

UNIT 2: INCLUDE • SESSION 7:

# "Calling the Disciples"

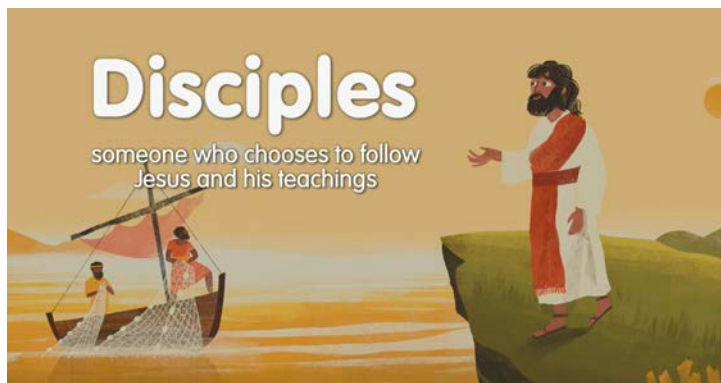
MATTHEW 4:18-22

## INCLUDE

To welcome all of God's children  
in God's love.

### JESUS CALLS THE DISCIPLES:

When Jesus is first starting his ministry, he asks people to follow him as his disciples. Disciple means "student" or "learner." Jesus picked these 12 ordinary people - including fishermen, a tax collector, a scholar, a deacon - to be his chosen followers to learn his teachings and share them with the world at great risk to themselves. Some were eager to follow and some had their doubts but they all knew that Jesus was special and had a message that was changing people's lives. They wanted to be part of God's plan and spread God's love and grace to all. We can choose to be disciples today!

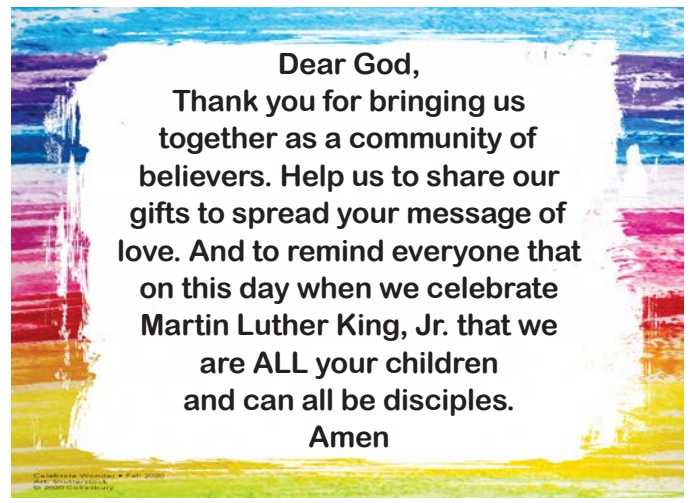


### BIBLE STORY:

In today's Bible story, we learn about Jesus gathering his first disciples.

One day Jesus was walking along the sea when he saw two fishermen. The fishermen were the brothers, Peter and Andrew. The brothers were out fishing on the water. Jesus called out to Peter and Andrew, "Come, follow me! I will teach you how to fish for people." Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed Jesus. Jesus walked farther down the shore where he saw two more brothers, James and John, who were mending their nets with their father. Jesus said to the men, "Come and follow me!" James and John left the boat and their father, and followed Jesus.

Everyone is called to be a disciple. When we choose to be a disciple, we get to help build a community in which everyone is included, bringing all of God's children together.



### WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- What does it mean to "fish for people"?
- Can anyone follow Jesus?
- How do you and your family follow Jesus?
- What would you have done if you were one of the fishermen that Jesus asked to follow him?
- What do you think it was like to be a disciple in Jesus' time? How is that different or the same as today?
- What makes a good disciple?
- **Jesus picked all sorts of ordinary people to be his disciples. Why do you think it's good to have a variety of people with different skills and talents as disciples? What gifts do you have to offer to help spread God's message of love?**
- Check out activity page and fish fact sheet attached!



# Calling the Disciples

## Disciple Reflection

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### Instructions

Respond to the journaling questions.

What makes a good disciple?

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When I grow up, I imagine that I will be a good disciple by doing...

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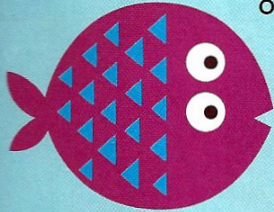




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## Fish Facts

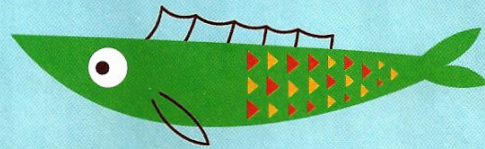
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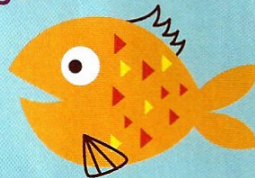
Some fish are **camouflaged** to hide from prey.



A person who studies fish is called an **ichthyologist**.

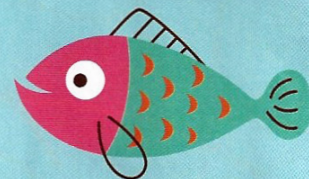
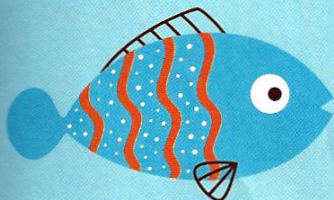


Fish have a **good** sense of sight, touch, and taste.



Fish are found all over the **world**.

Fish see in the dark with a special organ called the **lateral line**, which is like a radar and helps them to navigate.



There are over **30,000** known species of fish.

About half of the species of fish live in the **ocean**, while the other half live in freshwater environments like **lakes, rivers, and streams**.



Although **jellyfish** and **crayfish** have the word "fish" in their name, they aren't actually fish.

