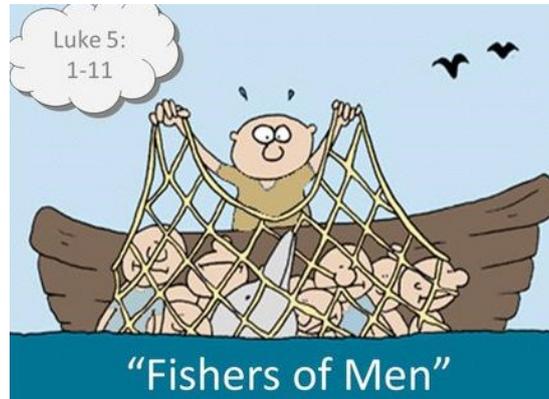


## 'Fishers of men' – Young Church Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020



***“Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people.” Matthew 4:19***

### **1) Introduction:**

Hello to everyone at St Mary's and Christ Church young and youth church, we hope you are all safe and well. The weeks continue and we hope you are finding ways to cope in these unprecedented time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we hope you find some joy in these weekly online sessions.

Today's 'social distance' young church is about ... disciples and becoming 'fishers of men'.

God has created each one of us uniquely – each of us has things that are special about us (whether we recognise them or not), yet they are not the reasons why He chooses us. He chooses us because He loves us. He loves us and He wants us to partner with Him in spreading the Good News to all who need to hear.

I wonder whether Peter, James and John were used to being picked or singled out for special attention. I am sure that Matthew the tax collector was really only used to receiving negative attention. What must it have felt like for this Jesus – the talk of the region – to come and look them in the eyes and say, 'Follow me'. Today's social distance Bible session explores this further. You remember, Jesus loves you, wants you, chooses you and calls you.

### **2) Warm up game 'What do I do?'**

#### **Equipment:**

**Reasonably large sticky labels or post its and pens.**

Write some jobs on the sticky labels. Do not be too obscure – things like postman, nurse, doctor, teacher, reverend are ideal.

Stick one of the job labels onto forehead or someone at home (not in their hair!) – make sure that they do not know what it is. You and the rest of the family should then give clues until they guess what their job is.

So, for example, if the job was 'postman', you could say, 'You get up early in the morning', 'You walk a lot', 'You deliver letters'.

**The Point:** Just for fun, introduces the idea of jobs.

### 3) Digging in: Whom would you choose?

#### **Equipment needed:**

-Access to the Internet to play the videos.

1) Introduction to the story.

Write JESUS in big letters in the middle of sheet of paper. Write down anything you can about what Jesus did.

On a second piece of paper, write JESUS' HELPERS. Ask: what qualities did Jesus' helpers need to have? E.g. 'able to travel, willing to do what they're told, clever, good at speaking to people', etc. Write these down.

2) Watch the two video clips that link to Luke 5: 1-11. If you have a Bible, why not read this chapter and verses too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhIwTU9RbxY&list=PL0dnIEaWoicBtkA3V4ya-u13tJuWidjT1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iypUNd5yTn0&list=PL0dnIEaWoicBtkA3V4ya-u13tJuWidjT1&index=2>

**The Point:** To tell the story and to show that Jesus wants to choose us so that we can follow Him too.

#### **Think about and discuss with an adult:**

At the end of the story/video, ask:

-Do you think that fishermen and a tax collector (who was basically a criminal) match up to the ideas they wrote down earlier? Why or why not?

-What was the most important thing that Jesus was looking for?

[A willingness to drop everything and follow Him.] It was not what the disciples were doing before that made them special: it was the fact that Jesus chose them.

### 4) Take away: 'Twelve Disciples'

Why not listen and sing along with this song 'fishers of men' whilst you get creative.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hn8to35LOj8&list=PL0dnIEaWoicBtkA3V4ya-u13tJuWidjT1&index=6>

#### **Equipment needed:**

Long piece of paper (approx. 60cm long).

Scissors.

Felt pens/pencils.

The Disciples craft task instructions PDF (read from your device or print).

Craft idea 1 – Refer to instructions '12 Disciples PDF'. See separate instruction sheet. [Click Here](#)

**The Point:** To give you a reminder of who the 12 disciples were.

## 5) Close prayer and St Mary's key reflection questions:

What does this teach us about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?

What do we need to do (this week)?



### Active Prayer (journaling) – Why me?:

#### **Equipment:**

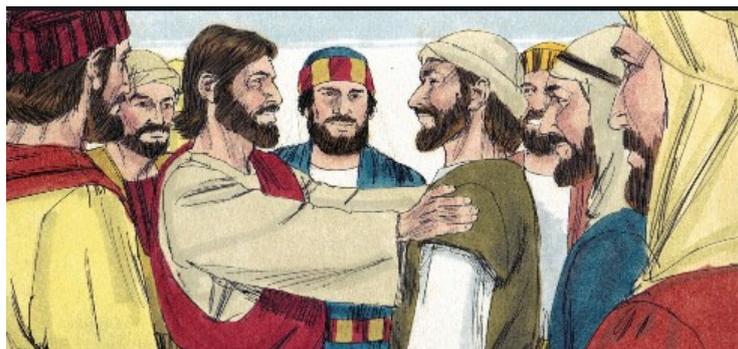
Paper, pens, quiet music.

Find a comfy place, quiet place. Play reflective, calming music too if you like. Think about the story. Imagine being in that story and hearing Jesus ask them to follow Him. Spend a few minutes in the quiet asking God why He would want to choose them.

Write down or draw anything that comes to mind.

Finish sharing the Bible quote:

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**The Point:** To give space for God to speak to individuals.

*Visit this website for more ideas on how to pray with young children throughout the day*

<https://www.diddydisciples.org/tcahprayersthroughtheday>

## Links to other ways to worship:



**Diddy Disciples 'church at home'** is a creative and playful worship and Bible storytelling on line resource for babies, toddlers and young children. This is a great resource for all our Young Church children, so we thought we would share.

<https://www.diddydisciples.org/thechurchathome>