

January 24, 2021 - 4th - 6th grade Sunday School Lesson

In today's gospel, Jesus calls his disciples to bring others into God's kingdom.

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Listen for words or phrases that catch your attention as you read aloud the passage slowly.

After reading, ask:

◆ What word(s) or phrase(s) stood out to you?

Discuss:

◆ What is the "Good News" Jesus tells the people?

◆ What does he ask them to do?

◆ The disciples left their nets and families "at once" and followed Jesus. Why do you think they were so willing to follow Jesus? What would you have done if you'd been one of these disciples?

◆ What questions might you have asked? What else might you have wanted to do first?

◆ What do you think it means to "catch people"?

◆ How can we catch people for God today?

◆ Why do some people want to follow Jesus, while others don't?

◆ What are some of the good things about following Jesus? some of the bad things?

◆ Think about someone you know, perhaps a friend. Would that person follow Jesus if he came today? Why or why not? Is there anything you might say to persuade that person to follow or not to follow?

◆ If Jesus called you now, what do you think he would say to you? How would you answer?