



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCES FOR VIRTUAL CHURCH**

**MARCH 28 & 29, 2020**

The following are activities that can be done at home to have fun as a family. They go along with the Grace Kids virtual experience (Explore) offered on the Kids page of the Grace Church website ([www.gracechurchco.com/kids](http://www.gracechurchco.com/kids)). They require minimal supplies that can most likely be found around the house.

Another resource that is available:

- Parent Cue app (download for free from your phone's app store) or visit <https://theparentcue.org>

- Check out the Managing Fear and Anxiety During a Health Pandemic article

If we can support your family during this time of church being online, please feel free to contact me or any of the Family Ministries staff.

### **BLESSINGS,**

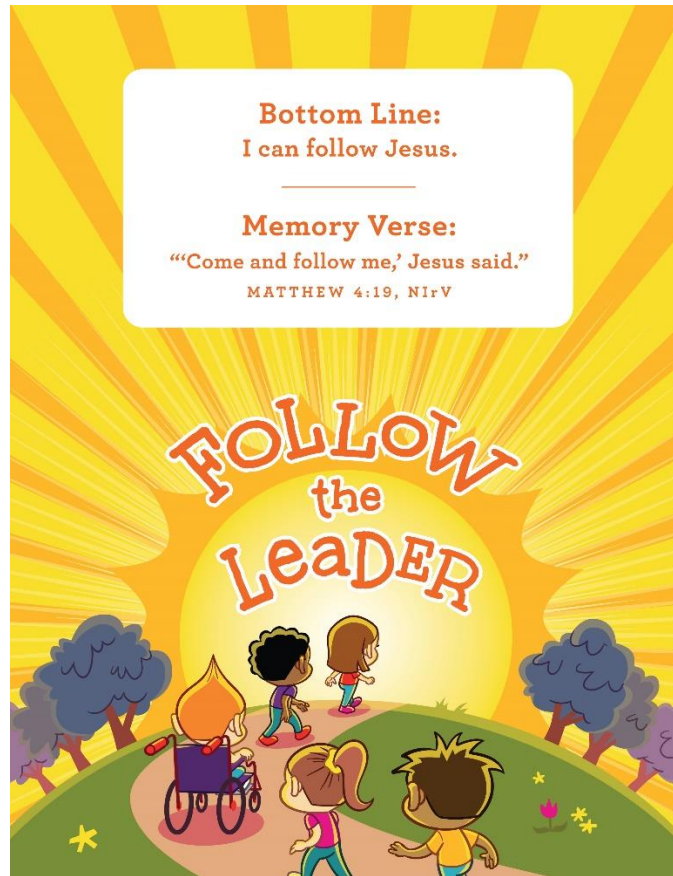
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## **MEMORY VERSE motions**

“Come, (Motion towards yourself with hand.)  
and follow me,’ (March.) Jesus said.” (Hold hands to mouth like yelling.)

Matthew 4:19 (Open hands like a book.)

## 1. Heart Pass

**What You Need:** Heart-shaped pillow. If you do not have a heart-shaped pillow, you can use a small pillow or a stuffed animal.

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Guide the children to sit in a circle.

*During the Activity:* Pass the heart pillow or stuffed animal around the circle as you say the memory verse. Repeat several times.

**What You Say:** Before the Activity: "We can follow Jesus by loving one another."

*During the Activity:* "We have something that we can pass around to each other. It reminds me of love (Hold up.) It can remind us that we can follow Jesus by loving one another. Let's say our memory verse as we pass the pillow." (Do activity.)

*After the Activity:* "Our memory verse tells us that we can follow Jesus. We can follow Jesus by loving one another. **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!**"

## 2. How Can You Love?

**What You Need:** An opaque bag or an empty box, a BAND-AID®, plastic play food items, a small toy, pen, and a piece of paper.

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Using the pen, draw a heart on the piece of paper and place it in the bag (or box). Gather all the items in the supply list and put them into the opaque bag or box.

*During the Activity:* Gather the children in the activity area to sit in a circle. Call on each child one at a time to come and pull an item from the bag and then share with each other how they might use that item to show love.

Examples:

Plastic play food: share a snack with a friend

BAND-AID: help a friend who is hurt

Small toy: share with a new friend

A heart: give someone a hug

*After the Activity:* Gather all the items back in the bag for clean-up.

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Come sit down over here with me. In our Bible story today, we learned that Jesus loves everyone! And when we follow Him, we can love everyone, too. In this bag, I have several items that you can use to show love to others. We can take turns by each reaching into the bag, pick an item, and then share how you might use it to show love to someone else.”

*After the Activity:* “You have SO many great ideas for showing love to others! I want to follow Jesus every day and show love to everyone, too. Jesus is the BEST leader to follow for sure. Tell me: **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus.**”

### **3. Family Prayer Time**

“Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves us and shows us how to love others. Help us to follow You so we can love everyone the way You loves us. In Jesus’ name, amen.”