

## Lesson 60: Disciples Follow Jesus

**Mark 1:14-20**

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/ua5P8j2G7nE>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/U7CKFdgbzZc>

**Worship Theme:** Follow Jesus.

**Memory Verse:** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." (Mark 1:17)

### **Songs (Youtube links):**

1. I Have Decided <https://youtu.be/MR1Yv--Q4oo>
2. I Will Follow Jesus <https://youtu.be/aasilZXGorc>
3. Follow Me <https://youtu.be/ASM21vLgdf4>

### **Pray**

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### **Icebreaker: "Follow Me"**

1. Select some students to come to the front to be leaders.
2. Ask each leader (one at a time) to do something for everyone else to follow. It can be standing on one foot, acting like a bird, rolling on the ground, or anything that other children can follow.
3. Ask the other leaders to do something different.
4. After the game, explain to the children that sometimes, it is not easy to follow the leader, but we must try our best to follow our true leader, Jesus Christ!



### **Introduction:**

All the children will stand up and follow the teacher in one long line. When the teacher walks fast, the children will also have to walk fast. When the teacher walks slow, the children will have to walk slow. When the teacher tells them to stop, they have to stop. If the teacher tells them to walk



like a duck or a monkey, they have to follow. (The teacher needs to change quickly to make the children get tired.) When the children get tired, please let them sit down.

Explain that Jesus in the bible asked some men to follow him. Let's find out how these men responded to Jesus.

### **Bible Story:**

In today's story, Jesus was gathering people to be his disciples. Disciples are like students, and in the bible times, a disciple would try to find a teacher to learn new things. But in this case, the teacher, Jesus, was looking for students.

Some of the learners Jesus chose were fishermen. Jesus came and found them working, and he told them to follow him. He told them he would make them fish for people! That sounds a little strange, doesn't it? But guess what the disciples did? They didn't ask Jesus to wait for them to finish their work. They didn't even question what Jesus might have meant about fishing for people. The Bible says they "immediately" left their nets and followed Him.

They didn't know every detail of what life would look like. They didn't know this teacher was going to die in a few years, or that almost every one of them would die for their faith in him. But they knew that following Jesus was the most important thing that they could do. They were willing to take the risk, to set aside their other priorities, and to spend

time with the Messiah while they could. They knew it was better and more meaningful than anything else they would do.

So what about us? We need to put Jesus in the top spot in our lives. We need to be willing to let go of some things so that we can serve Him wholeheartedly. And you know what? It's worth it! Life with Jesus is better than anything else we can do or even imagine. Following him isn't always easy, but it brings us true joy and peace and everlasting life. Jesus promises to be with us and to provide for us. He uses us to share his love and good news. So trust in him. Trust in his word, and be ready to obey and follow Jesus. It's worth it!

#### Questions to discuss:

1. What is a disciple? (A student)
2. What did the men do when Jesus asked them to follow him? (They followed Jesus immediately)
3. What did Jesus say he will teach them to do? (To become fishers of men)
4. What do you think it means to be fishes of men? (To teach other people about Jesus)
5. Jesus is calling all of us to follow him today. What is your answer? (Let the children answer)

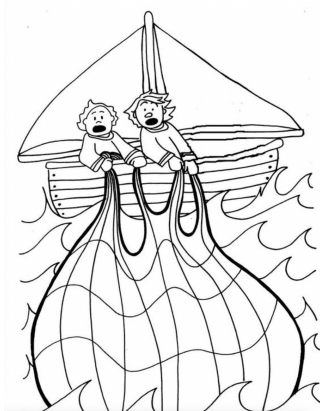
#### Game: Fish in the Middle



1. Jesus wants us to be fishers of men. This means we need to “catch” people with the love of Jesus so that they can come to believe in Jesus.
2. Divide the children into two group. One group will be the “net” and the other group will be the “fish.”
3. The “net” group will stand in a circle and hold hands together. The “fish” group will stay in the middle of the circle.
4. The “net” group will lift their hands together and let the “fish” get in and out of the circle, but when the teacher says “Catch the fish,” the “net” group will let down their hands and stop the “fish” from leaving the circle.

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#### Craft: “Let’s Catch Fish!”



Materials Needed: Print the fisherman with net (see below to print), colored paper, scissors, glue

1. Give each child the fisherman with net paper.
2. Then give colored papers to the children and ask them to cut out small fish and glue on the net.
3. Remind the children that Jesus wants us to follow him and be fishers of men.



**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

#### Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus calls us to follow him and become fishers of men. As Sunday School teachers, you have already done both! You’re following Jesus and working as fishers of men as you share the Good News with young children! Today, pray and ask God to give you strength to continue to follow and wisdom to teach children about the love of God.



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