

Week 33 Parent Sheet: Jesus Chooses His Disciples

John 1:35-51 NIV

John the Baptist told Andrew and John; then Andrew told Peter; then Jesus called Philip; then Philip told Nathanael

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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Many Events of Jesus' Life in Chronological Order:

- Born (5 BC)
- Named – when 8 days old
- Presented at the Temple – when 40 days old
- Visited by Wise Men – when 2 months old
- Fled to Egypt – when 2 months old
- Returned to live in Nazareth – when 1 year old
- His parents thought He was lost – when 12 years old
- Baptized by John – when 30 years old
- Some important events of His three-year ministry:
 - ✦ Tempted in the wilderness
 - ✦ Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum
 - ✦ **Called His disciples**
 - ✦ Preached the Sermon on the Mount
 - ✦ Performed many miracles
 - ✦ Sent out His disciples to heal and teach
 - ✦ Warned about persecution
 - ✦ Told many parables
 - ✦ Heard of the death of John the Baptist
 - ✦ More miracles and teaching
 - ✦ Transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him
 - ✦ More miracles and teaching
 - ✦ Welcomed into Jerusalem – on Palm Sunday
 - ✦ Taught many things – on Holy Tuesday
 - ✦ Instituted the Lord's Supper – on Holy Thursday
 - ✦ Arrested, tried, crucified, and died – on Good Friday
 - ✦ Raised to life – on the third day, Easter Sunday
 - ✦ Ascended into heaven – 40 days after Easter

Previous history:

1. In the fullness of time, God sent His Son into the world to live and die to remove all sins.
2. When the time was right, Jesus stepped forward to begin His ministry. In this lesson He is calling various men to serve with Him.

Jesus Chooses His Disciples:

1. Andrew and John follow Jesus: ³⁵ The next day John [the Baptist] was there again with two of his disciples [Andrew and probably John]. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw

them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

2. Andrew finds his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him the good news about Jesus: ⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).
3. Jesus finds Philip; then Philip finds Nathanael: ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." ⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Thought: Why follow Jesus?

1. He is God!
2. He took away our sins!
3. He is the only way to heaven!