



## Day 2: Jesus Calls the Disciples



### Overview

The words of Aretha's Franklin's classic song R-E-S-P-E-C-T should be stuck in your head on Day 2 of VBC! When we talk about respect, we might think of respecting those in authority. Let's take a slightly different angle to respect. Today's theme will focus on the way we treat those who are different than us; those we might consider to be outsiders. In our Bible story we'll see Jesus call the first disciples. These first disciples were ordinary people, some were even looked down on. When Jesus invited these individuals to follow him, he showed them respect by including them and making it known that he considered these people valuable.

**Memory Verse:** "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." **Matthew 7:12 NIV**

**Bottom Line:** Do Respect! Respect is showing others they are valuable in words and actions.

### READ

#### Matthew 4:18-22

"One day Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. There he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake, because they were fishermen. 'Come and follow me,' Jesus said. 'I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers. They were James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee. As they were preparing their nets, Jesus called out to them. Right away they left the boat and their father and followed Jesus."

#### Mark 2:13-14

"Once again Jesus went out beside the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd came to him. He began to teach them. As he walked along he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus. Levi was sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus told him. Levi got up and followed him."

### WATCH

Go to [resurrection.church/vbc](http://resurrection.church/vbc) to watch Day 2 of The Jesus Tour.

## CREATE

Add to the Do Unto Others poster with words, drawings or phrases that stand out to you from today's Bible story.

## REMEMBER

Recite the memory verse with your handshake or song. Add something extra for fun!

## ACTIVITY 1

Supplies: 7 pipe cleaners or other simple objects to form the letters in RESPECT

**DO:** Discuss the questions below while kids create the letters in RESPECT using the pipe cleaners or other objects. Give 1 point for questions answered correctly, 2 points for those in **bold**.

1. What were Jesus' followers called? *Disciples*
2. How many disciples did Jesus have? *12*
3. **What was the name of the sea where the disciples were fishing? *Sea of Galilee***
4. **What was Peter's other name? *Simon***
5. **Who was James' father? *Zebedee***
6. **How do you spell Zebedee? *Z-E-B-E-D-E-E***
7. Matthew and Mark are what type of books? *Gospels*
8. What was the job of the first four disciples Jesus called? *Fishermen*
9. What were James and John doing when Jesus called them? *Fixing their fishing nets*
10. What were Peter and Andrew doing when Jesus called them? *Fishing*
11. Did people think fishermen were important in Bible times? *No*
12. What was Levi's job? *Tax Collector*
13. **What was the name of Alphaeus' son? *Levi***
14. **What government did Levi work for? *Rome***
15. What did Jesus say to Levi? *"Follow Me"*
16. Where does Mark say Jesus was when he called Levi? *By the lake*
17. Did people like Tax collectors in Jesus' time? *No*
18. **Why didn't people like tax collectors? *Took their money; cheated them***
19. How did Jesus show respect in this story? *He invited people to follow him who were outsiders*
20. How do you define respect? *(use your own judgement on this answer)*

*Note-Not all the answers will be found in today's scripture.*

**Say:** Great job shaping the word RESPECT! Jesus showed respect by noticing and inviting people who many others did not see as special or valuable. Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Levi may have felt like no one really respected them or cared for them until Jesus showed up. When Jesus invited them to be his followers, his respect for them must have changed everything!

## ACTIVITY 2

Supplies: Index card and a pen

**DO:** Divide the card into 4 sections with the pen. Write a number in each section, 1, 2, 3, 4.

- In box 1 write the name of someone you can include to show more respect.
- In box 2 write/draw where you usually see this person.
- In box 3 write/draw one way you are going to try and show greater respect.
- In box 4 write "The Golden Rule"

**PRAY** Dear Jesus, thank you for VBC and this special time learning about you and how you call us to live. Thank you for the stories of Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John and Levi that help us know how to treat others with respect. Please help us show respect and kindness to everyone in our lives, even people that might look or act differently than us. We ask that your love and kindness fill our world! Amen.