

DAY FIVE - FOLLOW JESUS TO BE A DISCIPLE

BIBLE REFERENCE: Luke 6:12-16

Now during those days Jesus went out to the mountains to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named Apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

WORSHIP AS A GLOBAL VILLAGE

1. Read the Scripture for the day
2. Storyteller - Use Script 5
3. Singing - Choose music appropriate to the Scripture theme
4. Close with prayer

Script 5:

[Readers needed: Trish, Britt, Ron.]

Trish: Hi Britt, what's new with you?

Britt: Not much. Same old stuff I guess. Except that we're taking a trip out to the airport tomorrow to pick up my aunt. She's flying home from Africa and we haven't see her in two years so it will be special.

Trish: Wow, Africa's really far away from home.

Ron: Yeah. I've never even met anybody whose been to Africa and you have an aunt who works there. What's she do there?

Britt: She's a missionary and she was sent to Africa to teach at a college.

Trish: She's a teacher then, right?

Britt: Well, yes she's a teacher, but she's also a missionary.

Ron: Wait. How can she be both a missionary AND a teacher?

Britt: She's both because her teaching at this college is one way our church helps tell the world about Jesus.

Trish: It sounds so ordinary. I always thought that in order to tell the world about Jesus you had to be a pastor or a minister or something special like that.

Britt: Sometimes I guess that's the way it is. But my aunt says that all of us who are followers of Jesus are disciples who are called to serve, each of us in different and special ways.

Ron: You mean that if I like to sing that I can be a disciple of Jesus by singing about him?

Britt: Yes, that's what I mean.

Trish: And if I like to play soccer, maybe I can be a disciples of Jesus by helping the younger kids at my church's preschool play games and stuff?

Britt: Now you've got it. Disciples do their disciple-thing in all different ways, depending on the gifts God has given them. Oh, and would you guys like to come with us to the airport tomorrow to pick up my aunt? I think you'd like to meet her.

Trish/ You bet we would. It would be nice to meet a disciple of Jesus from a far-away place like Africa!
Ron:

HANDS AND HEARTS FOR JESUS MOBILES (all ages) The purpose of this project is to show the children that we can serve Jesus while serving and helping other people.

Supplies:

Depending on the age of the children use precut hands printed with ways to reach out to others and precut hearts printed with ways that we can serve Jesus or heart and hands patterns or they can trace their own hands and add wording for themselves

pencils
markers, or pens
coat hangers
string or yarn
stickers
rubber stamps and stamp pads

Procedure:

Pre - grade 1: Give each child two hands and two heart that have been strung together in a straight line. They children can then use stickers or rubber stamps and stamp pads to decorate their hands and hearts. Talk about some of the things that are written on their hands and hearts. Crayola mini-stamps work well for this.

1-6: The older children can trace their own hands and cut them out. They should write on each hand ways that they can help other people. They should use the heart pattern to cut out two hearts. They should write way to sow they love Jesus on each of the hearts. These can either be strung together as the younger children's were or hung from a coat hanger.

DANISH HEARTS BASKETS - The purpose of this project is to show the children that with Jesus in their hearts there is no end to the things they can do.

Supplies: red and pink construction paper 12"x4"

scissor
strips of plain white copier paper
instruction sheet

Procedure: Each basket will use two pieces of construction paper, 12"x4". Fold each piece in half so that the pieces measure 6"x4". Holding the two pieces together to make the cuts, round off the top corners of the pieces as shown. Next, cut four equal strips from the straight end. Make the cuts about 5" long. **DO NOT CUT ALONG THE FOLDED LINES.** Hold color 1 at a right angle to color 2 with the folded edges on the outside. Weave the top strip of color 1 through the top strip of color 2. Weave the second strip of color 2 through the top strip of color 1. Weave the top strip of color 1 through the third strip of color 2. Weave the fourth strip of color 2 through the top strip of color 1. Next weave the top strip of color 2 through the second strip of color 1. Weave the second strip of color 1 through the seconds strip of color 2. Continue weaving strips in this alternating fashion until all strips are woven and a heart-shaped

basket is formed. An additional strip of paper can be glued on for a handle. The final step is to write ways we show our love for Jesus on strips of paper and put them in the basket. The children can then give the basket or a strip to someone who needs to know about what Jesus can do for them.

WE ARE HELPING TO BUILD THE CHURCH - The purpose of this activity is to help the younger children to understand that we can use all of our senses to build God's church on earth. The church is not just a building but everything we do that shows us Jesus. (This is sung to the tune of "Mary Had A Little Lamb")

1. Our hearts are used to love our God,
love our God, love our God,
Our hearts are used to love our God,
As we help to build the church.

(ALL VERSES FOLLOW THIS PATTERN)

2. Our hands are used to serve our God
3. Our mouths are used to praise our God
4. Our eyes are used to see God world
5. Our ears are used to hear God's Word
6. Our feet take us to share God's Word

MOSAIC CROSSES (all ages) The purpose of this project is to have the children identify the cross with Jesus and how he has brought joy to all people.

Supplies: Tagboard pattern

paper punch circles (for the younger children you might find character paper punches)

beans

aquarium gravel

tissue paper (this is a good medium for small children)

small pieces of cut-up colored paper (this is also good for small children)

Procedure: The children will choose which medium they would like to use for their crosses. They will then apply glue to small areas at a time and put their medium onto the pattern until the whole thing is covered. When it is dry it can be coated with spray shellac.

JIGSAW PUZZLE FRAMES (all ages) The purpose of this project is to have the children identify themselves as God's Special Helpers of Jesus.

Supplies: Precut picture frames 7X9 with a center opening of 5X7

glue

jigsaw puzzle pieces

a picture of Jesus to fit the opening. There should be enough room for the child's name and fingerprint

Procedure: The children arrange and then glue puzzle pieces onto their picture frame. When they have finished this part they add their name and fingerprint (explain that our fingerprints make each of us unique) to the picture of Jesus. They then glue this to the back of their frame to fill the center space with their identification.

THE CHURCH - Enlarge a picture of a church using a transparency and large craft paper from a roll. The children will cut out pictures of “people helping people” from magazines and glue them to the church buildings. At the end of Lutheran Schools Week cut up the churches and give a section of the church to each child. Tell them that this should be their reminder that they are all disciples of Jesus and that they are to spread the good news of the Gospel to all people.

WE ARE ALL FRIENDS OF JESUS - This is a children’s graffiti wall. It is the children’s way of telling that they are all friends of Jesus. Use long sheets of butcher paper or newsprint and draw a picture of Christ in the center using a transparency. The children can add handprints, messages, pictures or anything that tells how they feel about being a friend of Jesus.