

"How Jesus Made Disciples" (September 10)

(Title Tentative)

Main Verses: Mark 3:13-15

Key Verse: Mark 3:14

Takeaway': When Jesus made disciples, he not only spelled out the truth, he also lived out the truth (right by their side), then called them to do the same.

Getting Started: Have you ever learned how to do something by watching someone else do it? By them helping you do it?



READ (or have older kids help read): Mark 3:13-15

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Where did Jesus go in verse 13 and who went with him?
- What did Jesus appoint the 12 apostles to do?
- Why is being with Jesus so important?

Elementary:

- Why do you think Jesus appointed 12 apostles?
- What is the significance of their being with him? Why is it so important for us to also be with (in) Jesus?
- What did Jesus tell the 12 apostles to do?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Jesus went up the mountain and called to him those he desired. Jesus always calls us first.
- The 12 apostles were called to be with Jesus, to be sent out to preach, and to be able to cast out demons.
- They lived with Jesus and he showed them (in real time) how to live for God.
- Being with Jesus is important because apart from him, we can do nothing for him. Being with him through faith is how we learn about God and learn to live in a way that pleases God.

Elementary:

- God always initiates a relationship with us first. He calls whom he desires.
- Jesus calls 12 apostles to live with him and be with him. Some believe this number echoes/represents the 12 tribes of Israel in the OT.
- The 12 apostles were called to be with Jesus, to be sent out (by Jesus) to preach, and to be able (through Jesus) to cast out demons.
- They lived with Jesus and he modeled for them how to live in a way that pleases God.
- Being in Jesus through faith is how we daily learn about God and learn to live in a way that pleases him.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

Toddler/PreK: Talk to Jesus. Thank him for showing his disciples how to live for him "in real life" when he walked on earth. Thank God that through faith in Jesus, and through new power made possible by his death and resurrection, we too can learn about God and learn to live in a way that pleases him. Ask him to help you to learn more about him every day, and to help you to follow him with your whole heart.

Elementary: Talk to God an. Thank him for initiating a relationship with us. Thank him for showing his disciples how to live for him. How amazing it must have been for them to have lived with Jesus. Thank God that through faith in Jesus, and through new power made possible by his death and resurrection, we can daily learn about God and learn to live in a way that pleases him. Ask God to open your heart and teach you more about him every day. If you hear God calling you to be his disciple, you might want to pray along these lines: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, and forever with God. With your whole heart and being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.

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