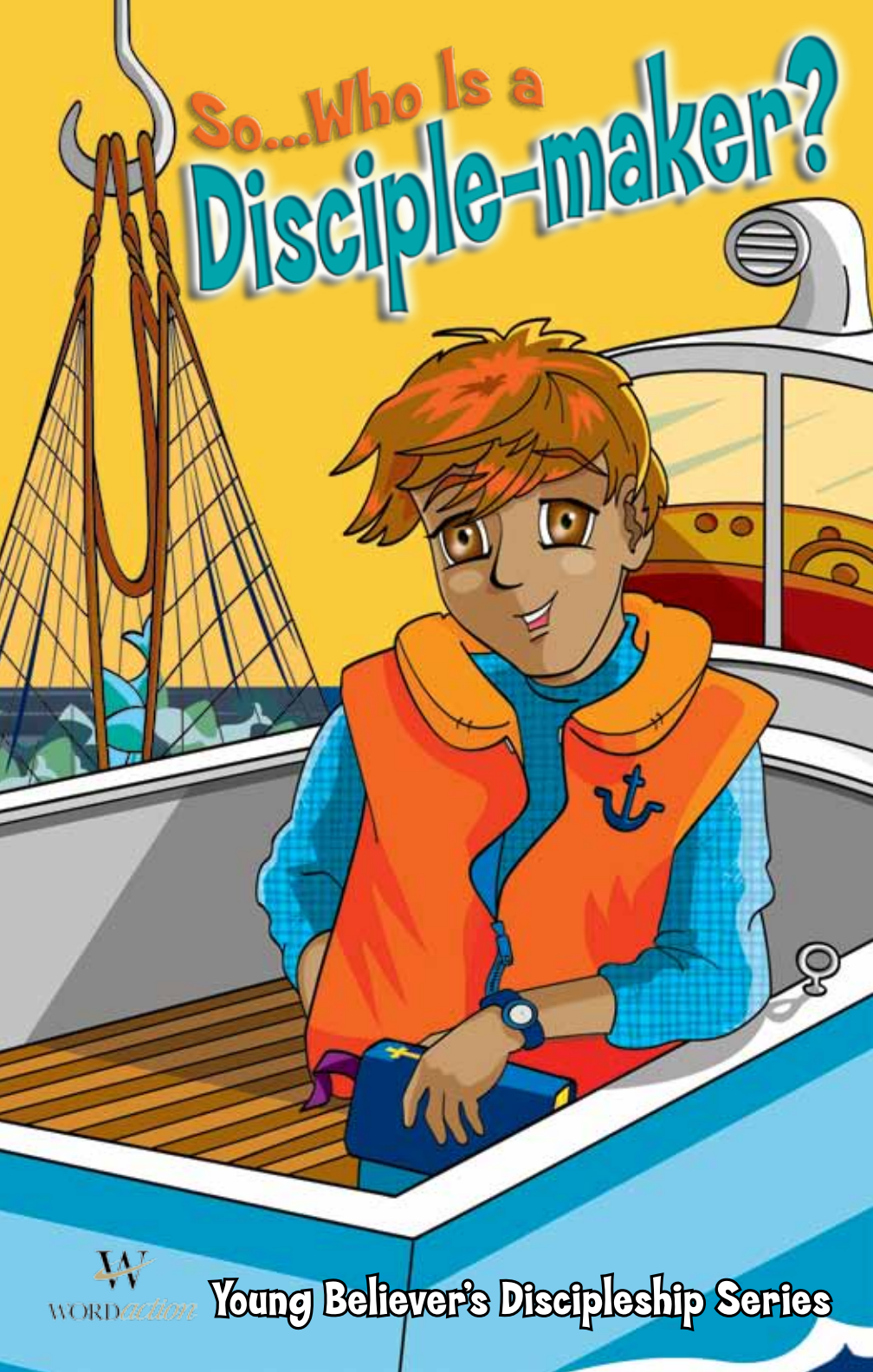


So...Who Is a Disciple-maker?



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Young Believer's Discipleship Series

“... go and make disciples of all nations”
(Matthew 28:19)

Dear Kids,

We are so glad you want to discover more about being a disciple-maker. Being a disciple-maker is one of the most important ways we serve Jesus. Jesus' last command to His disciples was: "... go and make disciples of all nations ... baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

This book will help you understand who a disciple-maker is and what you can do to become a disciple-maker. Your parents and pastor will help you if you have questions.



Look for this symbol to discover words that help in your Christian walk.

These are special words called **Faith Words**.



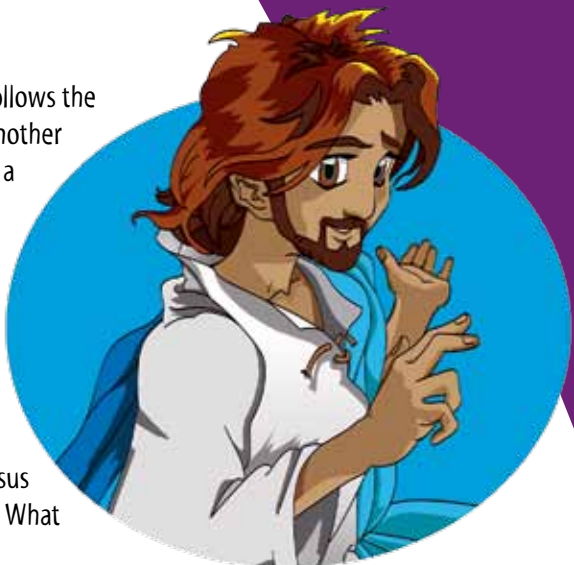
Who Is a Disciple? ✝

What words would you use to describe a disciple of Jesus?



Read John 12:26.

A disciple is a person who follows the teachings and example of another person. Jesus calls you to be a follower of His teachings. Jesus' disciples love Him, learn from Him, and obey Him. They live their lives the way Jesus lived His life.



Read Matthew 4:19.

What simple phrase does Jesus use to call His first disciples? What does this mean?



What do you think it means to follow Jesus?

Read John 15:14.

What word does Jesus use instead of the word "disciple"?



What does it say a disciple will do?

Make a list of people you know who fit the description of a disciple?

Would you consider yourself a disciple?



DISCIPLE

A person who chooses to follow Jesus and live as Jesus lived and taught.

Who Has Discipled You?

Many people helped you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. They want to help you become a better disciple. Name some people who have helped you become a better disciple of Jesus.

Paul's Disciple-makers

The apostle Paul wrote 13 books in the New Testament. He planted many churches and was a disciple-maker for many people. Did you know? Before Paul was a disciple-maker, he had several people who helped him become a disciple!



Read Acts 9:10-12; 17-19.

Who was the first person to be a disciple-maker for Paul?


What did Ananias do to be a disciple-maker for Paul?



Read Acts 9:26-28.

Who was the next person to be a disciple-maker for Paul?

What did Barnabas do to be a disciple-maker for Paul?

Christians  need people who pray for them, listen to them, teach them, correct them, love them, and be brave enough to tell them if they have done wrong. When you became a Christian, you chose the road to follow Jesus. This choice led you down the discipleship path. Discipleship is a lifelong trip.

Benefits and Blocks

Being a disciple-maker is a rewarding and challenging experience. There are benefits (good things) for both the disciple and the disciple-maker. There are also roadblocks (tough things) for the disciple and the disciple-maker. Let's look at a few of the benefits and blocks.

Benefits

Read the following Bible verses to find some of the benefits.

John 13:35

Romans 15:14

1 Thessalonians 5:11

James 5:16

Blocks

What are some roadblocks to being a disciple-maker?

Galatians 6:9

Your bad choices can be a block to your being a disciple-maker!

Hebrews 10:25

If you don't grow as a disciple, you cannot be a disciple-maker for others.

What are some other roadblocks?



CHRISTIAN

A person who has received Jesus Christ as Savior and best Friend.

How Can I Be a Disciple-maker?

There are many ways for you to be a disciple-maker. Here are a few ideas.

Did you know?

One of the best ways to be a disciple-maker is to share with others how you became a disciple. Use the space below to write how you became a disciple of Jesus.

Another way to be a disciple-maker is to tell others what God is doing in your life right now! In the space below, write about one way God has helped you recently.

Being in a small group will help you grow as a disciple and be a disciple-maker with others. Your Sunday School class is a great example of a small group. During Sunday School you study the Bible with others, pray together, and grow closer to God. What are some other things you do in your Sunday School class to show you are a disciple-maker?

Philip, the Disciple-maker



Read Acts 8:5-6, 12.

Where did Philip go first to be a disciple-maker?

What did the people do when they heard Philip?



Read Acts 8:14-17.

Who helped Philip make disciples in Samaria?



Read Acts 8:26-39.

Philip was a disciple-maker because he obeyed God.

Through whom, did God tell Philip to be a disciple-maker?

How was Philip a disciple-maker to the Ethiopian?

How did the Ethiopian feel about being a follower of Jesus?



Who Can I Disciple?

Disciples of Jesus are called to be disciple-makers. Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission. Jesus said, "... go and make disciples of all nations ..." (Matthew 28:19). The Great Commission is for us today. Jesus' disciples are to be disciple-makers.

List three people you could disciple: _____

Now What?

1. Pray for the people on your list. Ask God to help you find ways to disciple them.
2. Share your story with them. You wrote about how you became a disciple. Find a time to share this with the people on your list.
3. Study and pray with them. Find a time when you can meet with them to grow closer to God together. You might want to ask an adult to help you form a small group to read the Bible and pray together.
4. Keep growing as a disciple. It is important for you to continue growing closer to God while you are a disciple-maker. What are some ways you can grow closer to God?



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