

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Calls His Disciples (Matthew 4)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Matthew 4: 18-22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Activity: Working Together

Theme: Working together to spread the news of Jesus

Supplies: A box full of building blocks

Lesson:

(Place the box of bricks close to an edge where it would be easy to knock onto the floor)

Good Morning everyone. We have a very special lesson today.

(Pretend to accidentally knock the bricks all over the floor)

Oh no!! Can everyone help me pick up all these blocks?

(Get all the children involved in picking up the blocks; give a big sigh of relief when done)

That was great! Thank you for all your help, we got all those blocks back in the box so fast. It’s great to have a lot of helpers when you have a big job.

Have you ever needed a helper? How did you choose your helper? (wait for responses)

In our Bible story today, Jesus is about to start his ministry. He had already started preaching to people, but there was so much work to be done, he needed helpers called disciples. Jesus was walking along the shore of a lake and saw two men fishing in a boat. These men didn’t know who Jesus was, but Jesus knew their hearts.

Jesus called to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Amazingly, they didn’t question, they didn’t argue. They left their boat and went with Jesus. They were brothers named Peter and Andrew.

Then Jesus saw two other brothers, James and John, mending their nets. Jesus called to them and they also stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus. In all, Jesus would have twelve disciples to help him spread God’s message of love.

Jesus didn’t expect these men to use nets to catch people, instead they would be like Jesus, telling people all around how God loves us and cares for us. What an exciting thing that Jesus would choose someone to help spread his message.

As believers in Jesus, we are called to be disciples, helping to spread the message of Jesus. Just like we have these blocks, we have the teachings of Jesus to help us build God’s kingdom here on earth.

(You can get the children to work together to build something with the blocks)

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you that Jesus came here for us. Thank you that each of us can follow him... Amen

Thanks to www.sunday-school-center.com

Video: Gracelink: Going Fishing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zi7T7qpQHWg>

Jesus goes to the shore to preach, then selects his first four disciples.

Duration: 4:19

Craft: Discover Jesus Too

Supplies: crayons/markers, scissors, glue

Directions: Have children color the base page, then cut out the disciple parts. Fold disciples along the center dotted line and fold back the checkered areas. Apply glue to the checkered areas and apply to the base so disciples create a "V" shape around the writing.

Thanks to www.jesus-without-language.net

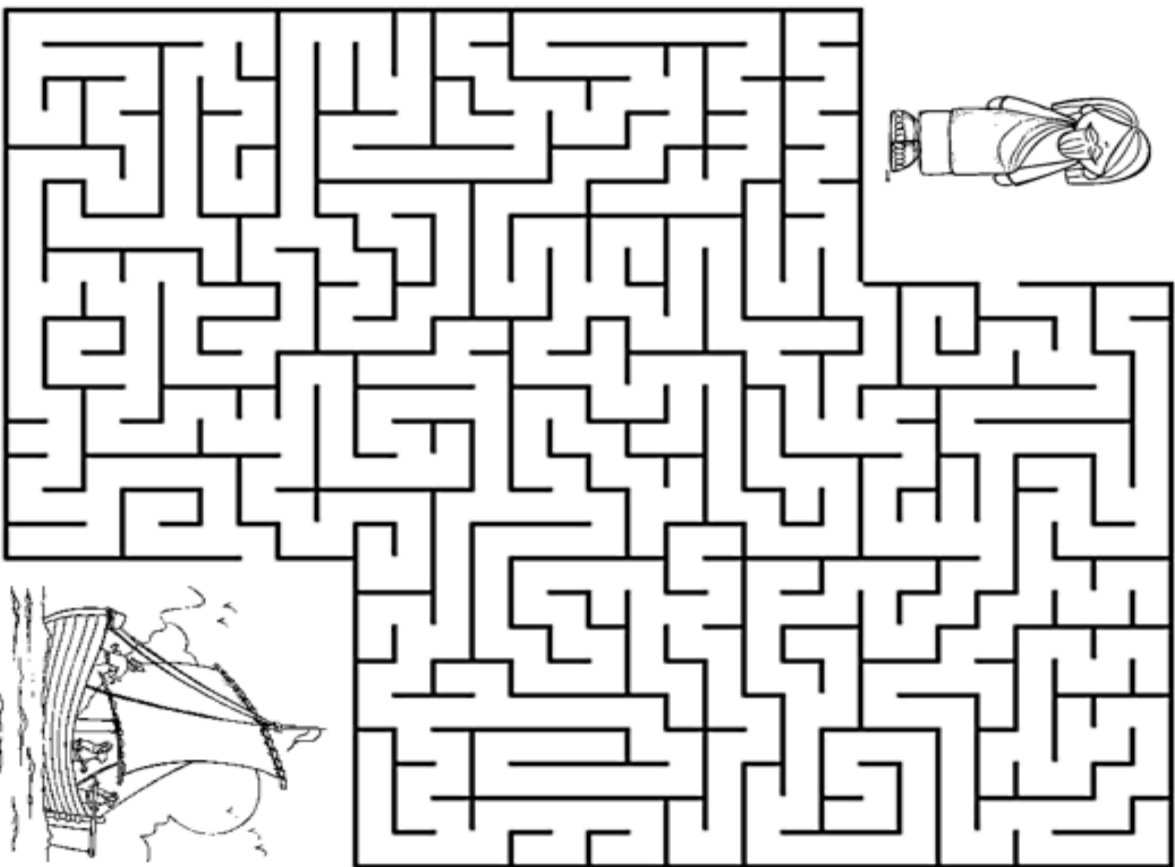


Everybody is Welcome





And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'



Guide Jesus to the Sea of Galilee

PETRE

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RYASI

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REW DAN

14	10	11		15	6

SEJMA

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JONH

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HAFTER

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LAGEELI

3	13	4			

BORRETH

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1	12	17	18		

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20	21	2	20	3	

Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to see what Jesus said.



JAMES	SYRIA	BROTHERS	JOHN
PETER	FATHER	ANDREW	GALLILEE