LESSON 14

Jesus Calls His Disciples



Aim: **To show the children that Jesus called some people to help him. He still wants helpers today.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 1:14–20**

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

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Describe some work you have done that you could not do alone. You needed someone else to help you.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. During Jesus' life on earth he was very busy because he had a great task. He called some people to help him. He wanted to teach them about God, our Heavenly Father, so that they could teach others in their turn.
2. **Tell how, one day, Jesus was walking beside Lake Galilee when he noticed some people fishing.** It was like walking along the banks of the River Nile.
3. **Show Picture 14.** Jesus saw Simon and his brother Andrew catching fish with a net. Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." **Repeat this several times, as it is the memory verse. After two or three times, let the children join you in saying it.**
   Explain what Jesus meant: He wanted Simon and Andrew to follow him and learn from him. Then they would be able to teach others to follow Jesus.
4. **Show John and James in the picture, mending their nets. Explain what these two brothers did when Jesus called them (1:19–20).**

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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Jesus still wants helpers today. If we obey and follow him, we become his helpers or disciples. How can we help him by bringing his message to others? **Let the children make some suggestions. Example:** Bring a friend along to Sunday school.

Note: This story is a short one. It is a good story to act. You can divide the children into groups and let each group perform the story, so that everyone can take part. They can say the memory verse as part of their "play".



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