

(1) Come and See!

Just as Jesus' disciples were invited to join in his ministry, we are also given the choice to follow him. As we practice following him, we continue to make choices that lead us toward God's kingdom.

- What better way to practice following than to play a game of Follow the Leader. Try adding actions that reflect following Jesus.
- Do you have an event coming up that needs an invitation? Practice your invitation skills, even if it is to the rest of the family for dinner or friends for a playdate.
- It is important to know who we are following. Learn more about Jesus by reading and hearing stories about his life. Find a children's Bible or Bible storybook and learn all you can. Talk about the stories you like best.

Come and see Jesus! You are being invited to follow Jesus. Come and see who he is and what he does by learning more about him. Then invite others to "come and see" too. Follow the footprints. Each time the feet turn, follow the new direction to find your way to the finish.

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BIBLE STORY

Based on John 1:35–51

One day long ago, a man named John was standing with two of his followers. John was a prophet, someone who listened for God and shared God's words with other people. People who follow someone, help them, and learn from them are called *disciples*. John and his two disciples saw Jesus just walking along, and said, "Wow! Look! It's Jesus!" John's two disciples remembered what John had told them about Jesus, so they followed him.

Jesus looked at them and said, "Hey! What are you looking for?" The disciples asked, "Teacher, where are you staying right now?" Jesus said, "Come and see."

The disciples were curious, so they followed Jesus to where he was staying. They didn't leave him until the end of the day.

After he left Jesus, one of the disciples, Andrew, went to his brother, Simon, and said, "Hey! We met someone special today. He has been sent from God to us. His name is Jesus. Come and see!"

So Simon came and met Jesus. The funny thing is that, even though Jesus hadn't met Simon, Jesus already knew who he was. He said, "You're Simon. I'm going to give you a new name, Peter."

The next day, Jesus went into the city, Galilee, and he found another man named Philip. He told Philip, "Follow me." Philip was from the same town as Andrew and Peter, so maybe they knew each other.

Philip was curious about Jesus, and, just like Andrew, he told his friend Nathanael, "I met someone special today. He has been sent from God to us. His name is Jesus." Nathanael wasn't so sure about this, but Philip was excited. He told Nathanael, "Hey, just come and see!" When Nathanael got to Jesus, even though they hadn't met, Jesus knew Nathanael, just like he knew Peter. Nathanael was confused, "How do you know me?"

Jesus said, "I've seen you before, even before you came here."

Nathanael was amazed, and he knew Jesus was special and important, even if Nathanael didn't understand why. Jesus told Nathanael, "Do you believe me, that I've seen you before? If you follow me, you will see amazing things. I promise you that you will learn about God and learn more about me, if you come and see."

