

KIDTOWN GUIDE

3K - 4K

DATE: 4/26/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4 + 9
(Mark 1-3; Luke 5-6)

LESSON: Jesus Called Disciples



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Today we are going to talk about how Jesus called his disciples. His disciples were 12 of his closest friends and followers. Do you have any good friends that you miss seeing? Today we will learn about how when Jesus asked his disciples to follow Him, they immediately said yes and dropped everything in their lives to do so!



LESSON - JESUS' TEMPTATION

Watch the Bible story video: [Jesus' Disciples](#)

Story Point #1! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus chose disciples to follow Him! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus asked His disciples to follow Him. One by one they left everything behind to follow Jesus. Jesus chose imperfect people to be His disciples. That was His whole reason for coming to the earth - to save the imperfect sinners like us! They knew following Jesus was the most important thing in the world. Have you ever had a teacher that you loved and wanted to be like? The disciples loved Jesus and wanted to follow Him so they could grow to be more like Him and be on mission with Him!

Story Point #2! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus wants us to be His disciples too! (Kids repeat!)

Did you know that Jesus wants *us* to be His disciples too? Isn't that cool? We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him and follow Him alone! Jesus also gives us the special job of telling people about Him - just like His 12 disciples in the Bible. No matter how young or old you may be, God can use you to share His love with the everyone around you.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus will help us when we are tempted! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus came to earth to show what God is like and save people from their sins. This is very good news! Jesus told His disciples to tell people about Him, and we are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him.



RESPONSE

Parents say to your kid(s) - It's good to respond to learning about Jesus in the Bible. Sometimes we sing because Jesus is worthy of our songs. Sometimes we pray because we need help and God says we can talk to Him about anything! We can also discuss, and/or practice what we've just learned about.

Sing: Lord I Need You ([Lyric Video](#))
He Must Increase ([Lyric Video](#))

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story?
- What did the disciples do when Jesus called them to follow him? (*Left everything behind and followed Him!*)
- How can we be Jesus' disciples? (*We are His disciples when we repent and trust in Him alone! We become more like Him as we live like He did and share His love with those around us!*)

Do you have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing? *Tell your kids they can ask you anything. If your family has any questions you are stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com*

Bible Verse:

Check out the weekly [Bible Verse Video](#)! Read and memorize the Bible Verse together. "He must increase, I must decrease." -John 3:30.

Say: *Jesus is the most important of all. Everyone in the world needs to hear about Jesus. That's why we say "He must increase, I must decrease!" God made us to show how great God is, not how great we are!*

Pray: Dear God, thank You that You use us to be Your disciples. Only You can save us and only You are worth following! Thank you for loving us and giving us the mission to tell others about Your love!

BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Coloring sheet](#) of Jesus calling His disciples .

"Follow Me"

Seat children in a circle. Walk around the room and call different your child/children's names and say, "Follow me." Continue walking and choose children (and parents) to follow until everyone is in line. Move in circles and back and forth so the children have to pay attention.

SAY • Jesus had begun His ministry. Jesus chose disciples to follow Him. He said to each of those twelve men, "Follow Me." Jesus told His disciples to tell people about Him. Jesus came to earth to show what God is like and save people from their sins. Everyone in the world needs to hear this good news!

Draw your friends

Give each child a paper and markers. Encourage each child to draw a picture of himself and his friends.

SAY • You drew your friends. It is good to have friends. Today in our Bible story we will hear about Jesus choosing twelve men to be His helpers or disciples.