



MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

The Twelve Disciples

**MATTHEW 4:18-22, 9:9-10,
10:2-4; JOHN 1:43-49**

BIBLE WORDS

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

JOHN 15:12, NLT

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "I Can Follow Jesus" Activity Page, cardstock, washable ink pads, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "I Can Follow Jesus" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fill in the ovals leading to Jesus with their fingerprints. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look, there's a path on your paper leading to Jesus. Let's fill the path with your sweet fingerprints. Hold up one finger and dip it on the ink pad. Then, press it on your paper in one of the ovals. *(Pause.)* Keep going! Press your finger on the ink pad again as you need to until you fill in the whole path. Great job! [Child's name], you can follow Jesus because Jesus loves you. **Jesus loves everyone.**"