



Mission: VBS

Baptist Medical Missions International

MISSION LESSON DAY 3: DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE VERSE:

Luke 9:23 - Then he said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

THINGS YOU MIGHT USE:

- Play the game Simon Says

To begin the lesson, you can either put children into groups, or keep them together in one large group. Play the game Simon Says. You can play several times allowing different kids to be Simon.

ASK: WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

When you hear the word "discipleship," what word do you think of? Disciple, right?

A disciple means being a follower of Jesus Christ.

When you use the word "disciple" it describes missions, and when you use the word "missions" it means to make disciples.

How many disciples did Jesus have in the Bible? 12

Can you name one of Jesus' disciples from the Bible? _____

In the Bible verse we looked at earlier, which two words literally mean disciple? "Follow me"

* Ask how playing the game Simon Says might be similar to being a disciple. You can explain to them that in the same way that we can't continue to do well in the game unless we obey Simon, it's the same in the life of a disciple. Things don't go well unless we obey Christ and him only.

* Let's talk about the lives of a few of Jesus' disciples: Andrew followed Christ by bringing others to Jesus. Judas Iscariot was a traitor and was disobedient in following Christ. Even when we are a disciple of Christ, we will still sin and be disobedient at times, but our heart should be striving to always follow Christ in every instance and in every decision. When we fail, we repent, confess our sin, and then continue in the discipleship process.

ASK: HOW DOES DISCIPLESHIP RELATE TO MISSIONS?

It's all the same! You cannot have one without the other. Discipleship is the mission, and our mission is discipleship.

REMEMBER...

Discipleship happens when Jesus has changed you from the inside out. Discipleship is an outward expression of what Christ has done for us on the inside. Discipleship is being a follower of Christ.