# "A Call to 'follow me'"

Bible verse: And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

~ How do you share your faith with your children? With others? Parents are the best examples for children.



#### Read the Lesson ~ Called

The Story Bible ~ Old Testament: "God Calls Samuel" pg. 169

New Testament: "Jesus Calls Disciples" pg. 304

The Bible ~ Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; New Testament John 1:43-51

#### ASK:

- ♦ How did God call Samuel?
- ♦ What did Eli tell Samuel to say?
- ◆God spoke to Eli. How does God speak to us today?
- ♦ Whom did Philip go tell?
- ♦ What did Philip tell Nathanial about Jesus?

#### DO:

Learn bedtime prayers so you can talk to God at night too.

Open your hand like an open Bible. Say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:68

Do the activity on page 3 of this lesson.

#### PRAY:

Dear Jesus, thank You for the people who teach me about Your love. Help me to share boldly your message of Love. Inviting people to "Come and see" as Philip told Nathanael. I love you Jesus. Amen

### **Key Point of the Lesson**

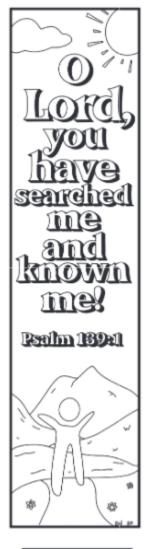
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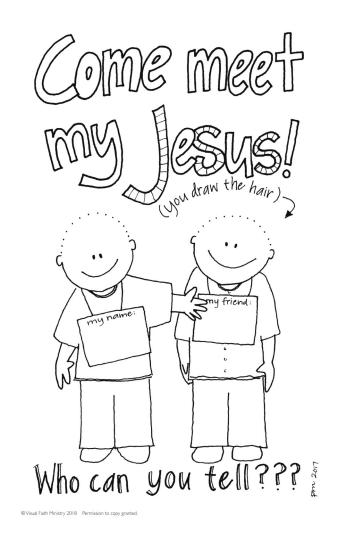
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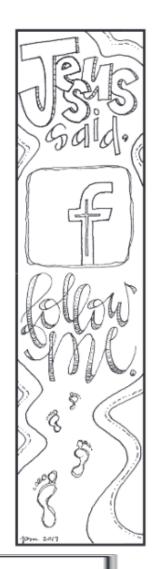
In the Old Testament When God called Samuel in the night Samuel answered "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears." Jesus has chosen us to be His forgiven people. He calls to us, "Follow Me!"

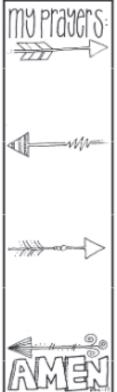


"... for Herod Feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed and yet HEARD HIM GLADLY." (Mk. 6:20)









Jesus has chosen you to be His forgiven people. He calls to us, "Follow Me!". Who are you going to share Jesus' love with this week?

How are you going to share Jesus' love?

- Write a letter?, Send a card?
- Make a phone call?
- ◆ Tell a friend or relative?
- ◆ Paint a rock?

## FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: Amen.

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" LSB 594

**Devotional Talk:** An adult or older child can read this to the family.

Come and See: John 1:43-51

Objects: Before you start talk about times when you had important news to share.

Today our Gospel lesson is all about Jesus choosing people to follow Him. But it's more than that. It's also about how God uses us too!

In today's lesson, Jesus calls Philip to be His disciple. Jesus says "Follow Me." Have everyone repeat "Follow Me"!

Jesus went to Philip and chose him to be His own. Jesus calls us to be His own too! He loves us. He chooses us to be His children. He forgives us our sins. He gives His children life and salvation the gift of heaven and a new creation. How great is that!

When you learn something important you want to share. What a great opportunity we have to share when that happens. We can say "Come and see."

In the Bible reading today, Philip was chosen by Jesus to be His, and Philip was so excited about Jesus that he went and told his friend Nathanael. Nathanael didn't believe in Jesus. But Philip did, and Philip told Nathanael "Come and see."

When he did this, Philip was sharing Jesus' love with Nathanael. Philip invited Nathanael to come and see Jesus, and Jesus showed Himself to Nathanael and Nathanael saw Jesus' great love too. Jesus showed Himself to Nathanael and chose Nathanael to be forgiven too.

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Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Sending Jesus, who has chosen us to be Your forgiven children. Help us show Your love and forgiveness to other people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.