

SNACKS | DAY 2

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)

FISHERS OF MEN SNACK

What You Need: pretzels, Hershey's Kisses candies, and Goldfish crackers

What You Do:

- Hershey's Kisses candies:
 - Preheat an oven to 175 degrees F.
 - Arrange the pretzels on a baking sheet.
 - Place a candy on the center of each pretzel.
 - Warm the pretzels in the preheated oven until the candy is shiny and slightly soft—about 2 minutes.
 - Remove from oven and press a Goldfish cracker into the chocolate.
- Chill in the refrigerator to set for 10 minutes.

What You Say: "When Jesus met Peter, what was Peter doing? (Pause for responses.) Yes, he was fishing! Jesus asked Peter to follow Him and begin to fish for people instead of catching fish. Jesus wanted Peter to know that He loved him and that he belonged! Jesus loves us too. **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I belong."**

At Home Rec Day 2

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.)

CRAFTS | DAY 2

FINGER-KNITTING DISCIPLE BRACELETS

Finger knitting has become all the rage as we've been at home this past year. Kids have been finger-knitting blankets and even sweaters. In today's crafts, kids will use finger knitting to create special friendship bracelets—just using yarn and their fingers. They will have fun learning how to weave and create a one-of-a-kind bracelet. 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. (If there is not enough time to make two bracelets, instruct kids to make one to give a friend.) The kids will be challenged to give a bracelet to a friend, to tell them how Jesus called the disciples, and to share anything else they have learned at VBS. Friendship bracelet kits can also be ordered online if that is a better fit for your VBS.

What you need:

- Yarn (in lots of fun colors)
- 3 straws per child
- Masking tape
- Scissors
- Wooden skewers

What You Do:

- Step 1: Tape the ends of 3 straws together so that they are side by side, just like in the photo below.
- Step 2: Cut three pieces of yarn, about 3 times the length of your straws. Thread one piece of yarn through each of the straws using the wooden skewer to push it through. Tie the ends of the three pieces of yarn into a knot. Leave a little extra yarn after your knot—about 2 to 3 inches—so you can tie them into a bracelet at the end.
- Step 3: Tape the straws to the table using masking tape.
- Step 4: Using another piece of yarn from the ball of yarn, tie a knot around the top straw.
- Step 5: Start weaving. Take your yarn under the middle straw, then over the bottom straw. Then go under the bottom straw, over the middle straw, and under the top straw. Repeat the pattern: Go over the top straw, under the middle straw, and over the bottom straw. Repeat. Every 3 to 4 lines, push your yarn towards the tape, and pull the yarn to make sure the loops are snug. Continue until the straws are covered in yarn.
- Step 6: Cut the yarn, then tie it in a single knot around the straw you finished weaving on. Don't double knot it yet. You just want it to stay in place while you pull it off the straws.
- Step 7: Remove the tape holding the straws to the table. Then remove the tape holding the straws together. Carefully slide the woven loops off the straw. Push them off towards the end of the three pieces of yarn that were knotted together before you started weaving. Find the end of the yarn where you finished weaving, and tie it in another knot around the yarn it was woven around. This time you can tighten the double knot to keep it in place. You should have 4 pieces of yarn at the end where you finished. Tie them into a knot, as close to the woven bracelet as you can.

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 a bracelet. You can choose to keep the bracelet, or you can give it to a friend who isn't at VBS this week. When you give your friend the bracelet you made for them, be sure to tell them about what you did and what you learned at VBS. Be

sure to tell them 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."

PRESS ▶ PLAY

GET IN THE MIX



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Craft Rotation: Day 2

**Finger Knitted
Disciple Bracelets**

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MEMORY VERSE

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LIFE APP

Confidence—Learning to see yourself as God sees you.

PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Index card & colored marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- In colored marker, invite the kids to write the word "**belong**" on today's card.
- As the kids write, ask:
 - Where or who makes you feel like you belong? (Some suggestions might include: their family, a specific person, church, sports team, school, clubs)
 - How does it make you feel to know you belong? (some suggestions might include safe, known, confident, bold, loved)
 - If they have room, they can write another word to represent how they feel when they belong or where they belong.
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You for giving us places and people who make us feel like we belong. We are grateful that we always have a place to belong with You and with the family of God. Thank You for making us feel loved, safe, known, and confident. Thank You that [Bottom Line] **I can have confidence because I belong**. Please work through us to help others feel the same way. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

TRAVEL TIME

As you go through the rest of the day, use the following questions to keep the conversation going, and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning.

WHAT YOU SAY:

- Where are some places you feel like you belong?
- What does confidence feel like? Is it strong like a lion? Or shy like a mouse?
- How do you know you're feeling confident?

Journal & Prayer

DAY 2

