

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

**DISCIPLES DO LIFE
TOGETHER**

MEMORY VERSE

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." **Luke 9:23 (NLT)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

READ - Mark 1:17, Matthew 28:19-20

In Mark 1:17, we read about three things that help define someone who is a disciple of Jesus. To be His disciple you must first choose to follow Jesus. Then the second important part of being a disciple is that you are in the process of being made more like Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Third, being a disciple of Jesus means being on mission with Jesus. Jesus' mission was telling others about who He was. So if you are a disciple, you tell others about Jesus. **Remember: Disciples Do Life Together!**

DAY 2: THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

READ - 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

What if your feet decided they didn't need your eyes any more? Then, when you want to go somewhere, you wouldn't be able to see where you were going. Our body...well...needs our body! Disciples are like that. We were created and designed to be different, but work together as one. Each person who follows Jesus has a special role in the church, or the Body of Christ. And the Body of Christ needs each person to play their part and work together!

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DAY 3: STRONGER TOGETHER

READ - 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Sometimes we may think we need to be able to be successful on our own, or that we may seem weak if we ask someone for help. But God designed us to do life together. God has given each of us different gifts to serve the Body of Christ so that others are encouraged, cared for, and strengthened. Can you imagine what it would be like if you tried to do everything in life without anyone else's help? Create a poster all about what makes you unique, then think about how God can use what makes you unique to encourage and help others. **Remember: Disciples Do Life Together!**

DAY 4: SHARING EVERYTHING

READ - Acts 2:43-47

When disciples did life together, they helped meet each others' needs. They ate meals together. They got to know each other and became like family. It can be hard to put others first, or give up something I want so that someone else can have something they need, but that is part of what it looks like to follow Jesus. What are some ways you can do life with another follower, or disciple, of Jesus this week? **Remember: Disciples Do Life Together!**

DAY 5: GROW TOGETHER

READ - Acts 2:42

One of the most important things the church, or Body of Christ, does is spending time learning more about Jesus together, worshipping Him together, and telling others about Him together! The church isn't about a building! It is all about a community of people who believe in and follow Jesus together. When others see how we love God and each other, the church will grow. Who do you spend time with to learn more about God? Who can you pray with?

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ACTION HANDS CHALLENGE

Materials: paper, markers, scissors

The early church worked together so well, that every day people wanted to be a part of it. And if we work together like that, others will want to be a part of God's family with us. But it takes action! When Jesus was here, He used His hands to help. His family should act like Him by helping others too.

Create: Trace your hand on your paper and then cut it out. Think about one way you want to help someone this week. Be very specific with WHO you will help and WHAT you will help them with. Maybe you will help a parent, friend, sibling, aunt or uncle, grandparent, cousin, babysitter, etc. Write the name of the person on the bottom of your handprint and then draw or write what you will do for them in the middle of your handprint.

Challenge: Give your hand to the person you are going to help this week. God doesn't just want us to say we follow Him. He wants us to do things for each other to help and encourage each other. Disciples do life together!



GIVE UP YOUR OWN WAY

Materials: cross, marker/pen

Do you follow Jesus with your whole life? What is it in your life that keeps you from following Jesus? It could be that you just like getting your way too much, or maybe what other people think of you is too important. Maybe it's how you spend time on video games, or videos that you watch on YouTube when you know God wants you to be reaching out to someone. Take a few minutes to think about what it is for you.

After you have thought about it pull out your cross. If you are willing to give up something in your life that keeps you from following Jesus, then write or draw whatever it is on the cross. Ask God to help you to put Him and others first. Then, tell someone to help remind and encourage you to make the change. Remember, you were designed to do life with other disciples!



JIGSAW PUZZLE

Materials: paper, markers, scissors

Draw a picture of people in your life that are disciples of Jesus. Together they make up the church, the Body of Christ! Cut your picture up into a puzzle to play with.

It is always fun playing with a puzzle but it can be very annoying when you get to the end and find a piece or two missing, especially when there are 1,000 pieces! In order to complete the puzzle fully, you need all the pieces. Imagine that each of those pieces of puzzle represented a person within the body of Christ. Each of the pieces are different but they are all needed to help create the full picture!