

July 16
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS CALLED HIS DISCIPLES
John 1

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus, the Son of God and true King of Israel, came to earth to save people from their sins. He called disciples to follow Him. We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

KEY PASSAGE:

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Key Passage Phrase: *Jesus takes away the sin of the world.* John 1:29

LEARN

1. GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON

Introduce the Bible Story

Invite preschoolers to talk about how their teachers help them. Explain that students learn from their teachers.

SAY *Teachers teach us many things such as God loves us and sent His Son. Jesus taught His followers many things about God such as how God wants us to live. Jesus' followers wanted to learn from Him. They knew Jesus could teach them what they needed to know about God because He is the Son of God.*

Open your Bible to John 1. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the script.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date

(If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *In today's story, the men who followed Jesus were Jesus' disciples. We can be Jesus' disciples or followers too. We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him to save us from our sin. What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.*

4. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Encourage children to name the four disciples that Jesus chose in this story. Prompt as needed. Write the disciples' names on a large sheet of paper or a dry erase board.

SAY *Jesus chose disciples to follow Him. We learned about four of them in our Bible story today. The first one was Andrew. He went and got his brother Peter. Then Jesus saw Philip and said, 'Follow Me.' Jesus told Nathanael that He saw him before Philip told him about Jesus. Nathanael said, 'Teacher, You are the Son of God.' Jesus came to earth to save people. His disciples told people what they had learned. We are His disciples when we trust in Him.*

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at John 1:29. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

Say the key passage. Instruct children to use their hands to make the shape of glasses when listening to the verse and hearing the word "look." Repeat the verse a few times. Prompt preschoolers to say the second portion of the verse, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," while doing the motion.

SAY When John saw Jesus coming, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' Jesus' followers knew Jesus came to be the Savior of the world.

6. PRAY

Pray, thanking God that Jesus always did the right thing. Ask God to help boys and girls do the right thing when they are tempted.

ACTIVITIES

MIRROR FRIENDS

Place children in groups of two. Assign one child in each pair to stand in a pose. Ask the other child to stand in the same way, following the pose. Invite the first child to have a few turns to pose. Then switch and let the second child be the leader and the first child follow the pose. Encourage preschoolers to change partners after a few rounds. Continue play as time allows.

SAY *You copied and followed the actions of your friends. We learned in our Bible story today that Jesus' disciples followed Him. Some of the men that followed Jesus were John, Andrew, Peter, Phillip, and Nathanael. They knew Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus, the Son of God and true King of Israel, came to earth to save people from their sins. He called disciples to follow Him. We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him.*

COUNT TO FOUR AND FOLLOW THE LEADER

Invite children to sit on the floor and form a circle to play a game. Name and count four children and invite them to stand. Then choose another child to stand, walk around the group, and ask the other four children standing to follow him. Repeat the game as time allows, and give each child an opportunity to be the leader and to follow the leader.

SAY *Jesus chose disciples, or followers to spend time with Him. Our Bible story told us about four of those men. We took turns following one another in our game. Jesus' disciples followed Him to learn from Him. They knew Jesus is the Son of God. What do you think the disciples learned from Jesus?*

ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Jesus came to earth to save people from their sins. He called disciples to follow Him. We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Matthew 4 and tell the following Bible story. Use the bold version for younger preschoolers.

JESUS CALLED HIS DISCIPLES

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use hand motions: Make binoculars with your hands every time you describe looking, seeing, or finding. Walk in place every time you describe following Jesus.

Raise your hand: Guide preschoolers to listen closely for the word "teacher" and raise their hand when hearing it. Emphasize that Jesus' followers, the disciples, wanted to learn from Him.

One day, John saw Jesus and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the Son of God!"

*The next day, **John was standing with two of his disciples, or followers. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"***

John's disciples heard this and followed Jesus. Jesus asked them, "What are you looking for?"

They said, "Teacher, where are you staying?"

"Come and see," Jesus said. So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.

One of the two followers was named Andrew. Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus. "We have found the Messiah!" Andrew said. When Jesus saw Simon, He said, "You are Simon. You will be called Peter."

The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. Jesus found Philip and said, “Follow Me.”

Philip went to Nathanael and said, “We have found the Messiah. He is Jesus from Nazareth. Come and see.”

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, He said, “Here is an Israelite who can be trusted.”

“How do You know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus said, “I saw you when you were under the fig tree, before Philip told you about Me.”

Then Nathanael said, “Teacher, You are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel!”

Christ Connection: Jesus, the Son of God and true King of Israel, came to earth to save people from their sins. He called disciples to follow Him. We are Jesus’ disciples when we trust in Him.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child’s sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today’s activity page to reinforce today’s Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

July 16
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Two Year Olds
JESUS CALLED HIS DISCIPLES
John 1

CHRIST CONNECTION: We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead..

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: *Jesus takes away the sin of the world.* John 1:29

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

Lead children to follow your directions such as high five another child, turn around, tell someone that Jesus loves them, and sit down. Comment that Jesus had disciples who spent time with Jesus and followed Him and His directions.

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3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase at John 1:29. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Lead the preschoolers to repeat the phrase after you say it. Comment that the disciples Jesus chose learned that Jesus takes away the sin of the world. Name each disciple listed in the story (Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael) and suggest the children repeat the key passage phrase.

SAY *We said the names of Jesus' disciples we learned about in the Bible story. The disciples knew that Jesus is the Son of God and takes away the sin of the world. They followed Jesus. Jesus takes away all the wrong choices we make. We can choose to follow Jesus, too.*

ACTIVITIES

PLAY FOLLOW-THE-LEADER

Play follow-the-leader by encouraging toddlers to follow you in a line around the room. As you lead, insert different actions for toddlers to mimic, such as jumping, clapping, stomping, waving, and so forth.

SAY *Jesus is the best leader. Jesus wants us to follow Him, just like He invited the disciples to follow Him. We are Jesus's disciples when we trust in Him.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Jesus came to earth to save people from their sins. He called disciples to follow Him. We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

One day, John saw Jesus and said, "This is the Son of God!" After that, John's disciples followed Jesus. One of the followers was named Andrew. Andrew found his brother Simon and said, "We have found the Messiah!" When Jesus saw Simon, He said, "You are Simon. You will be called Peter." The next day, Jesus went to Galilee where He found Philip and said, "Follow Me." Philip went to Nathanael and said, "We have found the Messiah! He is Jesus from Nazareth. Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, Jesus

knew Nathanael was an Israelite who could be trusted. Nathanael said, "Teacher, You are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel!"

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.