

Learn

Luke 2:41-52

God Story

Jesus Calls Disciples |
Luke 5:1-11

Big Idea

Jesus invited others to
learn from him.

Key Verse

"We have come to believe
and to know that you are
the Holy One of God."
John 6:69 (NIV)

Leader Tip

Pray for the kids in your
group before they arrive.

Life Story

1. Conversation Starter

2 MINUTES

Lead into today's story about the things the kids have learned to do and who taught them. Introduce the Big Idea.

2. Intro Activity

5 MINUTES

Play a game that gets the kids thinking about who taught them some of their basic skills.

God Story

3. Weekly Video

12 MINUTES

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

My Story

4. Small Group Activity

12 MINUTES *

Discuss what it means to "fish for people". Identify and pray for family members and friends the kids could tell about Jesus.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

8 MINUTES

Race to put the Key Verse for this season in order.

Our Story

6. Dismissal

Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities

Life Story

1. Conversation Starter

Supplies

- None

Leader Tip:

This is meant to be a casual conversation as the kids arrive. Move on quickly to the Intro Activity so you have enough time for it before the teaching video.

Instructions:

- Welcome the kids as they arrive and gather the group together.
- Discuss:
 - What's your favourite thing that you have recently learned to do? Tie your shoes? Ride a bike? Ski?
 - Who taught you how to do that thing?
 - Have you learned anything about Jesus recently?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce the Big Idea: Jesus invited others to learn from him.

2. Intro Activity

Supplies

- Foam hand

Leader Tips:

To engage as many kids as possible, prompt the person in the middle to choose someone who hasn't answered yet.

Instructions:

- Guide everyone to stand in a circle in an open area.
 - As one person to stand in the middle.
 - Give that person the foam hand to wear.
 - Direct them to spin around slowly as you ask about one of the following skills:
 - Who taught you how to tie your shoes?
 - Who taught you how to ride a bike?
 - Who taught you how to swim?
 - Who taught you how to do a somersault?
 - Who taught you how to fly a kite?
 - Who taught you how to write your name?
 - Who taught you how to zip a zipper?
 - After you say a skill, prompt the person in the middle to stop spinning and point at someone in the circle
 - Ask the person who's pointed at to say who taught them that skill. (They can answer no one if they don't know how to do it yet!)
 - Direct the person who answered the question to take a turn in the middle.
 - Repeat and say a different skill each time.
 - Add more basic skills if time allows
 - In the final round, ask: Who first taught you about Jesus?
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God Story

3. Weekly Video

Supplies

- Video file

Instructions:

- a. Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Jesus Calls Disciples | Luke 5: 1-11)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Jon Esparaz shares his journey as a speed “cuber” and teaches viewers how to unscramble a Rubik’s Cube).
- b. Discuss:
 - What was the Life Story about in today’s video?
 - What was the God Story about?
 - How do you think these two stories and today’s Big Idea (Jesus invited others to learn from him) connect?

4. Small Group Activity

Supplies

- Bibles
- Sticky notes
- Pens
- Fishing Boat activity page

Leader Tip:

Have your own Bible handy for this activity!

Instructions:

- a. Gather your small group to sit together.
- b. Ensure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- c. Show your Bible to the kids.
- d. Tell them about who first taught you about Jesus, who showed you how to read a Bible, and/or who taught you to pray.
- e. Guide the kids to look up Like 5:10.
- f. Read aloud the verse.
- g. Discuss:
 - What did Jesus say to Simon?
 - What did Jesus mean?
- h. Explain that Jesus invited twelve guys to be his disciples. Many other women and men followed him, too. Anyone who follows Jesus is his disciple!
- i. Let the kids know that we can fish for people just like Jesus’ earliest disciples did. We can do this by inviting our friends and family to follow Jesus.
- j. Chat about why we invite people to church or tell them about Jesus. Ask the kids to consider the reasons we want others to know about Jesus. Try to get them to go beyond feel like it’s something they’re supposed to do, to being excited about it!
- k. Encourage everyone to pray and ask God to give them the name of someone they could tell about Jesus or invite to church.
- l. Give each person a sticky note and a pen.
- m. Direct them to print the name they thought of on the note. Help with spelling as needed.
- n. Hold up the activity page for everyone to see.
- o. Guide the kids to stick their notes on it.
- p. Pray together again and ask God to give the kids the courage to share about Jesus.
- q. Hang the activity page where parents will see it at pick-up time.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

Supplies

- Fish Verse cards
- (Optional) Timer

Leader Tip:

To make the activity more challenging, race another small group or time your group and see if they can do it faster on their second attempt.

Instructions:

- Remain in your small group and sit together in a circle.
- Place the cards face down on the floor in the middle of the circle.
- Challenge the kids to flip over the cards and work together to put the words of John 6:69 in order.
- When the Key Verse is complete, say it together.

Our Story

6. Dismissal

Supplies

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse Colouring pages

Leader Tip:

Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

Instructions:

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
 - Give everyone a weekly take-home card as well as the monthly Key Verse card and colouring page.
 - Offer a Key Verse card and colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
 - Remind the kids to take their crafts.
 - Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.
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