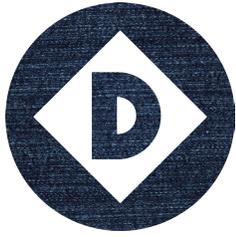


DISCIPLES



“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

Humility

DISCIPLE

Mary (from Bethany)

BIBLE STORY

Mary Anoints Jesus

John 12:1-8

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

I will serve Jesus with a humble attitude.

WEEKLY VERSE

“If you are wise and understand God’s ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.”

James 3:13



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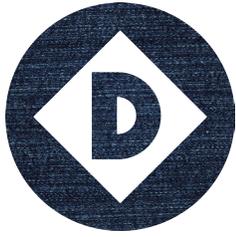
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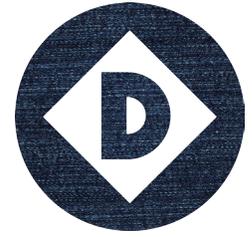
The skits will require two people. One person will play themselves (the straight character), and the other person will play the funny character. It works best if you can find a person willing to commit to being the character for the entire series.

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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SKIT

Leader: Hey kids! So, last week when we saw Minion Maddie, she was thinking about quitting her minion training because it was requiring her to give up a lot of things she cared about. I wonder how she is doing this week?

Minion Maddie: *Comes in looking upset again.*

Leader: Oh, hi Maddie! Wait, you still look upset. Did you decide to go back to minion training last week?

Minion Maddie: Yes, but I really don't want to talk about it.

Leader: Why not? Last week you seemed excited to finish up your training over the next four weeks. What changed?

Minion Maddie: I said I don't want to talk about it! Let's just say that minion training is not going the way I expected it to go.

Leader: And how exactly did you expect your minion training to go?

Minion Maddie: Well, I guess I just thought that I would be the best, most amazing minion in training that the world had ever seen!

Leader: Those are some pretty high expectations.

Minion Maddie: Not really. I really do believe that I am the best, but nobody else seems to notice. They keep asking me to do annoying jobs like clean up all the banana peels on the floor and sew the buttons back on the minion overalls. Those are lame jobs that somebody else who is not as good of a minion as me should be doing. It's just ridiculous. I think I might really quit this time if someone doesn't start giving me the jobs I deserve!

Leader: Whoa there, Maddie, can I be honest with you for a moment?

Minion Maddie: I guess so.

Leader: It seems like your attitude is not in the right place for serving your leader, whoever they are.

Minion Maddie: What do you mean? Don't you think that the best minion in training should get the best jobs?

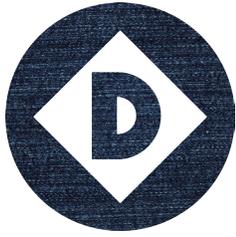
Leader: It might seem that way to you, but you know how we are learning to become better disciples of Jesus?

Minion Maddie: Yeah, I do remember you telling me about that.

Leader: Jesus told his disciples and us that if we want to be first we have to be willing to be the last. We have to be willing to serve others.

Minion Maddie: You have to be last to be first? That makes no sense at all!

Leader: True, but what Jesus is trying to say is that he "promotes" and blesses those who are willing to be humble



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and serve Him and others in any way. Even if that means doing the jobs no one else wants to do.

Minion Maddie: I still don't quite understand, but I guess I should have a better attitude. I really don't like picking up old banana peels, but someone has to do it. I will be the best banana peel picker upper they have ever seen! *Runs off stage.*

Leader: I guess that's the spirit!



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GAME: NOODLE KNOCK

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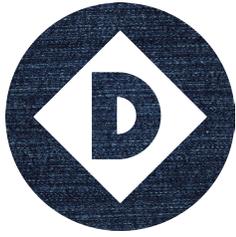
- **Two pool noodles (yellow is preferred)**
- **Two hats (yellow is preferred)**

Setup

- **No setup is required.**

How To Play

1. **Choose 2 kids to play in each round.**
2. **Give each kid a noodle and hat to put on their heads.**
3. **The kids will have one minute to try to knock the hat off their opponent's head before their hat is knocked off.**
4. **The round is over when a hat is knocked off or the minute is up. Give points or a prize to the kid who wins each round.**
5. **Play additional rounds with new kids.**



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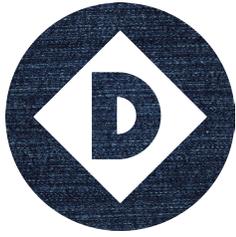
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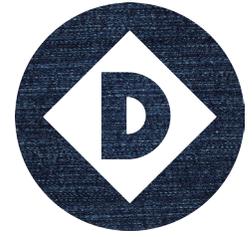
- A Bible in your preferred version (this curriculum uses the NLT version primarily)
- Minion Unicorn Toy Clip from Despicable Me prepared (37:57-39:42)
- Bag of chips or other snack
- Chair
- Large bucket or container
- Large jar (filled with water)
- Towel
- White board or poster board
- Marker

Introduction

Have you ever met someone who only cares about themselves and loves being in the spotlight? *Allow kids to respond.* Have you ever met someone who always seems to think about others and do nice things for them? *Allow kids to respond.* Which of the two types of people I just mentioned would you rather hang out with? *Allow kids to respond.* The first type of person I mentioned is a great example of someone who is prideful. They only think about themselves and how they can get ahead of everyone else around them. The second type of person I mentioned is an example of a person who is humble. A person who shows humility thinks of others before themselves, and is not concerned about being better than anyone else. Do you think Jesus would want us to follow him with an attitude of pride or humility? *Allow kids to respond.* The minions were willing to do just about anything for their leader. It wasn't always glamorous or one of the best jobs either. Let's take a look at this week's clip to see one of the things the minions were willing to do for their leader. *Play Minion Unicorn Toy Movie Clip.* The minions proved that there was nothing too embarrassing or small that they wouldn't do for their leader. Each week in our Disciples series, we have looked at a different disciple or follower of Jesus. This week, we are going to learn about a woman who followed Jesus and showed some of the other disciples what it means to serve Jesus with an attitude of humility. Her name was Mary. Now, hold on for a moment. If you read the New Testament, especially the Gospels that



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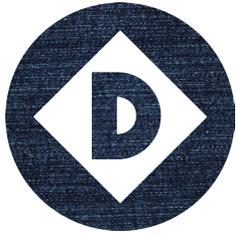
talk about when Jesus was here on Earth, you will notice there are a few people named Mary. Mary was a super common name back in Jesus' day. The Mary we are talking about is the Mary who was also Martha and Lazarus' sister. She was the one who chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to his teaching while Martha worked busily in the kitchen.

Bible Story

Let's take a look at what Mary did to completely shock everyone in John 12:1-8. Jesus arrived in Bethany, which was Mary's hometown, about six days before the big Passover celebration was about to begin. Martha was doing her thing, and prepared this amazing dinner in Jesus' honor. I need a volunteer to come up here and play Jesus. *Choose a kid to come up and play Jesus.* So, Jesus is sitting in His seat, enjoying a bunch of awesome food with his friends and disciples. *Have kid sit in the chair and hand them the snacks to eat.* Sounds like a pretty awesome day to me. All of the sudden, Mary enters the room carrying an extremely expensive jar of perfume. *Pull out the jar of water.* I'm sure everyone else was like, Mary, how stinky are you today? That's a lot of perfume! However, the perfume wasn't for Mary, it was for Jesus. *Talking to the volunteer.* Now, I'm going to need you to remove your socks and shoes and put your feet in this bucket. *Have the kid put his bare feet in the bucket.* The Bible says that Mary poured the perfume all over Jesus' feet, anointing them *pour the water on the kid's feet*, and wiped his feet with her hair! *Wipe the kid's feet with the towel.* We might just think, gross! Why would she do that? One of Jesus' disciples even pointed out that the perfume was worth an entire year's income and could have been sold to help the poor. That wasn't the point, though. Jesus understood that Mary was doing this out of a humble attitude of serving Him. Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." Let's give a hand for our volunteer!

Life Application/Object Lesson

I don't know if I would have been willing to do what Mary did for Jesus that day. It was bold, kind of gross, and unexpected. However, it showed Jesus and everyone in that room what she was willing to do to serve Jesus. How can we choose to serve Jesus with a humble attitude and avoid becoming full of pride? *Allow kids to respond. Pull*

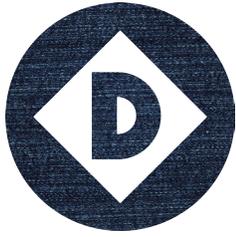


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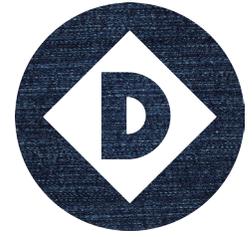


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out the white board or poster board. Let's take a look at some everyday scenarios and talk about how we can face them with a prideful or humble attitude. Write the scenarios in the center of the white board as you are talking about them and have the prideful ideas to the left and the humble ideas to the right. Someone knocked over the trash can at home and left trash all over the floor. What is a prideful option? Allow kids to respond. What about a humble option? Allow kids to respond. A teammate is struggling during practice with something you are really good at. What is a prideful option? Allow kids to respond. What about a humble option? Allow kids to respond. Let's do one more! You hear someone talking to a group of people about how they don't believe that God exists. What is a prideful option? Allow kids to respond. What about a humble option? Allow kids to respond. Jesus never said that following him would be easy, comfortable, or make us look good. In fact, this is what Jesus told His disciples in Mark 9:35, "He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, 'Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.'" Taking last place or being a servant doesn't really sound awesome, but that was what Jesus taught his disciples. Not only that, but Jesus was the perfect example of a humble servant who was willing to take last place. We need to pray and ask God to humble our hearts and attitudes and make us more like Jesus. Optional: Give a salvation prayer for any kids who have not chosen to follow Jesus yet.



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GAME: MINION RELAY RACE

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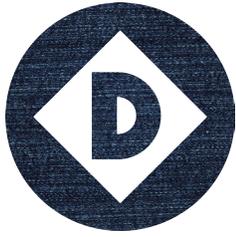
- **Two hula hoops (yellow is preferred)**
- **Lemon slices**
- **Yellow slime**
- **Two containers**
- **Tarps**
- **Runts**

Setup

- **Cut a lemon into small slices.**
- **Make yellow slime (or use yellow food coloring to dye pudding or applesauce). Fill two containers with yellow slime.**
- **Sort the banana runts out until you have 20 bananas. Put 10 banana runts inside each container of slime.**
- **Put the containers of slime on top of tarps.**

How To Play

1. **6 kids can play. Divide them into two teams.**
2. **There will be three stations: hula hoops, lemon slices, and yellow slime. Have one kid from each team stand at each station.**
3. **When the leader says go, the first two kids will begin hula hooping. They must hula hoop for ten seconds straight to leave their station. When they have completed the ten seconds, they must run to the lemon slice station to tag their teammate. The kid at the lemon slice station will have to stick the lemon slice in their mouth and eat all the pulp. When they have finished their lemon slice, they can run to the slime station to tag their teammate. The kid at the slime station must use their bare feet to remove all ten banana runts from the yellow slime.**
4. **The team to complete all three minion stations the fastest, wins!**

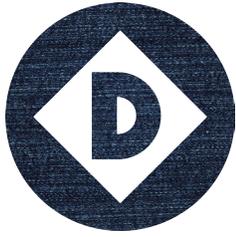


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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What do you think of when you hear the word humility?
2. Do you know someone who is a great example of humility? What is something you have seen them do?
3. What is something you can do to serve others in humility?
4. What is something you can do to serve God in humility?
5. Optional: Look up these verses about faith and discuss them as a group.
 - Ephesians 4:2
 - Philippians 2:3
 - James 4:10
 - James 3:13



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of our current series?

Answer: Disciples

2. Who was the woman who anointed Jesus' feet in our Bible Story?

Answer: Mary

3. What is the name of Mary's hometown Jesus came to visit?

Answer: Bethany

4. What is Today's Takeaway?

Answer: I will serve Jesus with a humble attitude.

5. What is an example of Jesus showing humility?

Answer: Answers vary