

Faith Talk

I am Multiplying Disciple Makers

"Follow Me." Matthew 4:19

Things you'll need:

- Expanding sponge capsules (or similar)
- Cup/bowl of water
- Zip baggies
- Cotton balls
- Pinto beans (or other dry beans, seeds, etc.)

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The term "disciple" means "learner or pupil." When Jesus asked Peter to "follow" Him, Jesus was asking Peter to be His disciple. This invitation to "follow" included an interesting statement, *"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."* (Matthew 4:19)

As we follow Christ we will want to tell others about Him!

Parents are the primary disciple makers for their children. The following object lessons provide opportunities to discuss what it means to make disciples.

Discuss how a sponge absorbs water and often takes on a new shape. Put the sponge capsule in water and watch it grow. As we follow Christ, He will change us. *"...growing in every way more and more like Christ,"* Ephesians 4:15.



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Building Faith at Home

In the second activity, you will observe growth out of a “dead seed.” When the time is right, the seed will show new life.

Saturate 8 cotton balls (or enough to cover the bottom of the baggie). Add 5-10 beans and close the baggie, leaving a small opening for air. Tape the bag to a window that gets 50% sun. Wait and watch.

Within a few days, some of the beans will sprout and shoots will appear. Use the following discussion questions as a guide.

- What conditions must be present for the bean to sprout?
- Why would some beans not sprout?
- Plants need light, air, water, and “food” to grow. We supply the light, air, and water, but where is the food? (The nutrients are stored within the seed itself.) When we become a Christian, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us. He provides the “nutrition” needed to grow.

“The Holy Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what He teaches is true—it is not a lie.” 1 John 2:27

- How can we provide the light, air, and water for other people to follow Christ?
 - Jesus is the Light of the World.—John 8:12
 - Jesus gives breath and life—Acts 17:25
 - Jesus is the Living Water—John 7:37-39

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 11:1

Set an example for your kids as you make disciples both inside and outside your home. Discuss ways your children can follow Christ and set an example for their friends.