

# **TODDLERS | AT-HOME ACTIVITIES | MARCH 2020**

Basic Truth | Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Bottom Line | You can follow Jesus.

Bible Verse | "'Come and follow me,' Jesus said." Matthew 4:19, NIrV

After watching the worship and Bible story video together, repeat these activities with your toddler throughout the month to reinforce this month's Bottom Line.

If you have other kids at home, you can get the whole family involved!

Download the *Parent Cue App* for additional activities and conversations for engaging with your child throughout the week.

#### **MAKE A LINE**

What You Need: Tape, various toys (like animals, dinosaurs, Little People, etc.)

What You Do: Use the tape to make a line on the floor. Have your child line their toys up on the line.

What You Say: "Let's see if we can line all of our friends up on the tape. This one is the leader and the rest can follow him. Let's count how many friends are following the leader. (do activity) Great job. Awesome following! Did you know that there is someone very special who asked us to follow Him? Jesus! You can follow Jesus."

### **FOLLOWING THE LEADER**

What You Need: Scarves or other similar objects (optional)

What You Do: Ask your toddler to follow you around the room. Vary how you move and encourage your toddler to mimic you (hop, crawl, slowly, while waving a scarf, etc). With older toddlers, you can switch roles and let him/her be the leader.

What You Say: "Let's play follow the leader! Follow me and try to copy what I'm doing. (do activity) Nice following! Did you know that there is someone very special who asked us to follow Him? Jesus! You can follow Jesus."

### I CAN FOLLOW JESUS

What You Do: Sing the song below to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

What You Say: "Come and sing a song with me!

"I can follow, yes I can, yes I can, yes I can.

"I can follow, yes I can.
"I can follow Jesus"

#### **COLOR THE LINE**

What You Need: Paper, Sharpie, crayons

What You Do: Draw a few lines on the paper with a Sharpie. Straight lines, squiggly lines, any kind of lines. Encourage your toddler to use their crayons to follow the lines you drew.

What You Say: "Would you like to color with me? I am going to draw some lines, and I want you to take your crayons and draw right on top of my lines. Can you draw on this line? (do activity) Great job following the line with your crayon. Do you know there is someone very special who asked us to follow Him? Jesus! You can follow Jesus."

## **FOOTPRINT CRAFT**

What You Need: Paper, washable inkpads or paint

What You Do: Option 1: Dip your toddler's feet into the paint or inkpad and place it on the paper to make a footprint. Repeat several times.

Option 2: Dip the side of your toddler's hand into the paint or inkpad. Place it on the paper (it will resemble the shape of a foot without toes). Encourage your toddler to use one finger to add toes to their footprint. Repeat several times.

**What You Say:** "When you followed me around the room, you used your feet. Let's make pictures of feet that we can follow! (*do activity*) These looks so good! Once our pictures are dry, we can set them around the room to make paths to follow."

"The disciples followed Jesus and saw Him do so many amazing things! They saw Him make sick people better. They saw Him feed people who were hungry. They saw Jesus be kind and loving to everyone. They watched Him. They followed Him. And when Jesus went away, the disciples did what Jesus did. And that's what you can do, too. You can follow Jesus."