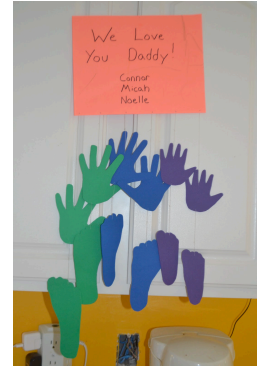


Following Jesus' Footsteps Craft

Mark 1:14-20

Materials:

- Dowel Rod "Mobile"
- Step Stool
- Footprint Template (1 per kid)
- Scissors
- Markers
- Hole Punches
- Yarn



Instructions:

1. *Before Class:* Suspend the "mobile" from the ceiling with the sign "I will follow Jesus" hanging from the center. Punch holes in the heel end of each foot.
2. Give each child a pair of footprints and read the life application below. Explain that we are decorating the feet as a reminder that we want to follow Jesus.
3. Let them color their footprints as they choose. It is a short class, so move fast.
4. Have each child write their name on the back of *each* foot and then cut each foot out individually.
5. Then help them to tie a piece of yarn through the hole on each foot then put a pretty big loop at the top of the yarn. String the sticks on the mobile through the yarn loops and let the feet dangle.
6. Leave the mobile hanging in the classroom.

Questions:

- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- What would you say if someone asked you to fish for a person?
- How can we follow Jesus?

Life Application:

Simon, Andrew, James, and John caught fish for a living. Every day they went out in a boat to catch fish with a net. But Jesus told the fishermen to follow him instead. Jesus wanted them to be his friends so he could teach them many things about God.

So, they left their nets and stopped catching fish. Jesus taught them that following him meant helping people to become close to God—by loving them and telling them about all of the cool things you know about God and Jesus.

God wants us to follow him too just like the other disciples. We can tell people what we know about what Jesus has done for us to bring us closer to God and help them to learn to love God too. Then, we are living the Great Commission too!

