

Learn

Luke 5:1-11

God Story

Jesus Calls Disciples
Luke 5:1-11

Big Idea

Jesus invited others to learn from him.

Key Verse

"We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:69

Leader Tip

Pray for the students in your group before they arrive.

My Story

1. Conversation Starter

7 MINUTES

Introduce today's Big Idea. Talk about the craziest things the students have ever seen to lead into the amazing things Jesus did in the Bible.

2. Intro Activity

5 MINUTES

Teach the students a simple skill that you have and invite them to share their own. Discuss how they learned these skills and if they've taught them to anyone else.

God Story | Life Story

3. Weekly Video

12 MINUTES

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching.

My Story

4. Application Activity

12 MINUTES*

Discuss Jesus' disciples and the students' next steps in following Jesus. Complete an activity page to take home as a reminder.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

10 MINUTES

Brainstorm ways the students could learn from Jesus and encourage one another. Challenge everyone to try one idea in the week ahead.

Our Story

6. Dismissal

2 MINUTES

* Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities.

My Story

1. Conversation Starter

Supplies

- None

Leader Tip

This is meant to be a casual conversation as the students arrive. Move on quickly to the Intro Activity so you have enough time for it before the teaching video.

Instructions

- Greet everyone and gather the group together.
- Check in quickly to see how their week went.
- Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus invited others to learn from him.**
- Explain that a disciple is someone who follows, learns from, and strives to become like their teacher.
- Ask:
 - What's the craziest thing you've ever seen happen—something you wouldn't have believed if you hadn't seen it with your own eyes?
 - Today, we're talking about something astonishing Jesus did when he invited some fishers to be his disciples. Jesus did many things that surprised people! Can you think of some examples from the Bible? (e.g., turning water into wine; walking on water; healing people; raising Lazarus from the dead; his own resurrection)
- Depending on the size of your group, have the students share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.

2. Intro Activity

Supplies

- None

Instructions

- Teach the group a simple skill that you have (e.g., whistling or a dance move).
 - Ask the students if they have a skill that they could teach everyone easily.
 - Discuss who taught you these skills and who you've taught them to. Ask the students who they've learned from.
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God Story | Life Story

3. Weekly Video

Supplies

- Video file

Instructions

- a. Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Jesus Calls Disciples | Luke 5:1-11)
 - Life Story (Jon Esparaz shares his journey as a speed “cuber” and teaches viewers how to unscramble a Rubik’s Cube.)
- b. Invite the students to give a quick recap of what happened in the God and Life Stories.
- c. Ask:
 - What stood out to you in these stories?
 - How do they connect together and also to the Big Idea?
 - Why do you think it matters that **Jesus lived a sinless life**?

My Story

4. Application Activity

Supplies

- My Next Step activity pages
- Pens

Instructions

Remind the students that disciples follow, learn from, and strive to become like their teacher.

Instructions

- a. Discuss:
 - Today’s God Story was about Jesus calling disciples. What do we know about Jesus’ disciples? (they travelled with Jesus; they asked him many questions; they were commissioned by him to teach others about God)
 - What does it look like for us to be Jesus’ disciples?
 - Jesus invites us to learn from and follow him. What’s your next step in following Jesus? (e.g., asking questions and learning more about him; deciding, just as Peter, James, and John did, to “drop your net” and follow Jesus for the rest of your life; inviting others to learn more about Jesus and come with you to church)
- b. Give each student an activity page and a pen.
- c. Ask them to think about what their next step could be and write it on the page to take home as a reminder.
- d. When everyone is done, invite the students to share with the rest of the group.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

Supplies

- Whiteboard or chart paper
- Marker

Instructions

- Lead the students to brainstorm real ways that they can learn from Jesus and encourage one another in the process. Guide them to think of practical ideas that they would really do.
 - Challenge everyone to choose one of the ideas to do in the week ahead.
 - Pray for your group and ask God to help them to learn from Jesus and follow him.
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Our Story

6. Dismissal

Supplies

- Take-home cards
- Key Verses cards

Instructions

- Take a few moments to pray for the students if you have not already done so.
 - Remind everyone about any upcoming events or relevant announcements.
 - Make sure the students have all their take-home materials.
 - Ensure the adult teaching is over before dismissing the students.
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