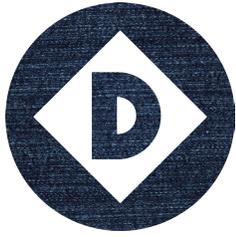


DISCIPLES



“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24-25



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TOPIC

Sharing

DISCIPLE

Andrew

BIBLE STORY

Andrew Shares Jesus with Peter

John 1:35-42

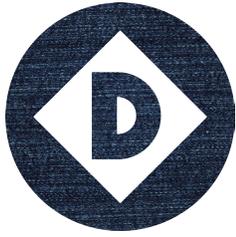
TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

I will share Jesus with everyone I know.

WEEKLY VERSE

“Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn’t preach the Good News!”

1 Corinthians 9:16



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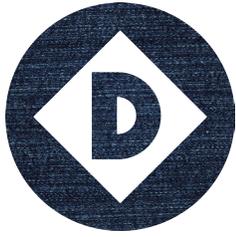
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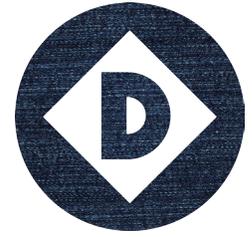
The skits will require two people. One person will play themselves (the straight character), and the other person will play the funny character. It works best if you can find a person willing to commit to being the character for the entire series.

Character Bio

The character's name is Minion Maddie. If a male is playing the character consider calling them Minion Mark or Minion Matt. Minion Maddie loves minions so much that she decided she wants to become one herself. Her goal in life is to become more like a minion in every way. Consider putting your character in a yellow shirt, overalls, black shoes, black gloves, a yellow hat, and goggles. Extras: Add minion accessories, wear a minion shirt, decorate minion shoes, go all out.



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Leader: How is everyone doing today? *Allow kids to respond.*

Minion Maddie: *Comes in with a banana.*

Leader: Oh hi again, Maddie!

Minion Maddie: Um, it's Minion Maddie remember?

Leader: Of course. How are you this week?

Minion Maddie: I'm doing great! My minion training is in full swing.

Leader: That's good, I guess. Does that banana you are holding have anything to do with your "minion training"?

Minion Maddie: Why, of course it does! Minions love bananas!

Leader: That is true. You know who else loves bananas?

Minion Maddie: Me!

Leader: I was going to say that I love bananas. They are one of my favorite fruits.

Minion Maddie: That's cool. Maybe you should be a minion in training too!

Leader: Yeah... I don't think so. You know, I'm pretty hungry. I didn't get a chance to grab anything for breakfast on the way to church today.

Minion Maddie: Oh, that's a bummer for you. *Begins to peel banana and eat it.* I sure am glad I remembered to bring my banana.

Leader: Well, that banana looks pretty big. Don't you think there is enough banana there to share with me?

Minion Maddie: I don't think so! Minions never share their bananas. That's Minion 101 right there.

Leader: Hmm. I'm not sure you should be trying to become just like a minion in every way. Minions definitely have some bad habits they need to work on. I think not sharing is one of those habits.

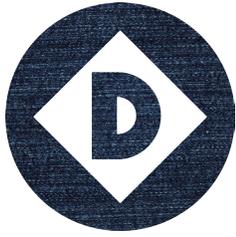
Minion Maddie: I don't know about that. Minions are awesome so everything they do must be awesome too!

Leader: That's definitely not true. We are learning all about Jesus' disciples and are working on becoming the best disciples we can be. However, even Jesus' disciples weren't perfect. They made mistakes too. We all do.

Minion Maddie: You might be on to something there. Minions can do some really weird things. Maybe I need to be more careful about choosing what character traits I want to portray.

Leader: Wow! I'm kind of impressed.

Minion Maddie: What? Just because I'm a minion in training doesn't mean I don't have a brain. Minions can be



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pretty smart too you know!

Leader: Maybe some of them...

Minion Maddie: Well, it's been fun, but I have to go practice my banana eating skills. I'll see you next week.



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GAME: BANANA MOUTH

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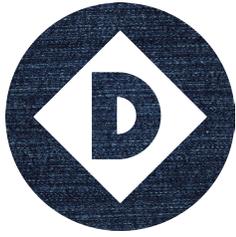
- Runts Candy
- Bowls (1 per kid)
- Table
- Disposable Tablecloth (optional)

Setup

- Set up a table on your stage or wherever you will be playing the game. You may want to cover the table with a disposable tablecloth to avoid sticky candy getting on your table.
- Fill each bowl with runts candy and set it on the table. Make sure that each bowl has an even amount of banana runts in it.

How To Play

1. Choose 2 kids from each team to play the game.
2. Have each kid stand behind a bowl of runts with their hands behind their back.
3. When the leader says go, kids begin trying to pick only the banana runts out of the bowl using their mouths and spit it on the table next to them.
4. The first kid to get all the banana runts out of their bowl wins.



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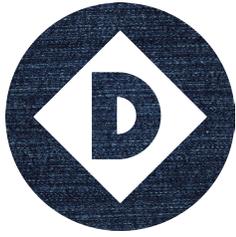
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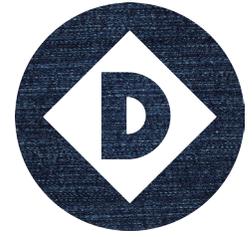
- A Bible in your preferred version (this curriculum uses the NLT version primarily)
- Banana Mini Movie Clip prepared
- Twinkie
- Knife

Introduction

How many of you like sharing? *Allow kids to respond.* Is it easy for you to share everything? *Allow kids to respond.* Well, last week we learned from Peter's example what it means to be bold about following Jesus. This week, we will be talking about the importance of sharing the good news about Jesus with everyone we know. Just like some people are better at being bold about following Jesus, some people find it more natural to share their faith with others. Sharing Jesus with others is probably one of the most important parts of being a disciple or follower of Jesus. Let's check out this mini movie to see how well minions share with each other. *Play Banana Mini Movie.* It's pretty obvious that minions are not good at sharing their bananas. Luckily, minions are not our role models for sharing Jesus with others. Most of Jesus' disciples were great examples of sharing Jesus with everyone they met. Who has heard of Andrew? *Allow kids to respond.* Does anyone know anything about Andrew? *Allow kids to respond.* Andrew was Simon Peter's brother, the same Peter we talked about last week. In comparison to the 205 times Peter's name is mentioned in the Bible, Andrew is only mentioned 14 times. Seriously. However, Andrew was still in Jesus' top three closest disciples. Most of the times Andrew's name is mentioned, it's along with his brother, Peter or in a long list of the other disciples. He's even referenced as Peter's brother a couple of times. How would you like to be known as someone's brother instead of just being known for you? *Allow kids to respond.* Andrew may not seem as "important" as his brother Peter, but he played a huge role in Peter coming to follow Jesus in the first place.



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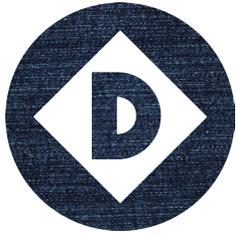
Bible Story

Let's turn to John 1:35-42 to learn more about how Andrew shared Jesus with Peter. Andrew was originally a disciple of John the Baptist, but all of that changed one day when he met Jesus. Let's read verses 35-40 together to find out what happened that day. "The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, 'Look! There is the Lamb of God!' When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. Jesus looked around and saw them following. 'What do you want?' He asked them. They replied, 'Rabbi' (which means "Teacher"), 'where are you staying?' 'Come and see,' he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus." When Andrew found out that Jesus was the Lamb of God, the Teacher they had been waiting for, he dropped everything, stopped following John the Baptist, and followed Jesus. Andrew must have known that Peter was bolder, more well-known, and always seemed to get more attention than him. It would have been easy for him to keep Jesus all to himself, and just let Peter keep on fishing away. What would you have done if you were Andrew? *Allow kids to respond.*

Well, let's find out what Andrew did next in verses 41-42. "Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means 'Christ'). Then, Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, 'Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas' (which means 'Peter')." It doesn't seem like Andrew hesitated for a moment. He had found the absolute best person in the world to follow, Jesus, and he couldn't keep it to himself.

Life Application/Object Lesson

Pull out twinkie and open it up. I really love twinkies, but I only have this one left. Who wants it? *Allow kids to respond.* That's what I was afraid of. If I try to cut this twinkie up into pieces so I can share it with all of the people who just raised their hands, we wouldn't even get a decent size bite. I don't even like sharing my food with one person, let alone a whole group of people! I'm so glad that sharing Jesus with people isn't like sharing food. There

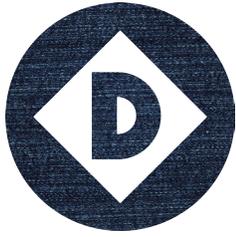


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will always be more than enough Jesus for everyone. Let's imagine for a moment what would have happened if Andrew had not shared Jesus with his brother, Peter. Peter was just one person, but the amount of people he was able to share Jesus with during his lifetime was in the thousands. The examples Andrew and Peter set as disciples of Jesus are still impacting people's lives today, thousands of years later. If we have chosen to follow Jesus and have Him living inside of us, we should want to share Him with everyone we know. Who knows how many people will choose to follow Jesus because you shared Him with even just one person. Let's pray and ask God to help us to be disciples who are willing to share Jesus with everyone we know. *Optional: Give a salvation prayer for any kids who have not chosen to follow Jesus yet.*



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GAME: BALLOON BUDDIES

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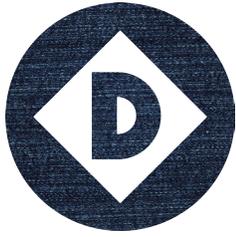
- Lots of yellow balloons
- Tape or cones

Setup

- Blow up the balloons and put them in black bags so they are not a distraction to the kids when they enter the room.
- Put pieces of tape or cones where you would like the kids to start and finish the race.

How To Play

1. Everyone can play this game.
2. Break the kids into two teams and have them pair up with a partner on their team.
3. Give each team a yellow balloon.
4. Partners will have stand back-to-back with their balloon between them.
5. Teams will race, two pairs at a time, down to the finish line and back to their team with their balloon between them the whole time. If they drop their balloon, they must pick it up and keep going.
6. Keep playing until all the pairs have gone. The first team to finish the race wins.

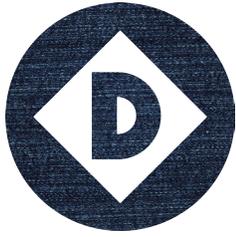


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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Is sharing easy for you?
2. What are you bad at sharing?
3. Does sharing Jesus with others make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?
4. If your best friend wasn't a Christian, would you want to share Jesus with them? How would you do it?
5. Optional: Look up these verses about sharing Jesus and discuss them as a group.
 - Matthew 28:19-20
 - 1 Peter 2:9
 - 1 Peter 3:15
 - Psalm 96:2-4



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of our current series?

Answer: Disciples

2. Who was the disciple who told Simon Peter about Jesus?

Answer: Andrew

3. How many times is Andrew's name mentioned in the Bible?

Answer: 14

4. What is Today's Takeaway?

Answer: I will share Jesus with everyone I know.

5. Where is our theme verse for the Disciples Series found in the Bible?

Answer: Matthew 7:24-25