



Need to Know:

I Can

(thumbs to chest)

Be a Leader!

(salute)

Bible Story:

Twelve Men

Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9,
10:1-3; John 1:43-51

Materials:

- [Bandana](#)
- [Bible Story Page](#)
- [Hand Sanitizer](#)
- [Small Candy](#)
- [Paper Plates](#)
- [Playdough](#)
- [Bag with Shape Cards inside](#)
- [Question Sheet](#)
- [Coloring Sheets](#)
- [Crayons](#)
- [Filler Guide](#)

Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: [Bandana](#)

INTRODUCE yourself by saying:

Hey! My name is _____, and I'm so glad all of you are here today! We're starting a brand new series called Camp Wannastay! Have any of you ever been to camp? (Allow kids to share & share if you have been to camp yourself)

Camp is awesome! For the next seven Sundays, we're going to have so much fun being campers, and I'm so excited that I get to be your camp LEADER!

**Do you think it would be fun to be a camp leader one day? (Allow responses)
Did you know that starting right now, you can be a leader EVERY DAY? (Allow responses)
You totally can, and that's what we need to know today:**

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When our (bandana color) team [bandana](#) comes to you, say "My name is (your name), and I can be a leader!" in your FUNNIEST voice.

Bible Story (7 minutes)

Materials: [Bible Story Page](#), [Hand Sanitizer](#), [Small Candy](#)READ and FOLLOW the instructions on the [Bible Story Page](#).

After the story, **SANITIZE** hands. Then, **REWARD** kids with a piece of **Small Candy** for following your lead during the story, and **ASK**:

1. **Did Jesus ask the 12 men to follow Him or to go hiking? (Follow Him!)**

Right! Jesus was their leader! A leader is someone who sets an example for others and shows them the right things to do.

2. **As the disciples followed the example Jesus set for them, do you think they learned how to set the right example for others? (Yes!)**

3. **If WE follow Jesus' example, can WE learn how to set the right example for others, too? (Yes!)**

That's right! We can! Just like the 12 men in this story learned how to set the right example for others by following Jesus, we can too! We can be leaders just like Jesus and His disciples!

That's what we need to know today. Say it with me!

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ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Have kids repeat after you as you **PRAY**:

Dear Jesus, thank you for setting the PERFECT example for us! Help us follow you every day! Make us more like you so we can be leaders who set the right example for others! We love you! Amen.

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will make shapes out of Playdough and answer questions related to the shapes. In this game, we want to show kids how they can be leaders and set the example for others.

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Memory Verse:

"Don't let anyone make fun of you.
(shake head "no")

just because you are young.
(pat head)

Set an example for other followers

(hands out to sides, palms up)

by what you say
(cup hands around mouth)

and do."
(pound fists on top of each other)

1 Timothy 4:12a
(hold up one finger)

Review Questions:

1. **In Large Group, did Stir Fry think he could be a leader?** (No)
2. **What did Sponge have to say about that?** (He said anybody could be a leader!)
3. **Who do we need to follow if we want to be a good leader?** (Jesus!)
4. **What do we need to know today?** (I Can Be a Leader!)

Application Activity (7 minutes)

Materials: Hand Sanitizer, Paper Plates, Playdough, Bag with Shape Cards inside, Question Sheet

1. If it has been a while since kids' hands were sanitized, have them **sanitize** their hands again.
2. Give one **Paper Plate** to each kid and one tub of **Playdough** to every two kids to share.
3. Allow each kid to draw a **Shape Card** out of the **Bag**. (If there are more kids than cards, two kids can share a **card**.)
4. They will use the **Playdough** to make whatever is on their **card**. (Make sure they are keeping their **Playdough** on their **Paper Plates** and off the floor.)
5. After they have finished making what is on their **cards**, follow the instructions on the **Question Sheet**.
6. Afterwards, collect **Playdough** and **SAY**:

Just like you guys made things out of your Playdough, Jesus has made you to be leaders who set the example for others. When we follow Jesus and His example, we will become leaders just like Him!

And that's what we need to know today! Say it with me!

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Wrap It Up (3 minutes)

Materials: Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Filler Guide

TEACH the Memory Verse and motions (on left) to the group.

PASS OUT coloring sheets & crayons. Read the questions from the top of the **coloring sheet** to the kids in your group.

While kids are coloring, **ASK** the Review Questions on the left.

USE **Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.