

Family

Jesus' Disciples (Tiny Truths pg. 132)

Big Idea

Jesus grew up with friends and family.

Music

J-E-S-U-S – Meeting House Kids

Start: Matching Pictures

Prep: cut out the matching picture card sets.

Supplies:

- Scissors
- Two sets of matching picture cards

- Spread out one set of cards face down on a table. Put the other set in a stack.
- Take turns taking a card from the stack, and then turning one over on the table to see if it's a match. If it is, keep the card and play again. If not, turn it back over and let the next person go. Keep going until all matches are found.
- Talk about our Big Idea: **Jesus grew up with family and friends.**

Watch:

Watch this week's video

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for sending us Jesus! Thank you that we can follow him just like his friends, the disciples, did long ago! Amen."

Craft: 2-3

Prep: cut out the linked disciples.

Supplies:

- Linked disciples printout (one string per person)
- Scissors
- Yarn or string
- Glue
- Crayons or markers

- Decorate the disciples however you wish (you can draw on faces and clothes, and use the yarn for hair!)
- On the back of your disciples write "**Jesus calls the disciples. Luke 5:1-11**" to remind you of today's Bible story.
- Fold the disciples where they connect at the hands to create a sort of "accordion" of disciples. You can stand this up somewhere in your room to remind you of church today!



Additional Activities

Maze

Supplies:

- Maze activity pages
- Markers

- Work on your mazes to bring Jesus and the disciples together!
- Reinforce the Big Idea: **Jesus grew up with family and friends.** His disciples followed him and learned from him – and they were also Jesus' friends!

True or False?

Supplies:

- 2 sheets of blank paper
- Marker
- Wall-safe tape

Prep: write "true" on one paper and "false" on the other. Tape on opposite sides of your space.

- Read aloud the following statements. Then everyone else goes to stand by which sign they think is right, "true" or "false". You can use the story to reference if needed (Tiny Truths Bible pg.132).
 - Jesus called 13 disciples. (F: he called 12)
 - One of the disciples was a tax collector named Paul. (F: his name was Matthew)
 - Jesus spent a lot of time teaching and being together with the disciples. (T: Jesus taught, lived, and travelled with them so they'd learn from him)
 - Jesus called the fishermen to give up fishing and follow him. (T)
 - Matthew was so happy that he had a big party and invited his friends and Jesus. (T)
 - All the disciples were perfect people. (F: Jesus loves and works with anyone, mistakes and all!)

Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Key verse sign
- Verse cards
- Scissors
- Bowl
- Clothespins or tape
- Twine or string
- Wall-safe tape

Prep: cut out the verse cards and place in a bowl. Create a clothesline.

- Review the key verse together (Matthew 17:5).
- Try and put the verse cards in the correct order. Then hang them on the clothesline to display.
- If you like, you could time each family member (or create teams) to see how quickly you can get the verse in order.