



Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael

John 1:35–51



In class today . . .

. . . we learned about the first disciples Jesus called to follow him. They each told people who told others, through the centuries until today, when parents and teachers told us about Jesus. Now it's our turn to tell!

Talk with your child about . . .

. . . how you learned about Jesus and why you believe in him. Why is faith important to you?

Read the Bible Story

Determine a reading place in your home, and spend regular time reading the Bible and other books with your child. Find and read today's story in a child-friendly Bible. Wonder together about what God is saying to you through the story.

The Unnamed Disciple

Remind your child of the unnamed disciple in the story (vv. 35, 37, and 40). Use your imaginations and suggest who the unnamed disciple might be. Tell your child to be as imaginative as he or she wants, since no one is sure who the person was. Have fun with this.

Invite your child to imagine that he or she is the unnamed disciple. Ask:

- What is your name?
- How does it feel for Jesus to call your name?
- Jesus has come to see you. Where are you?
- Jesus says, "Come and see." What is his voice like?
- You follow Jesus. What do you see?
- You meet others who follow Jesus. Who are they?
- What special skills do you bring to the group of Jesus' followers?

Main Idea

One by one they followed Jesus.

Something to Remember

"We have found the Messiah."
—John 1:41

Catechism Question

Question 26. What did [Jesus] do during his life on earth?

He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.

—*Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Say a Bounce Prayer

Explain that prayer is how we talk to God. Say a thank-you prayer. Think about one thing for which to thank God. Begin the prayer by completing the sentence, "Thank you, God, for . . ." Then bounce a ball to your child and have him or her also complete the sentence. Complete the prayer by shouting "Amen!" together.

Sing about the Disciples

As a child, did you learn the song about the disciples? Share it with your child.

There were twelve disciples Jesus called to help him: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, his brother John, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon, Judas, and Bartholomew. He has called us, too. He has called us, too. We are his disciples, I am one and you! He has called us, too. He has called us, too. We are his disciples, I am one and you!