



UNIT 1 – JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY

Lesson 2 God's Disciples

 **Text:** Mark 1:16-19; 2:13-17

 **Bible Truth:** God calls different types of people to follow him, to be his disciples.

 **Central Truth:** You are created the way you are for a reason.

 **Memory Verse:** Luke 14:27 "And whoever does not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

GETTING STARTED



1. Play a game where the students have to carry an object from one end of the room to the other. If they object drops, they have to pick it up again. You can decide to do a relay where each participant has to back a 'baby'. OR
2. Discuss things like eating the main meal and dessert. If you don't eat the main meal, you will not be allowed to eat the dessert. If you don't finish your work, you will not be allowed to go for break. If you don't do very well in your exams, you will not be allowed to go to the amusement park. OR
3. The students can discuss the type of people (or a real person) they would like to follow; someone they would like to copy.

THE WORD

No one can do everything alone. We all need people to work with us from time to time. God came down to earth in the form of a man. He came as Baby Jesus who grew up to become a man. When Jesus was about thirty years old, the main ministry God had called him to, started. John, son of Elizabeth, recognized Jesus and told them that Jesus was the Lamb of God who had come to take away the sins of the world.

Jesus picked his team from various professions, although he seemed to have a special love for fishermen. He told a few of his first disciples that they will stop being fishermen who will catch fish. They will now be fishermen who will fish for men. Andrew and Peter (previously known as Simon), James and John, were among the first disciples that Jesus called. Other disciples include: Bartholomew (Nathaniel), Matthew (Levi - the tax collector) Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus), Thomas (the disciple that said he wanted to see the scars of Jesus before he believed that Jesus had risen from the dead), Phillip, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus (Jude), Simon the Canaanite. Apart from the varied professions, their temperaments too were varied. For example Peter was an extrovert (a Sanguine to be precise) who spoke without thinking. However, John was an introvert who was quiet and thoughtful.

God wants you to be his disciple. What is a disciple you might ask? A disciple is one who receives instructions from another. He is a follower. For you to be a good disciple, you must first be born again. Next, you must do what he tells you to do. We know what God wants us to do when we study his Word and when we pray. One of the things he wants us to do is to tell the people around us that God loves them. There will be challenges on the way, but we cannot afford to give up.

What is it that you can do? Can you sing? Use it for God. Can you dance or play a musical instrument? Use it for God. Are you good in sports? Use it for God. Are you good at organizing things? Use that skill for God. Whether you are a boy or a girl, you can be God's disciple. Whether you are five years old or ten years old or fifteen years old, you can be God's disciple.

Would you follow someone who makes you feel bad? Would you follow someone who didn't know anything about you and who didn't care to know? Would you follow someone who did not know where he was going to? No, no, no. A thousand times no. God makes you feel good. God cares about you. He has great plans for you. He is the Alpha and the Omega. He knows the end of a thing from the beginning. He has a great plan for your life. It's great to be a disciple of God.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 14:27 "And whoever does not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

SONG – I HAVE DECIDED

I have decided to follow Jesus x3
No turning back, no turning back.

If no one joins me, still I will follow x3
No turning back, no turning back.

AT OUR LEVEL

- What is your relationship with God like?
- Can you say to your friends, 'Follow me as I follow Christ'?
- What part of your life don't you like? Why? (For example, you feel that you are too short or too quiet.)
- What part of your life do you love? Why? (For example, you sing very well or you're great at solving math problems.)

CONFESSION

I am saved. I am set apart for God's use. Jesus is my Lord and I follow him. I do that which is right. I use my gifts for God's glory. I am special. There are no two of me. I am a disciple of God. I obey his word. I preach the gospel. I make a positive impact in the lives of people around me. I can tell people to follow me as I follow Christ. I am a living witness of the Almighty God.

REVISION

1. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
2. Who is a disciple?
3. Mention the name of some of the first disciples of Jesus.
4. Who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver?
5. What was the original name of Peter?
6. What kind of person is it good to follow?

ACTIVITY – WORKSHEETS

Do the worksheets.

IN CLOSING

Summarize the lesson and pray.