

September 24, 2017

Morning Overview

Lesson: *Jesus Chooses His Disciples*

Lesson Objective: In our story today we learn about Jesus' call to His disciples. He begins by calling two sets of brothers – Simon Peter and Andrew, and then James and John. Jesus wants them to come with Him to help “fish for men.” This meant Jesus wanted his disciples to help people see that Jesus was the Promised One – the True King! This was costly however. Jesus' disciples had to leave their jobs, homes and families to follow Jesus. For us to follow Jesus, it is costly too. It may require that we leave jobs, homes or families to hear Jesus' call. To follow Jesus also means telling everyone about the Promised One – Jesus – who comes to change hearts and lives!

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-17; Luke 5:1-11, 27-32; John 1:35-51

Story: Vos Children's Bible, Chapter 9 (Pages 273-274); The Beginner's Bible, 316-317; Jesus Story Book Bible, Pages 210-213; Gospel Story Book Bible, Pages 178-179.

9:30am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity

See instructions in classroom

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165, 164, 163)

Craft: Disciple Ship

Supplies: Boat, disciples, sticker, tape, crayons/markers

- Instructions:*
1. Color disciples
 2. Fold boat and secure with tape
 3. Place disciples in boat and secure with tape



Relay of the Day

See instructions in classroom

Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity:

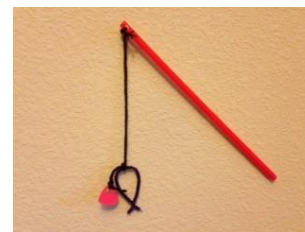
See instructions in classroom

Craft: Fishing for Men

Supplies: Straw, yarn, pipe cleaner, heart

Instructions:

1. Use pipe cleaner to form a fish (twist tail to hold)
2. Attach fish and heart to one end of yarn
3. Attach opposite end of yarn to straw



Cherub Church for 3's (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165) – 11:40-11:55

Relay of the Day

See instructions in classroom

Optional Activity: See bin of squishy balls in classroom for ideas on reviewing catechism questions.

Story: *Jesus Chooses His Disciples*

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the transition question: Boys and girls, have you ever been outside and you hear your mommy or daddy call your name to come to them? How long does it take for you to hear the call and respond? In our story, today we learn about a few people who hear Jesus' call to follow Him and they do it immediately.
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story. Feel free to edit and adapt to your own style. Include props and teaching aids as you see fit.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Teaching Summary:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- For many, many years God's people expected the Promised One – a King – to come and make all things right.
- Jesus begins His public ministry by first calling His disciples to come and follow Him. Disciples were people who followed Jesus in the New Testament. They believed Jesus was God's Son come to save us from our sins.
- Jesus first calls Simon Peter and Andrew; then he calls James and John. In total Jesus had twelve disciples.
- Jesus also called Matthew. When Matthew hosted a dinner for Jesus, many tax collectors and sinners showed up and Jesus ate with them. The Pharisees were very upset.
- Jesus told the Pharisees, and His response is true for us, that Jesus came for the "sick" – those who need to be rescued, and not for the "healthy".

Story

Transition

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Jesus Calls His First Disciples (Mt 4:18-22)

After Jesus left the desert behind, he wanted to start telling everyone why He came. This was called Jesus' ministry. As Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and Simon's brother Andrew. These brothers were fishermen, and they were fishing in the lake with a net. Jesus said to them both, "Come follow me. I will make you fishermen for men." The Bible tells us "At once Simon (called Peter) and Andrew left their nets and followed him." These brothers really wanted to see why Jesus told them to follow Him. This meant the brothers immediately left their jobs and home to follow Jesus.

The Call to Peter and Andrew (Mk 1:16-20)

Jesus continued walking by Lake Galilee. Simon Peter and Andrew were following Jesus, and they were probably wondering where He was going or what was going to happen. Jesus then saw two more brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat preparing their nets to catch fish. They too were fishermen. Their father Zebedee and the men who worked for him were in the boat with the brothers. When Jesus saw the brothers, he called them to come and follow Him. So James and John left their father, home and jobs to follow Jesus.

The Call to Matthew (Lk 5:27-32)

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Matthew sitting in the tax office. Jesus said to him, "Follow me!" Matthew got up, left everything, and followed Jesus.

Then Matthew gave a big dinner for Jesus. The dinner was at Matthew's house. At the table there were many tax collectors and other people too. But the Pharisees, religious teachers, and the men who taught the law for the Pharisees began to complain to the followers of Jesus. They said, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor. It is the sick who need a doctor. I have not come to invite good people. I have come to invite sinners to change their hearts and lives!"

Conclusion

Jesus begins his ministry by calling a group of people to follow Him. They are called disciples. The disciples begin to follow Jesus, but at that moment they began to follow Him, they did not know what it meant to follow Him. They leave behind their homes, families and jobs to follow Jesus. Jesus wants His disciples to spread the message to everyone that He has come "to invite sinners to change their hearts and lives!" Jesus invites us to look to Him – to trust in Him – so our hearts and lives will be changed too.

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- Where was Jesus walking when he called His first disciples?
- Who did Jesus call first to follow Him?
- What did Simon Peter and Andrew do for a living?
- Where was Jesus walking when he called for a second set of Disciples?
- Who did Jesus call second to follow Him?
- Who did James and John leave to follow Jesus?
- Who was the tax collector?
- What did Pharisees say about Jesus as He was with the sinners?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us about God's faithfulness?
- What does this story tell us about God's love for us?

Scripture Memory for September:

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

Catechism Questions (1-20)

Hymn of the Month:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing