



LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus Picks His Disciples

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Before we get started let's answer some questions! Who is your favorite super hero? (allow kids to answer). Oh wow those are all some really cool heroes. Did those super heroes do things to change the world? (allow kids to answer). Of course they did! They fought off all of the bad guys to save the good guys, right?

Well, in today's lesson we are going to take a look at some other guys that changed the world. They didn't do it by having cool super powers or by fighting off evil villains. They changed the world by following Jesus and telling tons of other people about him!

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together.

Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Faithful followers of Jesus can change the world. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What kind of people did Jesus pick to follow him? (regular people)
- How many guys did Jesus pick as his main disciples? (12)
- True or False: Only special people can change the world. (F)

This is what makes this story so cool. Jesus could've picked the super rich and powerful to be his friends but he didn't. He went after the regular, hard-working guys who caught fish for a living. Jesus invited those regular guys to join in him in his mission. See, Jesus' mission was to come and die to pay for our sins. The disciples mission was to share about Jesus and what he came to do with their friends and family. And guess what? They completed their mission! The disciples shared about Jesus and more and more people became followers of Jesus! I'm sure they were scared at first. But who can say no to Jesus?!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Jesus called out to them (hand cupped around mouth), "Come, follow me (motion to come), and I will show you (point to eyes) how to fish for people (pretend to cast fishing pole)."

Matthew 4:19 (Repeat)

Fish for people? Does anyone remember what Jesus meant when he told them they would "fish for people"? (allow kids to answer). It meant that he was going to teach them how to make even more followers of Jesus. And that's how the disciples helped to change the world. They did it by sharing Jesus with others!

This can be true for us, too. We don't have to be super tall or super strong to change the world. We can do it by simply sharing Jesus with our friends and family. If a bunch of fisherman can do it, so can we! Changing the world might seem like something only super heroes can do, but that's not the truth. You can do the impossible and change the world, too, by telling people about Jesus!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Imagine the Impossible

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Faithful followers of Jesus can change the world. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.