



1 Live like a Disciple

WAYS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

To make disciples, we need to be disciples. Something about Jesus attracted the fishers to leave the familiar and follow him into the unknown. Something about the early Christians attracted others to risk joining a community whose leader had been executed by the state. People saw in Jesus and the early Christians what they wanted in their own lives. When Jesus' followers extend themselves in love, others want to be part of that story.

- Watch the YouTube video “Twelve Disciples (Song + Dance)” (bit.ly/FMTwelveDisciples, 1:33). Sing along and follow the motions as you learn the names of the first twelve followers of Jesus and what we are called to do.
- Did Jesus have disciples who were women? Yes! He did. Watch a brief YouTube video about a few of them, “Did Jesus Have Female Disciples?—Rebecca McLaughlin” (bit.ly/FMFemaleDisciples, 2:02). Look up the women she named in the video: Luke 8:1–3; Luke 10:38–42; John 12:1–8/Mark 14:9. To learn more about women disciples, together read about ways that they participated in the early church at bit.ly/FMEarlyChurchWomen. See if you can add a verse to the “Twelve Disciples” song above or use a familiar tune to make up your own song about the women who were followers of Jesus.

Dear God, help me live like a disciple, following Jesus, learning from him, and showing others through my words and actions that I am his. Amen.



Draw yourself and a friend in the spaces around Jesus.

Cross out disciple's names as you find them in the puzzle. Write the remaining letters in order on the lines below to complete the sentence. Note: There were two disciples named James.

Word Bank

Simon	Peter	Philip	James
Andrew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thaddaeus
James	Matthew	Matthew	Simon
John	Thomas	Thomas	Judas

J E S I M O N S U J S
 P S I J A M E S A O I
 H D M A T I J A M H T
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 L V N E H I D N N E O
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 B A R T H O L O M E W

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 “_____,

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Jesus said, “I am the vine, and you are the branches.”



BIBLE STORY

Based on John 15:1–8¹

Have you ever seen a field filled with grapevines? As Jesus and the disciples walked from village to village, they saw many fields of grapes called vineyards. He used the image of grapevines to teach about himself.

Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and God is the owner of the vineyard. All the branches that grow from me will live and bear grapes. God removes the dead branches to keep the healthy branches connected to me.

“You have been shaped by the good news that I taught you. Stay connected to me in the same way that I live in you. Branches do not live and produce fruit unless they are connected to the vine. You can do nothing if you are not alive in me.

“I am the vine, and you are the branches. Like the branches on the vine, as long as you are connected to me you will live and do loving things. If you stay connected to me, ask for what you need and you will receive it. You love God when you are connected to me. You remember God when your life bears fruit and you are my followers.”



1. “The True Vine,” in *Growing in God’s Love: A Story Bible*, ed. Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim, © 2018 Flyaway Books, 330. Used by permission.