



Sunday, January 22, 2023
The Disciples * Matthew 4:12-23



What's the Big Idea?

Jesus Calls Ordinary People to be Disciples

A disciple of Jesus is any learner or student who tries to follow Jesus by studying his words, actions, teachings, and story. Anybody can be a disciple! Jesus calls men, women, girls, boys, and people from all over the world to be his disciples.

Jesus had many followers, or disciples. In our story today, Jesus just went up to some fishermen and after teaching all day and showing them incredible signs, he told them that they would "catch people" for him, and they left everything to do just that.

Disciples are people just like us, ordinary people, who follow the ways of Jesus and share God's love with others.



Read It

Find this week's story on pages 258-263 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Try It

Jesus called professional fishers to be his disciples, he used fish for miracles to feed people, and even used fish to help teach by using the story of Jonah and the whale! Make your own fish as a reminder of how important the role of the fish was in Biblical times.



Here are a few fish craft tutorials to try:

- 1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xn8QuCqQQ-o>
- 2) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-F_sNJ0bzQ

Talk About It

- 1) Whom do you know that follows Jesus today?
- 2) What other amazing things do you know about Jesus?
- 3) What other stories about the disciples do you know?
- 4) Shuffle a deck of cards. Take turns drawing one without looking. Every time you draw an odd number, talk about a difficult thing you've had to learn to do. If you draw an even number, share how you are a disciple. If you draw a face card, sing a silly song.

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for making us your disciples. Thank you for loving us so much. We want to be disciples who share you with other people. Amen.

Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

Matthew 4:19

Jesus Calls Ordinary People to be His Disciples

Discover the Disciples

Find the disciples in this Jumble Word Search. If you have extra time, find the eleven Bold and Italic letters and unscramble them to find two words that describe what these men and women did.

Answer: Follow Jesus



A M S U S A N N A C Y P U O X P **F** G
 J G D H K E R J B K E H D A E T D U
 O B A F M V B A L C G I *J* Q P H K H
 H *J* L Q P D N M F J A L F W Y O A B
 N S I M O N P E T E R I C Z E M C U
 H **D** R T A I F S D M B P G N B A V **S**
 P A V S Q T M H A V N R E J X S O A
 C N P E H T T V Q B R L H B U I J Q
 I D B G R W L H Z S A N U A S D U E
 W R A V F G H O E D C Z D R N T A L
 K E H C M A W X G W Y S W T O W M S
 L W C **D** N T L A Y **U** Z I C H V B H J
 A Q M N G R M K T E A M B O K R L U
 P X A K S Y I N O R J U D L E G T D
E O T U R D Y P F Q P A X O Q **S** I E
 J I B A T M F J M N J P M M J F A Y
 H E M J E D **W** R J K B Z I E Y Z O T
 C D V I S I M O N R F A Q W S F N G



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| PHILIP | BARTHOLOMEW | SIMON | MATTHEW | THOMAS |
| JAMES | SUSANNA | JUDE | MARYMAGDALENE | JUDAS |
| JOANNA | | | | |

These men and women were called to:

