

Jesus Calls His Disciples

Matthew 4:18-25

Storytelling

Talk It Over

Team leaders should open their group's Bible to Matthew 4:18-25. Be sure a bookmark is in place for the next group! Then, talk over the lesson using the Lesson 1 *High Tide Elementary Leaflets* and the Bible.

How did the fishermen Peter, Andrew, James, and John, become disciples of Jesus? (Check vv. 18-19. Jesus came to them and called them. He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.")

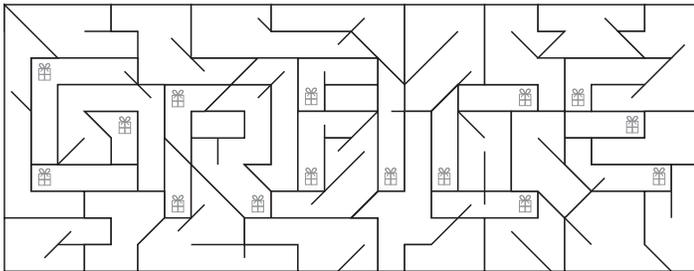
As they followed Jesus around, what did they see Jesus doing? (He went all over Galilee teaching, proclaiming the Gospel, and healing.)

What did Jesus call His disciples to do? (Follow Him.)

How does Jesus call us to follow Him? (He calls us through His Word, the Bible. That's amazing grace!)

How do you serve as one of Jesus' followers? (Use your God-given abilities to serve others as you tell others about Jesus, help others, are kind, and obey parents and teachers.)

Jesus Gives Amazing GRACE!



Team Leaders lead their Teams in this activity. Team Leaders SAY, **Use your pencil to shade the shapes with a gift box. What word is spelled out by the shaded boxes?**

What does Jesus give us so we can follow Him? (By grace, He gives us faith to believe in Him, follow Him, serve others, and give glory to God.)

In the other shapes, write other gifts God gives you because He loves you so much! (Team Leaders, encourage the children to write God's gifts of grace, such as faith to believe in Jesus and compassion to help those who are hurting. Talk about how you can use these gifts of grace in service to others.)

Take-Home Point

Jesus Calls Me.

Bible Memory Verse

**"I have called you by name, you are Mine."
Isaiah 43:1**

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for calling us to follow You, by grace, through faith. As the apostle Paul said, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Thank You for Your gift of amazing grace. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Gangway to Galilee Blessing

Say this blessing to each child as you hand out the *SOS Collectible*: **"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."**