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1.

a. One who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another.

b. An active adherent, as of a movement or philosophy.

2. often **Disciple** One of the original followers of Jesus.

3. Disciple A member of the Disciples of Christ.

[Middle English, from Old English *discipul* and from Old French *desciple*, both from Latin *discipulus*, pupil, from *discere*, to learn; see **dek-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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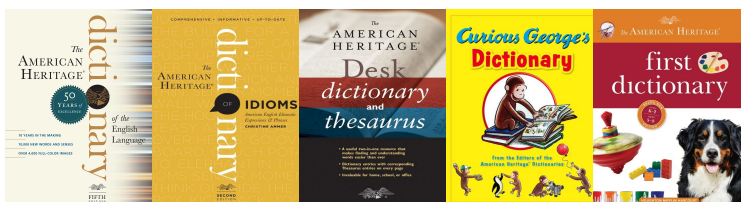
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