



**MADE TO PLAY**

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



**FOLLOW THE LEADER**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:**  
• No supplies needed

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Peter Walks on Water**  
Matthaew 14:22-33

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**Jesus invited people to follow Him.**

**KEY QUESTION**

**What makes Jesus worth following?**

**MEMORY VERSE**

**"Whoever believes in me . . . rivers of living water will flow from within them."**  
John 7:38, NIV

**BASIC TRUTH**

**I can trust God no matter what.**

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Instruct the kids to stand.
- Choose one kid to be the "leader."
- Play "Follow the Leader."
- Instruct the "leader" to lead the class around the classroom or to stand still and lead the class in a series of movements/motions.
- Direct the rest of the kids to copy what the "leader" does.
- After a minute or so, say, "Freeze!"
- Instruct all of the kids to stop and freeze where they are.
- Thank the "leader," of that round, for a job well done and choose a new leader.
- Then play "Follow the Leader" again.
- Continue switching leaders until each kid has had a turn to be the leader.
- Direct the kids to take a seat as you wrap up.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"That was fun! When you follow someone, you want to make sure they're leading you in the right direction! Guess what? Jesus is worth following because He will always lead you in the right direction! **Jesus invited people to follow Him.** The more we learn about Jesus' life on earth, the more we will see that He deeply cared about people. He helped them, loved them, and provided for their needs. Jesus is our great example and there is no One better to follow than Him!"



**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



**PRAY AND DISMISS**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- **Prayer Card: Day 2** (Located in Kids' Bags)
- **Pins** (If you haven't already, pass out pins for day two and attach to lanyards)

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**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Make sure kids have their prayer card and pin for day two.
- Point out the "wave" symbol on the prayer card and pin.
- Remind kids that **Jesus invited people to follow Him.**
- Say: "When we choose to follow Jesus—when we do what He did, and love like He loved—we can make waves and change the world around us!"
- Encourage the kids to hold their prayer cards as you close in a call-and-response prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Let's pray. Repeat after me.

God, thank You for loving us!  
*(God, thank You for loving us!)*  
Help us to follow Jesus.  
*(Help us to follow Jesus.)*  
We want to make waves,  
*(We want to make waves,)*  
to change the world around us.  
*(to change the world around us.)*  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
*(In Jesus' name we pray.) Amen!*  
*(Amen!)*