

# JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

**Bible Text:** Mark 1:14-20; Luke 5:1-11

**Lesson Focus:** With the miraculous catch of fish, Jesus called ordinary people, just like us, to be disciples.

**Big Question:** I'm just a kid—what can I do that's big enough to be a disciple?

**Key Words:** MIRACLE, DISCIPLE, ORDINARY, FAITH

## BIBLE CONNECTION

- ] From the moment his ministry began, Jesus called ordinary people to follow him.
- ] Jesus called some fishermen, and these fishermen were considered poor, lower-class people who weren't well respected in society.
- ] These ordinary people were those Jesus chose to use and to teach, particularly through his miracles.
- ] Jesus transformed lives and people were changed forever!
- ] Jesus calls each of us to change our lives, think and live differently, and follow him.

## CARTOON CONNECTION

- ] What do you want to do when you grow up? How can your career be a way to serve God? Are any careers too unholy to be a ministry?
- ] What does it mean to you that Jesus called ordinary folks to help do his work? If Jesus showed up today for the first time, where might he go to look for help?
- ] If Jesus hadn't performed miracles like the large catch of fish, would as many people have followed him? Why or why not? What would it take for you to give up everything and follow a leader like Jesus?



## STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book pages 51–53: Jesus' Twelve Apostles (Plus Judas and Paul)

- ] In what ways did the apostles respond to Jesus' call? Was it always an easy thing to do?
- ] What other characters from the Bible followed God's call?

## LIFE CONNECTION

Make a to-do list of seven things you can do this week to be a disciple of Jesus. Each day, mark one off your list. Bring a story or two to share about your experiences to your next confirmation class. Being a disciple doesn't mean you have to do big things. You can do little things every day to follow Jesus.

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## Word Search

E O P M L T M M D R T F E V C  
H F A Z G O W I J A W O V A W  
Q T K V D H S E E L P L L T Y  
Y N P G H C F G L U W L K G I  
T R N F I S T J C V E O Z U Q  
S I A P G F T F A D E W K H M  
K Q L N N N E M R E H S I F V  
G E M V I S H T I A F L K V O  
S M A I L D B W M D D W U J O  
J I Z H T O R H O M B D J Q G  
V U Z U X S U O L P U L D W J  
U A P C C F D J Z M U L Z E Z  
P E O P L E J X O J M U L J B  
Y S Q D F O I S S P C E L L P  
T P M F R R Y A C F A W P P L

1. Jesus' followers are called \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The first three disciples Jesus called worked as \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Jesus called his disciples to fish for \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Jesus called this many disciples in our story: \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Jesus calls \_\_\_\_\_ people to be his disciples.
6. Jesus wants all of his disciples, including us, to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
7. Jesus performed a \_\_\_\_\_ when he helped Peter, James, and John catch a lot of fish.
8. When Jesus and his disciples went out into their world to share the good news, they often would say things like: "The time is fulfilled, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God has come near."
9. When we have \_\_\_\_\_ in God, we have total confidence and trust in God.
10. With the miraculous catch of fish, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ ordinary people, just like us, to be disciples.

Answers: 1. disciples 2. fishermen 3. people 4. twelve 5. ordinary 6. follow 7. miracle 8. kingdom 9. faith 10. called