

PARENT GUIDE

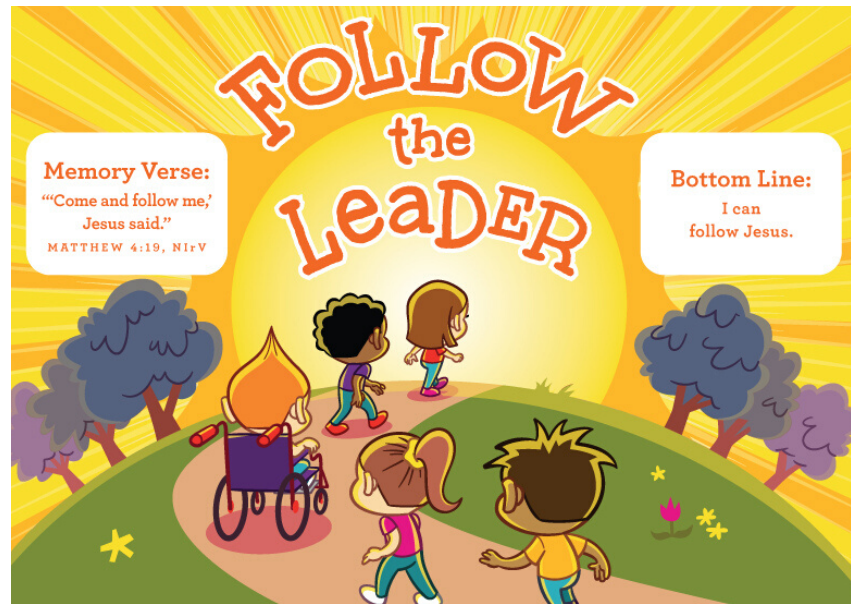
WAUMBA LAND – MARCH 15

MEMORY VERSE

**"Come and follow me,' Jesus said."
(Matthew 4:19)**

KEY QUESTION & BOTTOM LINE

**Who can you follow?
I can follow Jesus!**



FORT BUILDING COMPETITION FAMILY CHALLENGE

Since we are staying in this month, we have a competition for you! The family who builds the best fort with random objects you find around the house, will win a prize! Post a picture of your fort with the tag #ForStJohns to enter your family in the contest.

ACTIVITY: MOVE WITH ME

WHAT YOU NEED: PAPER, PEN/PENCIL

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Write down movements (clap, jump, walk, crawl, skip, jumping jacks, etc.) on pieces of paper and place in a bowl or dish.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pull out a card from the bag and lead your kids to follow you as they perform the same movement. Pass the bag around and allow other family members to serve as leaders, pulling a card from the bag and leading the rest of the group. Once all cards have been pulled from the bag, shuffle and return them to the bag to play again. Continue as time and interest allow.

WHAT YOU ASK AFTER: That was fun! You made great leaders and followers. Who is the most special leader of all? (Pause.) Yes, Jesus! Tell me: Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus."

ACTIVITY: STORY REFLECT

WHAT YOU NEED: BIBLE, MEMORY VERSE

"Our Bible story today was about a guy named Matthew. Jesus walked right up to Matthew and said, 'Follow me.' What did Matthew do when Jesus said, 'Follow me'?"

(Pause for response.)

"He sure did! Matthew got up and followed Jesus!" "Jesus wanted Matthew to follow Him, even though Matthew had made some wrong choices. Can we follow Jesus even if we have made wrong choices?"

(Pause for response.)

"We sure can! Jesus wants everyone to follow Him! And when we do, Jesus will help us make right choices. So tell me: Who can you follow?" Family all together: "I can follow Jesus!"

MEMORY VERSE: Practice the memory verse with motions and say this, "Did you hear that? Jesus wants you and you (point to each child as you continue to say 'you') to follow Him!"

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that Jesus wants us to follow Him, even though we have made wrong choices. And thank You that Jesus helps us make right choices. We don't want to do things like (read the list the children made). We want to follow Jesus and do what He does. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."