

## DAY 1



## Jesus Calls the Disciples – Luke 5:1-11

### I am invited to follow Jesus!

## Read: Luke 5:1-11

**5** One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. <sup>2</sup> Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon replied, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I’ll drop the nets.”

<sup>6</sup> So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. <sup>7</sup> They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" <sup>9</sup> Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. <sup>10</sup> James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people.” <sup>11</sup> As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## Reflect:

Invited is such a powerful word; when you are invited you feel connected and part of the group. If you have ever not been invited somewhere you know how lonely that can feel too. All week long at VBC we are going to look at the power of Jesus' invitation to all of us to come and follow him. It doesn't matter what we look like, who we are, or the mistakes we've made in the past Jesus is inviting us. Today's theme of invitation focuses

on Jesus calling the disciples. If you've heard this story before you no doubt know that the people Jesus called were not spectacular in any way. They were average people and even some that he called were considered outsiders, imagine how they felt when they received this invitation from Jesus. Together we'll learn that Jesus is calling us too and what does it mean to follow Jesus.

## Act:

Practice saying the daily memory verse together: "Come, follow me...and I'll show you how to fish for people." Matthew 4:19, CEB

As a family come up with fun ways to memorize this verse. For example, you might act it out, say it in different voices (loud like a lion, whisper like a mouse), or write each word on a separate piece of paper, scramble the paper, and then put the words back in the right order.

## Fun Things to Do:

**#1** Grab some markers and paper. Have each member of your family come up with an invitation card that would come from Jesus inviting us to follow him. Share your invitations with each other.

**#2** As a family, play a game of "Would you rather? Beach Bash Edition." Here are some questions to get you started and then you can let each player make up their own!

- Would you rather be invited to (A) play volleyball on the beach or (B) read a book at the beach?
- Would you rather be invited to (A) watch the sunrise or (B) or sunset at the beach?
- Would you rather be invited to (A) to picnic on the beach with hot dogs or (B) eat ice cream at the beach?
- Would you rather be invited to (A) spend the day at the beach (B) or the swimming pool?
- Would you rather be invited to (A) dig for buried treasure or (B) sit on the beach and drink a soda?
- Would you rather be invited to (A) climb a palm tree or (B) float on your back in the ocean?

## Memory Verse



**"So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory." Romans 15:7, CEB**