? (*Any answer is acceptable.*)

SAY • Being a disciple was a really important job, and in the Bible we read that we can be disciples, too, by telling our friends who Jesus is. That's a big job, but we can do it just like John did when he said, "He must become greater, and I must become less."

PRAY

Invite your child to share anything they are thankful for or worried about. You can share something you're thankful for to guide them.

SAY • Jesus, thank you for loving us enough to come all the way to earth and ask some men to follow you. Because of you and because of them, we get the chance to learn about how you lived, died, and came back to life because you loved us. Thank you for comforting us when we are worried and for giving us good things in our lives to celebrate.

BONUS ACTIVITIES

([Big Picture Card for 2s-3s](#) or [Preschool Activity Page for 4s-5s, Crayons](#))

Children may color the **Story Point coloring page** or work on their **Activity Page** at home with you this week.