

Jesus wants to be my friend forever

Bible Story

Follow Me

Matthew 9:9-12; Luke 5:1-11

Jesus chooses 12 people, from different jobs and families, to follow Him and become His friends, the disciples.



MEMORY VERSE

“I have called
you friends.”
John 15:15, NIV

Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Matthew 9:9-12 and Luke 5:1-11 or watch the video together.

Engagement Questions

- Who wants to be your friend forever?
- Jesus wants everyone to follow Him and be His friend. Name some people Jesus wants to be friends with.

Go to hillsideonline.com/kids to watch this week's video!

Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be friends with everyone. We pray that [name of person] will follow Jesus. And I pray that [child's name] will follow Jesus too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen.”



Weekly Parent Cues



Preschool

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



MorningTime

When you go into your child's room, cuddle them and say: "Good morning, [child's name]! After I get a big hug from you, I want you to follow me to breakfast, like Jesus' friends, the disciples, followed Him!"



CuddleTime

Cuddle with your child and pray: "God, thank You that Jesus wants everyone to follow Him. We pray that (name friends and family together) will follow Jesus."



DriveTime

While on the go, play follow the leader—visiting a park, going to and from your car, around your yard, etc. Talk about how Jesus asked 12 people to follow Him, and they did! They became His friends, the disciples.



Bath Time

Add four toy people to bath time. Put three of them in different places around the edge of the tub. The fourth toy will be Jesus. Show your child how to walk "Jesus" around the tub. Each time "Jesus" passes a toy person, "Jesus" will say, "Follow me" until you both have a toy person in each hand following "Jesus" around the tub. Talk about how Jesus wants everyone to be His friend forever and follow Him.

