

Discipleship

Big Question:

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 NIV

INTRO

Question: If you could be like anyone in the world, who would it be?

My Story: Share a personal story about trying to be like someone else.

BIBLE STORY | JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

In your own words, tell the story of Jesus calling his first disciples (Luke 5:1-11).

Matthew 4:18-20 | What do you think it might mean to "follow" Jesus?

Explain: A disciple is a follower (or student) of Jesus who is learning to be more like him.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

Matthew 4:23; Luke 9:1-2, 6 | How does the work of Jesus compare with the work of his disciples?

How do you think the disciples knew how to do all these things?

What might it look like for us to follow Jesus today?

John 13:34-35 | What is the test to see if someone is a true disciple?

Luke 9:23-24 | What warning does Jesus give to those who want to follow him?

Why would anyone be a disciple of Jesus if sometimes it makes life harder?

Matthew 28:16-20 | What mission did Jesus give his disciples?

FUN FACTS

Toddlers do most of their learning by simply being around their parents. They watch everything their parents do and copy them as best they can. Every day, they discover new words, learn new skills, and even pick up little quirks—just by spending time with Mum and Dad. So much of their learning is caught, not taught. It's the same with Jesus. As we spend time with Jesus—listening to him as we read the Bible, learning his story, and walking with him each day—we gradually become more like him, often without realising it. That's what it means to follow Jesus as one of his disciples.

LIVING IT

Discuss: What is a disciple of Jesus?

Decide: Is it your desire to follow Jesus and become more like him every day?



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