

# PRESS PLAY

## VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

### ELEMENTARY: TUESDAY

**Bible Story:** The Calling of the Disciples • Luke 5:1-11; 27-32

**Bottom Line:** I can have confidence because I belong.

**Memory Verse:** “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12 (NIV)

## CRAFT:

### DUCT TAPE DISCIPLE BRACELETS

All you need to make these one-of-a-kind bracelets is duct tape and washi tape. Kids will be making two bracelets—one to keep and remember their day at Push Play VBS, and one for a friend who was not able to be there. Kids will be challenged to give a bracelet to a friend, to tell them about how Jesus called the disciples, and to share anything else they learned at VBS this week. These bracelets are fast and easy to make—children should have plenty of time to make several of them. Depending on your supplies, consider allowing children to make more than two. Friendship bracelet kits can also be ordered online if that is a better fit for your VBS.

#### What you need:

- Duct tape (in lots of colors and patterns)
- Washi tape (the more colors and patterns, the better)
- Scissors

#### What You Do:

- Step 1:** Have kids cut a piece of duct tape that is 9” or 10” long. Fold it in half, sticky sides together. Each kid should have a long skinny strip of tape.
- Step 2:** Instruct kids to wrap the folded strip of tape around their wrist, making it big enough for them to get their hand through. Trim and tape the two ends together with another piece of duct tape. There should be a complete loop that can easily slide on and off the child’s wrist.
- Step 3:** Decorate! Let the kids cut and rip the washi tape/decorative duct tape to make patterns and designs.
- Step 4:** Invite kids to make a second bracelet. They will keep one of their bracelets and give the other to a friend who is not at Push Play VBS.

**What You Say:** “Have you been having fun at Push Play VBS? (allow for responses) What have been some of your favorite parts so far? (allow for responses) God has been doing incredible things here. In our Bible story today, Jesus asked His friends to follow Him and help tell the world about God. In today’s craft, you have made two bracelets—one for you to keep and wear, and one for you to give a friend who isn’t at VBS this week. When you give your friend the bracelet you made especially for them, be sure to tell them about what you did and what you learned at VBS. Be sure to share how you have confidence because you belong. **[Make it Personal] (Talk about a time when you told a friend about Jesus.)** Let’s say today’s **[Bottom Line]** together: **“I can have confidence because I belong.”**

# GAME:

## 1. FOLLOWER OF JESUS (INDOOR OR SMALL SPACE)

**What You Need:** cotton ball or something similar, chopsticks or pencils (2 per person) to use as chopsticks

**What You Do:**

Have the family members sit in a circle.

Start by having the first person hold the cotton ball with chopsticks.

Instruct the person who has the cotton ball to think of one way they can follow Jesus and share it with the rest of the family.

Pass the cotton ball to the next person using the chopsticks and have them share a way they can follow Jesus.

If the cotton ball drops on the floor, direct the family member who dropped it to just pick it up and keep going.

**What You Say:** “Jesus’ disciples did two things—they followed Jesus and they taught others to follow Jesus. We thought of some great ways we can follow Jesus too! We are following Jesus just like the disciples did—and we are doing the best we can, just like the disciples did. While we shared about ways we could follow Jesus, sometimes we dropped the cotton ball. But that was okay! That’s just a reminder that sometimes it’s hard to follow Jesus—but we should just keep going! The disciples didn’t always get things right. They messed up too. But they had confidence in following Jesus because He made sure they knew they belonged. **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am known.”**

*[Make it Personal] (Share a time when you struggled following Jesus or a personal story of how you know you belong to Jesus.)*

## 2. FOLLOWING THE LEADER (OUTDOOR OR LARGER SPACE GAME)

**What You Need:** scarf or towel, an “obstacle course” that is naturally around the space

**What You Do:**

Direct the family to stand in a line.

Bring out the scarf and have everyone hold on to it with one hand.

Instruct everyone to close their eyes and keep them closed as much as they can.

Tell them that you are going lead everyone around as they hold onto the scarf.

Lead your family on as challenging a course as your space and their abilities will allow.

Give kids a chance to be the leader and take the second place yourself (with your eyes closed too if you can!).

Pay attention to everyone’s strategies for navigating the course so you can ask about it afterwards.

**What You Say:** “How did it feel to follow the leader with your eyes closed? Was it scary? Exciting? Fun? (Pause and let your family members respond.) Were you able to keep your eyes closed? If you needed to open them, when? Why? Did you have confidence in where we were going?(Pause and let your family members respond.) When we follow Jesus, we can have confidence! **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am known.”**

*[Make it Personal] (Share a time when you struggled following Jesus or a personal story of how you know you belong to Jesus.)*