

Devotion 1 Jesus: The Teacher

Reading: Mark 1:16-22

Question for kids: “What is your dream job?”

Question for parents: “When you were younger, what did you think your profession would be?”

Say: In our Bible reading today, we are going to hear about some people who fished for their job. They thought that they were going to fish for their entire lives but Jesus had other plans. Jesus gave them a new job and told them that instead of catching fish, they were going to fish for people.

Read Mark 1:16-22 together. This would be a fun reading to have preschool through 3rd or 4th grade act out as you read.

Say: Jesus told Simon, Andrew, James, and John that they should follow Him and fish for people. What do you think it means to fish for people? (Discuss as a family)

Say: When we fish for people we are obeying God and sharing His love with those around us. Jesus would have talked to them about this like He talked about fishing because they knew how to catch a lot of fish when they would go fishing. They knew the best ways to catch the fish and Jesus knew the best way to catch people so that they can be a part of His family and live forever with Him. Jesus taught these fishermen and other people around them how God wants us to love and care for

others. Later in our reading for today, it said that Jesus taught on the Sabbath. What is the Sabbath and why was it important in Jesus' time? (Discuss as a family, if you would like help explaining it, you can read Genesis 2:2-3: "On the seventh day God had finished His work of creation, so He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when He rested from all His work of creation.")

Say: Jesus taught those around Him on the Sabbath and He taught them about our Heavenly Father. Everyone around Him was impressed because He was a good teacher and helped them to understand more about God. Much like how Jesus taught people on the Sabbath and how He taught His disciples how to fish for people, we can learn from Him too by reading about Him in the Bible!

Go through the Discussion Questions

After finishing the Discussion Questions, take time to pray together