

Holy Habits – Making Disciples

When asked in Luke 10:27 Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is this, to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbour as yourself.” Becoming a disciple, and in return making disciples, is about teaching ourselves and others to love God, learn to love ourselves and to show and demonstrate that love to others. Surrendering ourselves to be built up spiritually by God because we love Him and He loves us.

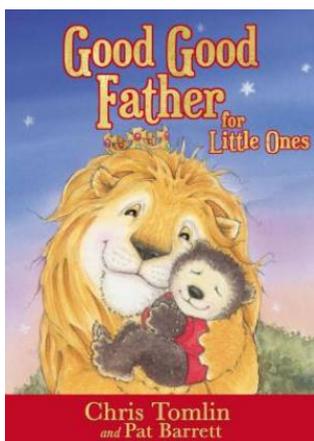
Ultimately a disciple is a follower of Jesus – someone who has decided to put God front and centre and live as Jesus taught us to.

The Diocese of Oxford have collated an excellent list of resources for all ages on discipleship. It is easily split into age groups and group type!

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/discipleship-resources.pdf>

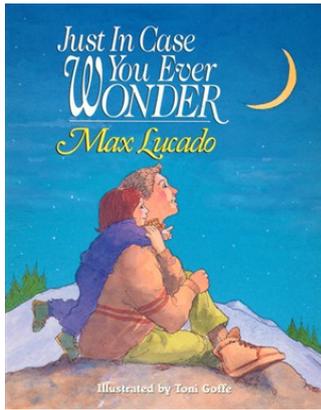
Resources for Under 5's

It is important that under 5's understand God's love for them, if they learn that from an early age, this will help them grow into disciples.



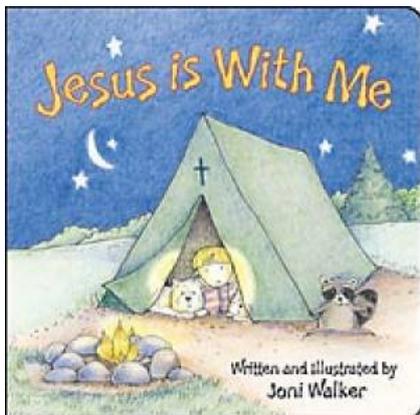
Good Good Father for Little Ones – Chris Tomlin

Based on Chris Tomlin's worship song by the same name, this book shows children what a good father, God is. Using role model metaphors, it puts God in images of warrior, teacher, doctors etc. With images like that, your children will learn that God is absolutely someone to follow!



Just In Case You Ever Wonder – Max Lucado

Another book that teaches your young children about God’s love for them. This beautiful book introduces young children to the knowledge that God will always be there for them.



Jesus is with Me – Joni Walker

A great little book to help children grasp the understanding that Jesus is there for them....always. This book helps children to get to know Jesus... and then from that source, we can encourage them to follow what he teaches them.

Resources for under 11's



Sunday School Zone

As this site explains, discipleship is “the process of incorporating Jesus' teachings into one's habits and life.” There are so many examples of The Twelve (12) doing this throughout the gospels. This link takes you to some very simple activities and worksheets that demonstrate discipleship in the gospels.

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/concept/discipleship/>



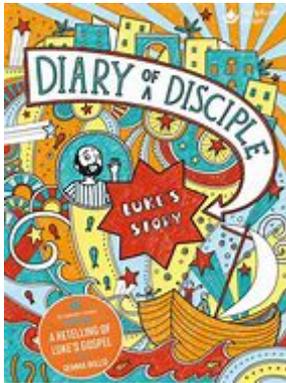
DLTK kids

This is a great website with lots of sessions on many bible lessons. The link here is for sessions on Jesus calling the 12. Introducing children to the disciples Jesus called, allows children to see discipleship in action.

TOP TIP: When doing sessions on the disciples, it's always good to remind the children of the broader understanding of what a disciple is. The 12 were Jesus' disciples. They lay down their life to follow Jesus and the Gospel stories explains how. We are also disciples, just like the 12.

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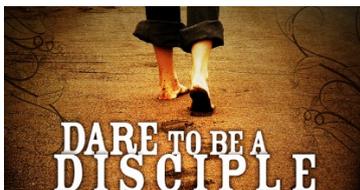
Tween age years



Diary of a Disciple (Multiple) –Gemma Willis

To help with that tween age, why not get them reading the 'Diary of the Disciple' books? Use them as a resource to discuss what a disciple is. What qualities do they see demonstrated? What flaws? Use these discussions to start to paint a picture of a disciple. Someone who aims to learn from Jesus, do what Jesus teaches us, but doesn't always get it right...but that's ok! Maybe get them to write 'A week in the life of a disciple diary' based on their own life?!

Resources for over 11's



Ministry to Youth

Great online resource for use with your youth group or Sunday School. This lesson raises points and questions on discipleship.

<https://ministrytoyouth.com/youth-group-lessons-discipleship/>