



GLOSSARY

ASK: Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

SHARE: Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

EXPLAIN: This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

What Does A Disciple Do? (Mission)

'Come follow me and I will show you how to fish for people.'
Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

Chat

EXPLAIN: A disciple is a friend of Jesus who follows him.

SHARE: What do you think a disciple does when they are following Jesus?

ASK: I have followed Jesus by...

EXPLAIN: A disciple tries to be like Jesus.

SHARE: I find out about Jesus by...

ASK: What does Jesus do?

ASK: How do I know what Jesus does? I can't see him. What is he like?

EXPLAIN: When you read the Bible you might notice that sometimes Jesus said some pretty strange things. Once when he was talking to his fishermen friends he said that if they followed him he would teach them to fish for people.

ASK: I wonder what Jesus might have meant when he said this?

EXPLAIN: This might be a funny way to say it, but Jesus wanted his friends to tell other people about him.

EXPLAIN: A disciple helps others to know about Jesus.

ASK: What could you do or say to help others know about Jesus?

EXPLAIN: When we know about Jesus we can choose to be his friend and follow him. A disciple helps others to follow Jesus.

SHARE: I can remember a time when I told someone about/someone helped me to follow Jesus by... (Tell a short personal story)

ASK: Can you think of a way that someone has helped you to follow Jesus?

EXPLAIN: Explain A disciple helps other people. Sometimes we call this 'service'. Jesus asks us to help people even we are unhappy with them or don't like them very much.

SHARE: The ways that I most like to serve people are..

ASK: How do you most like to serve other people?

Activity

One of the ways that we can learn to live like Jesus is to copy the things that he did. Play a copying game where one partner mirrors the actions and expressions of the other. Swap roles and have fun with it.

Application

When you feel tempted to do or say something you know is wrong, STOP; TAKE A DEEP BREATH; THINK about what Jesus might like you to do or say instead.

Prayer

What would you like to talk to Jesus about?

What are you happy about?

Is there anything that is making you feel sad?

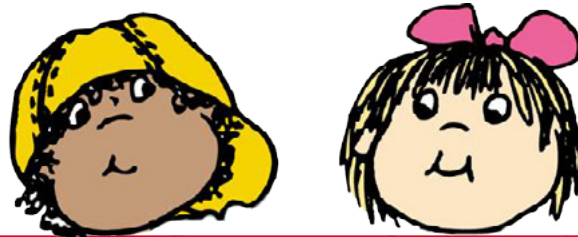
What can you thank Jesus for?

Is there anything you are sorry about?

Is there something you would like Jesus to help you with?

Who would you like to pray for?

Jesus, please help us to learn lots about how you lived so that we can try to live your way every day. Amen.



Tips for Using Little Chats

As children answer the questions they are voicing their thoughts to God. Remind them that Jesus hears our prayers. You don't need to ask all of the questions each time you use Little Chats but referring to a range each time will help children to learn about the breadth of prayer.

Use the suggested prayer or pray in your own words to model more formal prayer without minimising the importance of the informal prayer.

Remember to be aware of the teachable moments in everyday life, not just when using Little Chats, to have important conversations with children.

This resource provides a guideline for conversations. If children want to discuss things further keep the conversation going for as long as they are still interested.

Don't be afraid to tell a child that you don't know the answers to their questions. In these instance, offer to work together to learn the answer.

Print the journal and prayer pages and collect the completed pages in a folder. This will allow you to look back at how much you have learnt together.

Little Chats - What is a Disciple?

Journal

Draw a red **STOP** sign on your page and a green **GO** sign.

Around the Stop sign write or draw pictures of some things that you think Jesus would like you to stop doing or saying.

Around the Go sign write or draw pictures of some things that you think Jesus would like you to do more of.

Prayer

Draw some pictures or write words to answer these questions:

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Is there anything that is making you feel sad?

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