

### THIS WEEK'S STORY:

Jesus Called Disciples

### UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

John 3:30 "He must become greater; I must become less."

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

### BIBLE PASSAGES:

Read Matthew 4, 9; Mark 1-3; Luke 5-6

#### TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did Jesus say He would teach His disciples to do? *fish for people*
2. What were some things Jesus' disciples left behind to follow Him? *nets, boats, family, jobs, and so forth*
3. Why do you think Jesus picked fishermen and tax collectors to be His disciples instead of kings or religious leaders? *Invite kids to share their ideas. Share that the Bible says God uses people who have nothing to offer to show His power and strength through them.*
4. What does it mean to follow Jesus? *Prompt kids to recognize that following Jesus means trusting Him, obeying Him, and telling others about Him.*
5. What can we gain by following Jesus? *Discuss the unending joy and eternal life we have with God when we have faith in Jesus. Point kids to the hope they have in life: that we gain new purpose, can resist sin, and are filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Point kids also to the hope we have for the future: that Jesus will return and fix all that sin has broken. On that day, we will reign with Christ as children of God.*

#### APPLY IT

1. What does this story teach me about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me live on mission better?

#### FOR FUN

Give each person in your family a piece of aluminum foil. Help the kids form their foil sheets into boat shapes. Fill a basin or sink or bathtub with water and allow the kids to see if their boats will float. You may use pennies, marbles, or other small weights to see whose boat can hold the most weight before sinking. Be creative and use different materials to see what happens.

Remember that many of Jesus' disciples were fishermen when Jesus met them. When Jesus called them, they left their boats and followed Jesus immediately. Jesus promised to teach them a new way to fish. What do you think they would catch?

#### TO SERVE

Choose a missionary you know or check out Fellowship's Mission Partners at [www.fellowshipproswell.org/missions](http://www.fellowshipproswell.org/missions). Discuss with your family how you can encourage the missionary as they are serving and calling people to follow God. Consider writing a letter of encouragement, giving a financial gift or even serving with them in some way. Take time to pray for the missionary as they serve God and share the gospel with others.