

JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES

Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 9:9; Mark 1-3; Luke 5-6

1. Jesus wanted people to help Him teach others about God. Who did He ask to be his first disciples? What were they doing when Jesus called them?

Multi-Sensory Idea: Draw a picture or use clay to show the men fishing and Jesus asking them to be His disciples. Share how you think the fishermen were feeling when Jesus asked them to follow Him.

Prompts for Deeper Discussion: Why do you think Jesus chose the men that he did to be His disciples? Do you think their jobs made them a good choice? Why or why not?

2. In the story we learned about Matthew the tax collector. Even though people looked down on tax collectors like him, Jesus still wanted him to be one of his disciples. Why do you think Jesus picked Matthew?

Multi-Sensory Idea: Act it out- Show Matthew collecting taxes and Jesus asking him to be His disciple. Have the students think about how this invitation would have made Matthew feel as they're acting it out.

Prompts for Deeper Discussion: Jesus knew that Matthew would have a better life if he changed his ways and followed Him. Why do you think this is true? Do you think this is true in your own life? Share examples of why life is better when we follow Jesus. *(Teachers may want to share examples to get the conversation started.)*

3. Jesus loved all of the people but he wanted to call twelve men to be His disciples. How did he tell these men that He wanted them to follow Him? *(Hint- he had to climb up on something to tell them).* Can you think of any of the names of the men that Jesus called to be His disciples?

Multi-Sensory Idea: Act it out- Have students play the roles of Jesus and the disciples. Have Jesus climb up on a mountain and tell the men "follow me". Have students think about how the disciples may have felt when they were called by Jesus.

Prompt for Deeper Discussion: We know that Jesus loves everyone but in the story He called twelve men to be His special disciples. Why do you think He called these men? Who is Jesus calling to be His disciples today? *(Hint- everyone is called to be a disciple.)* What can we do to be His disciple today?

Prayer Prompt: Tell students that God loves us very much and it makes Him happy when we come to Him in prayer. Ask them to join you in prayer right now.

*Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this day that You have given us. Thank You for loving us and for showing us how important it is to follow You always. Help us to remember to come to you in prayer. In Jesus's Name we pray. Amen.*

Today's Takeaway: It's important to follow God!

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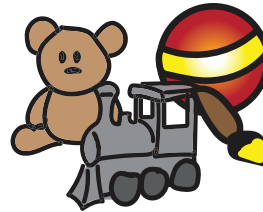
Instructions: Read the questions, then ask (or assist) the student to point to the correct answer.

1. What message does Jesus want us to share with others?



Follow God

OR



Play with Toys

2. What were the first two disciples doing when Jesus called them?



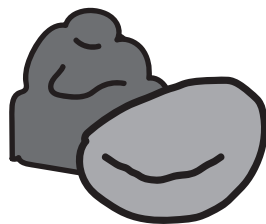
Reading

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Fishing

3. Jesus told the fishermen that if they followed him they would fish for what?



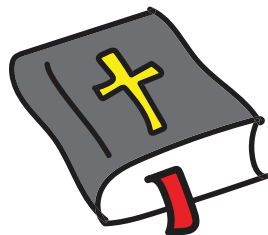
Rocks

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People

4. How can we share God with others?



Bible Stories

OR



Play Outside

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Instructions: Lead the student into prayer. Invite them to point to who they would like to pray for.

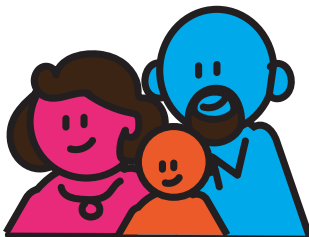
Say: God loves us and hears our prayers. It makes God happy when we pray to Him because He loves us so much and He wants us to stay close to Him. Would you like to pray with us? Close your eyes and bow your head.

Prompt: Ask the student if he/she would like to point to what they would like to pray for today from the visuals below. Then read the prayer below and add in the requests. (For more options, please use the WW Prayer Prompt Board)

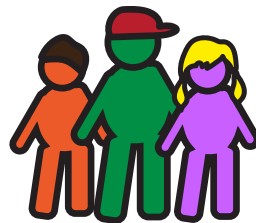
Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this day that You have given us. Thank You for loving us and sending your Son, Jesus, into the world. Please be with my _____ today. Thank you that we can always come to You in prayer.

In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

PLEASE BE WITH MY:



Family



Friends



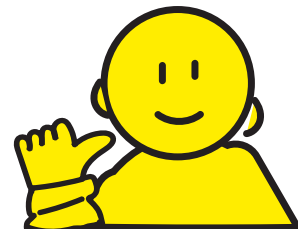
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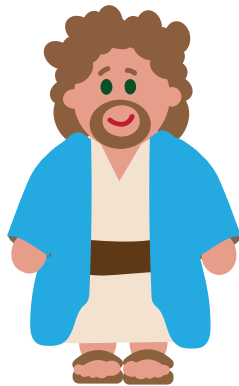
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Today's Takeaway: It's Important to follow God!

THE TWELVE DISCIPLES



Peter



James



John



Andrew



Philip



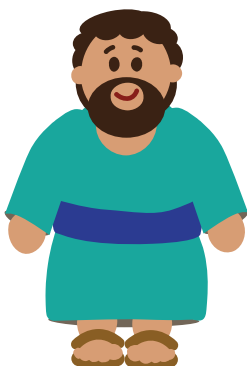
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Matthew



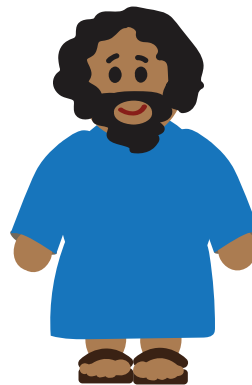
Thomas



James



Thaddeus



Simon



Judas