

Toddler/Preschool/Pre-K

Extra Activities

Jesus and the Disciples Craft

What You Need:

- “Jesus” and “Disciples” Activity Page (included)
- sentence strips (included)
- scissors
- glue sticks

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give a sentence strip to your child. Help your child cut out the “Disciples” and “Jesus”. Put the “Jesus” at the start of the sentence strip. Talk about His friends, the 12 disciples. Show your child how to glue each of the 12 disciples onto the sentence strips.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today we learned about Jesus’ 12 special friends called the disciples. Did they follow Jesus? (Pause.) Yes! Let’s glue the disciples to our long sentence strip so we can add them to the page with Jesus!” They are following Jesus! We can follow Jesus, too. Tell me: **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus.**”

Create Disciples

What You Need: Play-Doh®

What You Do:

Give your child some play doh and have them make 12 disciples. Then have them make Jesus. Put Jesus at the front of the “line” and all the disciples behind Jesus.

What You Say:

After the Activity: “That took a LOT of work, didn’t it? Great job making all the disciples. We’ve been learning about the BEST person to follow. Who did the disciples follow? Jesus! That’s right. You can follow Jesus, and so can I! **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus.**”

Disciple Hide

What You Need:

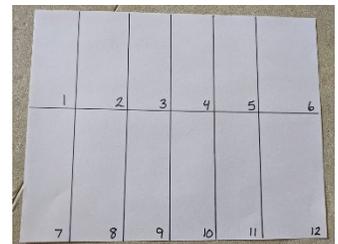
- 12 Little People® figures or any 12 items
- prepared sheet with spots for 12 people (see example)

What You Do:

Before Activity: Hide all of the figures around the room. Set out the paper.

What You Say:

“There are 12 people all around our room! Let’s go around and find all of the people and put them in each space on the paper until all the spaces are filled up. There are 12 spaces. Let’s count them. (Do activity.) Are you ready?” (Pause and continue activity.) “Nice work! We found all of the people. Today we heard a Bible story about 12 people who followed Jesus! They were called his disciples and they followed Jesus. **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus.**”



Toddler Tweaks

You may be thinking that there is no way your 2 year old will sit and do ANY of these activities....and you may be right! The age range from a Pre-K kid to a Toddler is a HUGE range! These activities were intended to be done in our Preschool and Pre-K rooms. Our Toddler classroom at Encounter is very flexible and while we DO teach a Bible story and engage our kids in crafts there are days where some (or all) the kiddos aren’t “participating” in the ideal way. Just remember that Toddlers can’t “turn off” their ears and may be listening even when you think they aren’t. Enjoy this time with them and follow their lead with what they find fun to do!