

The Rock, Sunday 27th September 2020

Disciples

Warm up

Dance to, join in with the actions and sing our Rock song.

This video has the words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcAG4PbNXaA>



This video has the actions: <https://youtu.be/8dbOgbRxC1M>

Getting started

Equipment

Timer

Explain that you will ask a series of questions which they need to answer, without using the words 'yes' or 'no,' neither can they nod or shake their head.

Ask a series of questions which naturally lead to a yes or no answer, for example:

- Do you like chocolate?
- Is it your favourite food?
- Are those trainers you're wearing?
- Have you been to school today?



Use the timer, to see how long they can play for, without using the word yes or no. Repeat the game by swapping over. Use the timer for each round, to check who most successfully avoids using the banned words.

The Point: Just for fun and to introduce the 12 disciples.

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Story/ teaching time

Equipment

Bible: Luke 5:1-11, pencils and pens,

Remind the children of the story of Jesus calling the fishermen to follow Him. They may be able to retell it very clearly themselves, or you may want to use Luke 5:1-11 or a story book Bible to share the story.



Ask the children what it meant for the fishermen to leave everything behind to follow Jesus; how do you think they felt? What did they have to give up? What do you think they understood about what it meant to follow Jesus? Allow the conversation to flow and encourage the children to share their own ideas or questions.

Now ask the children what it means for us to follow Jesus? Encourage them to share what it means to them to be a follower of Jesus. How do they stay close to Him? When is it easy or hard to follow Jesus? Again, encourage the children to share their own experiences or questions.

Distribute paper and pens and pencils and invite them to draw or write their ideas about what it meant for the disciples to follow Jesus and what it means for us to follow Jesus. Encourage the children to think about what this means to them, rather than all agreeing on the 'right' answer, and continue the conversation as you do so, responding to issues raised.

The Point: To tell the story and to provide space to think about what it means for us to follow Jesus.

Craft and activity ideas

1. Jesus calls Peter and the others to become fishers of men. From now on they will be making lots of disciples, all people who are also going to follow Jesus.

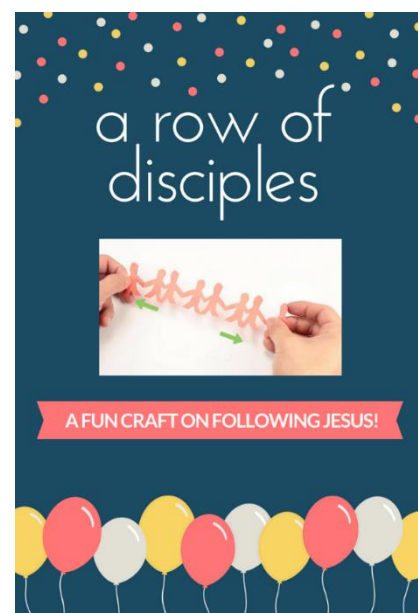
What do you need:

- strips of white paper
- pens and coloured pencils
- pairs of scissors

What to do:

Fold the paper into a concertina and draw the shape of the people on the uppermost fold with their arms going right up to the edge.

The children can cut out the shape, and if you fold it open you will have a whole row of people holding hands. They can then colour in all the people different



2. Equipment



paper and pens, coloured paper, tissue paper, old magazines, scissors and glue.

Design a picture/ collage showing lots of fish swimming in the sea.

3. Equipment

Play dough or clay.

Make fish shapes to discuss how each one of us is different and all loved by God

The Point: To respond to the teaching.

Prayer

Equipment

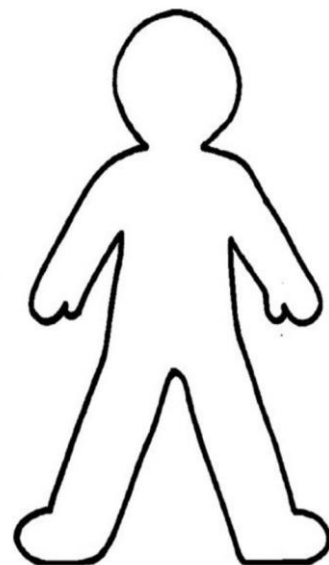
cut out 'person shapes', pens

Give each of child a paper person shape. Invite the children to hold their person in their hands for a few moments and think about what it means for them to be followers of Jesus. Remind the children that Jesus said to His disciples that He would make them fishers of people; that they would invite others to follow Jesus too. We have the same work to do; to share Jesus with our friends and family, and invite them to follow Jesus too.

As they hold the paper person in their hand, invite them to think about some of their friends and family, people they love that they would like to tell about Jesus. Ask them to write some of these names on the paper person.

Say a simple prayer - that God would give each of us the opportunity to share Jesus with our friends and family, that they might become followers of Jesus too.

The Point: To give the children the opportunity to pray for those they love.



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(Material taken from Energize by Urban Saints -
<https://www.energize.uk.net/>)