



Unit 3, Lesson 12

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: JESUS CALLS DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 4:18-22;
JOHN 1:35-51;
LUKE 5:1-11

THE STORY HOME

It's a privilege! Jesus chooses disciples to help in the ministry. Jesus is walking beside the Sea of Galilee and spots two brothers, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. They're working watermen—or fishermen—and Jesus says, "Come, follow me and I will send you out to fish for people." They drop their nets and follow. Jesus spots two other brothers, James and John preparing their nets. He yells out for them to follow and immediately they leave their work and their father to follow Jesus. The next day He finds Philip, who locates his friend, Nathanael, and tells him about Jesus. (Some think he may have been the disciple called Bartholomew in Matthew.) For young Jewish men, it's quite the privilege to be invited to learn from and serve in the ministry with a leader—"teacher"—as some call Jesus.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- When you have a big job or assignment, do you ask people to join and help?
- Professionally trained rabbis or priests weren't chosen as Jesus' disciples. What qualities do you suppose Jesus was looking for in a disciple?
- God accepts any willing person; not only the popular, educated, or rich. How can you be a spiritual disciple today?

TOGETHER HOME

Can you name all 12 disciples? (See Matthew 10:2-4) Use poster board or construction paper and brightly colored markers to print the name of each of Jesus' disciples. Read the three references above to see if you can discover any details about each of the first disciples Jesus called. I wonder what they looked like or if the fishermen got along with the other disciples who had different jobs.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

How do you show pleasure to your child? Practice using the word "son" or "daughter" rather than your child's name as this will remind your child of his or her place in your heart and the family. Repeat the verse of God affirming His Son's value, "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17).

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