

Unit 19 at a Glance

Disciples of Jesus

Unit Overview

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). The theme of this unit is following Jesus and teaching our friends to follow Jesus. How incredible it is to raise children who will constantly strive to be Jesus' disciples.

Unit Goals

- The children will repeat Jesus' first call to discipleship, "Follow me."
- The children will play games and sing songs about following Jesus and being fishers of men.
- The children will learn about Jesus' team, the apostles. They will learn that disciples today are on Jesus' team.

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Bible Truth

Jesus said, "Follow me." Mark 1:17

Lesson 1 Follow Me

Jesus called James and John, who were fishermen, to leave their boats and nets to come and follow him. They obeyed Jesus and followed him right away. The children will learn that it makes Jesus very happy when we obey right away.

Lesson 2 Jesus' First Disciples

The children will role play fishing and catching fish. They will relate this concept to fishing for friends to invite to church so their friends can learn to love Jesus.

Lesson 3 Jesus Chooses 12

Dress your child for class in their favorite sports-team wear. Just as Jesus chose the twelve apostles as his team, the children will learn that disciples today are on Jesus' team!

Lesson 4 I Follow Jesus

The children will be reminded of how special it is to be on Jesus' team. People who love Jesus and obey him get to be on his team.





Dear Parent,

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men” (Mark 1:17). The theme of this unit is following Jesus and teaching our friends to follow Jesus. How incredible it is to raise children who will constantly strive to be Jesus’ disciples.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and description of the lessons which comprise this unit. Included is a Bible Truth for you to review with your child at home. Please note that this is simply a biblical concept and not an actual verse.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Take your child fishing. As you are fishing together remind your child that Jesus wants us to “fish” for people and teach them about him. Share your faith together.
- Play “Follow the Leader” with your child. Talk to your child about why it is important to follow and obey the adults who take care of him and to obey Jesus.
- Go out in the mud, to the beach or any sandy area and make footprints together. Have your child place her feet on your footprints. Talk about how disciples walk in Jesus’ footsteps.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers



Unit 19 Song Sheet



I Have Decided

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back.

Deep Down in My Heart

I want to be like Jesus
deep down in my heart!
I want to be like Jesus
deep down in my heart!

I said deep deep, down down
deep down in my heart.
I said deep deep, down down
deep down in my heart.

I want to love my friends
deep down in my heart!
I want to love my friends
deep down in my heart!

I said deep deep, down down
deep down in my heart.
I said deep deep, down down
deep down in my heart.

Fishermen Love To Fish

(Tune: "The Farmer in the Dell")

Fishermen love to fish.
They really love to fish.
When James and John were fishermen,
They really loved to fish.

They caught a lot of fish.
They caught a lot of fish.
When James and John were fishermen,
They caught a lot of fish.

Jesus said, "Follow me!
And don't catch fish. Catch men!"
And James and John, they followed him,
And they fished for their friends.

Now ____ (child's name) loves his friends.
He really loves his friends.
Because he follows Je-sus,
He really loves his friends.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Unit 19 Song Sheet



Twelve Apostles Song

(Tune: "Jesus Loves Me")

Jesus called them one by one
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Philip and Bartholomew,
Doubting Thomas and Matthew.

Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them,
And they all followed him.

James, the one they called the less,
Simon, also Thaddeus.
The twelfth apostle Judas made.
Jesus was by him betrayed.
Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them,
And they all followed him.

Following the Leader

(Tune: "Pop Goes the Weasel")

We will follow you around.
We're following the leader.
And then when it is ____ (child's name) turn,
She will be the leader!

We will follow you around.
We're following the leader.
We know that this is always true!
Jesus is our leader!

Jesus' Team Song

(Tune: "Take Me Out to the Ballgame")

I've been chosen by Jesus,
To be part of his team.
Just like the twelve apostles did,
I will obey him, and I'll follow him!

I've been chosen by Jesus,
I want to be part of his team.
I will LOVE, OBEY, and I'LL FOLLOW HIM
Each and every day!