

Unit 5 at a Glance

Jesus' Disciples

Unit Overview

Lives change and exciting plans unfold as Jesus calls the disciples to follow him. The children will see wholehearted responses to Jesus as they hear the stories of Peter, Andrew, James, John, Matthew and the Twelve. They will consider that God loves each of them and has special plans for their lives. The children will think about what it really means to trust and obey Jesus today.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn that God has exciting plans for their lives.
- The children will understand that they are special to God.
- The children will believe that they can trust and obey Jesus.

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Lesson 1 Peter and Andrew

Scripture Memory Verse **Mark 1:17**
"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

God's plan for Peter and Andrew unfolds as the children hear Jesus' call. They will consider Peter and Andrew's response to follow Jesus as they think of ways that they can follow Jesus in their own lives.

Lesson 2 James and John

Scripture Memory Verse **Proverbs 3:5**
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Jesus calls James and John, fishermen and brothers, who leave their father in the boat to follow the Lord. The children will consider the hearts of these two men as they think about ways they can wholeheartedly follow Jesus.

Lesson 3 Matthew

Scripture Memory Verse **John 14:15**
If you love me, you will obey what I command.

The decision to follow Jesus produces a dramatic and exciting change in Matthew's life. The children watch Matthew transform from a fisher of "money" to a fisher of men. Inspired by Matthew's new mission, the children will make their own plans to tell their friends about Jesus.

Lesson 4 The Twelve

Scripture Memory Verse **Ephesians 1:4**
For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

The unit closes as Jesus calls the Twelve to be with him. The children will consider why it would be special to be called by Jesus and will think of reasons why they want to be chosen by God in their lives.





Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- As a family, host a "Matthew's Open House." Invite a family who is or has been on the mission field to come to your home for dinner. Invite friends and family to come and hear about their experiences of teaching about Jesus in a place far away. Show a video or pictures of the mission field. Follow up with each guest and pray that they will come to church.
- Take a family "fishing trip" or visit a fishing or whaling museum. Talk about what Jesus meant when he said that he would make the disciples fishers of men. Think of ways that you can be a family that "fishes" for Jesus.
- Have a family devotional from Mark 1:16-20. Talk about what wholehearted means. Share with your children about the "nets" that you had to leave to follow Jesus. Pray for all your children by name to love Jesus with all of their hearts.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

