

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Bible Story: Mark 1:14-20

Bible Verse: *"The time has come. The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news."*

Mark 1:15

Lesson:

Last week the gospel reading was John 1:43-51 and this week the gospel reading is Mark 1:14-20. These two readings have something in common, Jesus calls people to follow him. "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17). However, they have different characters. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus calls Simon and his brother, Andrew. In the gospel of John, Jesus calls Phillip and his friend, Nathanael. In both gospels, the disciples follow willingly.

Do you think it would be easy to leave your family and travel around Israel to follow Jesus?

Is it easy to follow Jesus now?

Jesus tells us why we should follow him in Mark 1:15. He says if we follow him and listen to his words, "the good news," then the Kingdom of God will be ours.

Most of the gospels are Jesus explaining how we can be good followers. He tells us to love our neighbor, to feed the hungry, give clothes to people in need, take care of the sick. Do you think if we all helped each other, it would be like living in God's kingdom.

What do you do to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Activity:

Complete this word search about when Jesus calls the disciples. See if you can figure out whether the word comes from the gospel of Mark or the gospel of John or if it is in both gospels.

Calling the Disciples

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Jesus

Galilee

Fisherman

Simon

Andrew

Zebedee

James

John

Philip

Nathanael

Bethsaida

FigTree

Moses

Nazareth

Joseph