

Psalm 119:9-10

[9] How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. [10] With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!



Follow The Leader

In this lesson, Jesus calls His first twelve disciples—ordinary men like fishermen (Peter, Andrew, James, John), a tax collector (Matthew), and a zealot (Simon)—to follow Him and become a new family, the church. He transforms their ordinary lives, commissioning them as apostles (“people sent out”) with authority to share God’s kingdom and rebuke evil. The Gospel connection shines through as we see how, just like those first disciples, we are called by Jesus, sent out by Him through Spirit-empowered witness, and invited into God’s new, worldwide family.

TROY KIDS RECAP

In Troy Kids this week, your students learned about Jesus calling the apostles. The Big Truth from this week is this – **“Jesus picked twelve ordinary men to do extraordinary things.”**

Ask these questions below to help your students remember and reflect on the lesson:

1. **Question:** What did Jesus tell Matthew, James, and John to do when he met them? What do you call people who follow Jesus? Who can become a disciple? **Takeaway:** **If you follow Jesus, you are his disciple.**

2. **Question:** How many men did Jesus call to be his first disciples? How many tribes did Israel have? What was Jesus trying to show by choosing twelve to be his disciples? **Takeaway:** **Jesus chose twelve men as his first disciples to form a new people of God—the church.**

3. **Question:** What was another name for the twelve disciples? What does apostle mean? What did Jesus give the twelve apostles the power to do as he sent them out? **Takeaway:** **The twelve disciples were sent out to preach the good news and cast out demons.**

4. **Question:** Where were God’s people from in the Old Testament? What’s different about God’s people in the New Testament? **Takeaway:** **God’s family is now made up of people from all over the world, not just Israel.**

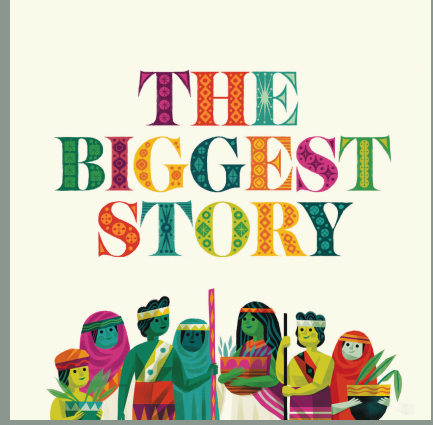
BIG TRUTH

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LISTEN/WATCH THE STORY

You can find a podcast of this story on Apple Podcast, Spotify, or Youtube.

Title: Follow the Leader – Story 60



SPOTIFY



APPLE

- There are also animated videos of the story available on youtube.

READ THE STORY

Scripture: Mark 3

Story Bible: Story 60

The Biggest Story Bible Storybook is available on Amazon. This storybook will match the curriculum. Other storybook/beginner Bible's will likely be compatible as well.

PRAY IT

Ask God to open children's eyes to who Jesus is and what He's done.

Thank Jesus for calling us to follow Him and be part of His family.

Pray that children will respond by repenting, trusting, and following Jesus.

AT HOME

- Family Worship
 - This week, aim to Read, Pray, and Sing at least twice.
 - Pick two days.
 - Read from a story book Bible or use this plan to recap this story.
 - Pray through what you have read.
 - Sing - try simple hymns like "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" or "Holy, Holy, Holy". For younger kids start with "Jesus Loves Me" or "Doxology"

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