



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 1, Lesson 4

## Jesus Calls His Disciples

Lesson Aim: To know what it means to follow Jesus.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is the most amazing thing you've been invited to do?

**GAME:** Fishing Relay

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO IS WITH US

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 16:24.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

### THE WORD THE DISCIPLES FOLLOWED JESUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: **Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert. Jesus used God's Word to fight temptation.**

**After Jesus left the desert, He went to the Sea of Galilee where He spoke to Simon Peter and other fishermen.** Point to the Sea of Galilee.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 5:1-11. Find it First.

Highlight Key Verse: Luke 5:10b-11. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY YOU CAN FOLLOW JESUS

**Jesus said to Simon Peter, "From now on you will catch men."**

**What do you think Jesus meant?** (Just as a fisherman brings fish into his boat, Jesus would use Simon Peter to bring many people into God's kingdom.)

**What do you think are the most important things a fisherman owns?** (Nets, fishing poles, fish, boat, etc.) **Simon Peter and the**

**fishermen chose to leave everything and follow Jesus.** Distribute one paper fish and pencil per child. **On your paper fish, draw a picture or write the name of one thing you own that is important to you. Then, as you toss your fish into the net, imagine how hard it would be to give that up!**

Close your eyes and picture Jesus as if He was your age and living in your home. Imagine following Jesus through His day. **What do you think Jesus would do? How would He spend His time? How would He treat others in your family? Would He be kind? Would He pray?**

Now picture Jesus as if He was your age at school or church. Imagine following Jesus as He spent the day with your teachers and friends. **How do you think He would spend His time? Would He listen and work hard? How would He treat your teachers and friends? Would He be respectful?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**How do we know Jesus is calling us to follow Him? We don't always hear Jesus calling with our ears, but we can hear His calling with our hearts. When we read the Bible, pray, and worship God, we can know Jesus wants us to follow Him.** Reveal Isaiah 41:9. Find it First. Highlight. Read.

**This is a sign up list for disciples of Jesus. If you believe Jesus has chosen you and called you to follow Him, sign your first name on the list of His disciples.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Footprint Reminder
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Simon Peter leaving his boat and fish to follow Jesus.
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Fish Snacks

**GAME:** Follow the Leader

**CRAFT:** Follow Jesus Certificates

**DISCUSSION:** Following Jesus

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Wave, Find the Verse Race

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**