



# Preschool

## “The Gospel Project”

### Jesus Called Disciples

April 26, 2020

**Unit Key Passage:** *“He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30 (CSB)*

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 4; 9; Mark 1–3; Luke 5–6

**Main Point:** Jesus chose disciples to follow Him.

**Big Picture Question:** *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*

## 1 Getting Started

**9:30-10:00**

A team member will stand at the door and be sure that the children are signed in while the other team members will engage the children as they enter the class. Be sure that you are asking to see the parent’s security tags and making sure that the number is written on the sign in sheet and on the child’s name tag. Greet new parents and introduce visitors.

All Team Members: Make sure you have a name tag on! Welcome and introduce kids to one another.

## 2 Create the Story

**10:00-10:15**

**Activity:** “Match the Fish”

**Supplies:** “Match the Fish” activity page, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Guide children to draw lines connecting the matching fish.

**Say:** There are many kinds of fish in this picture! You did a good job of matching the fish. In our Bible story today, Jesus chose disciples to follow Him. Several of the disciples were fishermen. Jesus told them He would teach them to fish for people!

### 3 Worship & Main Session Teaching

10:15-10:45

#### Supplies:

- ❖ **Bible story pictures-** (We are just referencing a few of the stories to review)
  - Jesus' Temptation
  - Jesus Called Disciples
- ❖ **Other templates-**
  - **Key passage:** John 3:30
  - **Main Point:** Jesus chose disciples to follow Him.
  - **Big Picture Question/Answer:** *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*
- ❖ **“The Gospel Project” DVD Lesson:** “Jesus Called Disciples”

#### Review:

- **Say:** Who remembers what we've been learning about recently? Can anyone remember any of those stories? (*Take a few answers and then, review these stories below with pictures*):
  - Last week, we learned how Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

#### Today's story:

- **Say:** Our story today is from Matthew. It is also in the Books of Mark and Luke. What do we call the four books at the beginning of the New Testament that tell about Jesus' life? (The Gospels) The Bible tells the true stories of God's Son, Jesus. Let's see what happened.
- **Play the DVD video story.** (If DVD not available, teach the story using the printed version at the end of this curriculum)
- **Christ Connection:** Jesus' began teaching people about God and His Kingdom. In Bible times, disciples chose a teacher to follow, but **Jesus chose disciples to follow Him** (*Show the Main Point template*). Jesus' disciples left everything behind to follow Jesus (*Show the picture of Jesus Called Disciples*). We are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him. Jesus gives us the special job of telling people about Him. Everyone in the world needs to hear about Jesus.
- **Big picture question:** Our big picture question asks, *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.* Jesus became human, and then He chose ordinary humans to join Him in His work of rescuing the world from sin.
- **Review key passage:** (*Show key passage template*) “He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30 (CSB)

**Restroom Break Schedule (Preschool Coordinator will assist you)**

## 4 Snack & Life Group

10:45-11:00

**IMPORTANT!!!!** Please check each child for a yellow allergy sticker along with referring to the sign-in sheet to be properly informed on children who may have food and other allergies.

**Snack:** Cheerios & bananas

**As the children enjoy their snack, discuss these Life Group questions with them.**

### **Life Group Questions:**

- What were Simon Peter and Andrew doing when Jesus saw them? (fishing)
- What did Jesus say to them? (“Follow Me, and I will teach you to fish for people.”)
- Who were the other fishermen Jesus saw fixing their nets before Jesus called them? (James and John)
- What was Matthew’s job? (He was a tax collector.)
- What was the special job Jesus gave His disciples? (work with Jesus and tell others about Him)
- **Main Point: Jesus chose disciples to follow Him.**
- **Big Picture Question: *Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.***
- Jesus is most important of all. Everyone in the world needs to hear about Jesus. That’s why we say He must increase, but we must decrease. God made us to show how great Jesus is, not how great we are!
- **Review the Key Verse below with the kids: “He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30 (CSB)**

## 5 Craft

11:00-11:15

### **Craft #1: Draw Your Friends**

**Supplies:** Construction paper, stickers, markers/crayons

**Directions:** Give each child a paper and markers. Encourage each child to draw a picture of himself and his friends. Help preschoolers write their friends’ names to label the picture, if desired.

**Say:** You drew your friends. It is good to have friends. Today in our Bible story we heard about Jesus choosing twelve men to be His helpers or disciples. Jesus called these men His friends. They traveled with Him as He taught about God and helped people.

## **Craft #2: "Jesus Called Disciples" color page**

**Supplies:** "Jesus Called Disciples" color page, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Allow preschoolers to color their picture from today's story.

**Say:** **Jesus chose disciples to follow Him.** Four of the men Jesus chose were fishermen. When Jesus said, "Follow Me," they left their boats and their nets, and they followed Him. Jesus said He would teach them to fish for people. Jesus was not talking about fishing for people in a river, lake, or ocean, Jesus was talking about telling people the good news 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 about Jesus.

## **6 Games/Activities**

**11:15-11:30**

### **OPTION #1: Play "a follow me" game**

**Supplies:** Chairs set up in a circle

**Directions:** Seat children in a circle. Walk around the room and call different children's names and say, "Follow me." Continue walking and choose children to follow until everyone is in line. Move in circles and back and forth so the children have to pay attention. Choose children randomly so no one knows who will be picked next. Play again as time allows.

**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!

### **OPTION #2: Pretend to Fish**

**Supplies:** Craft Sticks, scotch tape, yarn or string, painter's tape

**Directions:** Use tape to make an outline of a boat on the floor. Invite preschoolers to make fishing poles by taping a piece of yarn to a craft stick. Then instruct preschoolers to get in the boat and to pretend to fish by playing out casting their fishing rod. Ask children if they have been fishing before. Invite them to tell about their experiences.

**Say:** Pretending to fish is fun! You probably use a real fishing rod when you go fishing. You cast the hook into the water. Then you wait for the fish to bite on the hook so you can reel it in. The people in our Bible story today had boats and large nets to catch fish. They would throw the net over one side of the boat and wait for many fish to swim into the net. Then they pulled the net closed and took the fish to shore to sell. **Jesus chose disciples to follow Him,** and several of them were fishermen.

## **7 Closing Activity**

**Closing Activity- Journal page**

**11:30-11:45**

**Supplies:** Journal page, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Offer the journal page and invite preschoolers to draw a picture of fish. Comment that several of the men that Jesus chose as His disciples were fishermen. Remind preschoolers that **Jesus chose disciples to follow Him**. He told them to tell people about Him. People all over the world need to know about Jesus.

**Pray:** Thank you Jesus that we are Your disciples when we trust in You. Jesus, You gave us the special job of telling people about You. Everyone in the world needs to hear about You, Jesus. Amen.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE KING'S KIDS TODAY**

**Main Session Teaching:** (Use if DVD is not available)

Jesus' ministry had begun. Jesus taught people about God and His Kingdom. People started talking about Jesus and the things He was saying. They wanted to know more, so big crowds of people followed Jesus to hear Him teach.

One day, Jesus was walking along the sea. He saw two brothers: Simon—who was called Peter—and Andrew. Peter and Andrew were fishermen. They were throwing nets into the sea to catch fish.

Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will teach you to fish for people!" Peter and Andrew dropped their nets right away and followed Jesus (*Show the picture of Jesus Called Disciples*).

Later, He saw two more brothers: James and John. James and John were in a boat with their father. The men were fixing their fishing nets. Jesus talked to them and they got up, too. James and John left their father and their boat, and they followed Jesus.

Jesus traveled further, and He saw a man named Matthew, also called Levi. Matthew was a tax collector, sitting at an office where people paid taxes. Some people didn't like tax collectors because they often took more money than they were supposed to and kept it for themselves. Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow Me!" So Matthew got up. He left everything behind, and he followed Jesus.

Matthew had a big party at his house for Jesus and His friends. Tax collectors and other sinners came. The religious leaders did not think Jesus should be friends with people who did wrong things. They asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does Jesus eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus heard the leaders and said, "People who are healthy do not need a doctor, but sick people do. I did not come to help good people; I came to help sinners turn back to God."

Later, Jesus chose 12 of His friends to be His disciples. That meant Jesus was going to give them a special job to do. They would work with Jesus and tell others about Him. These are the men Jesus chose: Simon (who was called Peter), Simon's brother Andrew, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus (al FEE uhs), Thaddaeus (THAD ih uhs), Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot (iss KAR ih aht). **Jesus chose disciples to follow Him (*Show the Main Point template*).**