

Fishing For People

Youth and Family Worship
January 24, 2021

Opening Worship Song ~All

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU&ab_channel=JeremeAsunto



Call to Worship

L: Christ is calling you as disciples

P: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

L: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

P: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

L: Listen for Christ's call to you.

P: We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN.

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Opening Prayer

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

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Children's Bible Story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAeyW-BV5cY&ab_channel=CartoonBible



Children's Worship Song

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Children's Lesson: Let's Chat

I want you to start by thinking about one item/pet/person you would bring with you if you had to flee your home. It's so hard to think of leaving so many other things behind. Part of me feels sad, because I would miss everything. And another part of me feels scared. What if I needed something that I left? Thankfully, we don't have to make those choices right now, but in today's Bible story there are some people who left EVERYTHING behind to follow Jesus. We are blessed that we don't have to drop EVERYTHING in order to follow Jesus. We still have homes, toys, money, and refrigerators filled with food. Instead of dropping EVERYTHING, God asks us to drop somethings. Can you think of anything God might want us to get rid of? Maybe disobeying your parents, or saying ugly things about someone. And if you are super busy God might want you to drop something so you can spend more time reading your Bible, or praying, or going to church.

This week I want you to try doing one special thing for God. It's a great start that you are doing this lesson. You could please God by being a helper to your parents or teacher. You could be kind to someone. You could reach out to someone who needs a friend. It might not seem like it's big or important, but to God it's EVERYTHING.

Children's Worship Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLISGZhdrVM&ab_channel=FLCkidslife

SAYS TO GO,
GO, GO, GO

Fishers of People Craft

Directions

1. Glue popsicle sticks together and paint blue water background or use piece of wood and paint.
2. Color pictures of fish or use stickers or any type of fish decoration.
3. Place fish and shells on wooden plaque.
4. Place netting over fish and shells.
5. You can write scripture verse at top of plaque.



Mark 1:14-20

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

1:16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.

1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

1:19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

1:20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Youth & Adult Lesson Discussion or Journal

At the beginning of our story, Jesus is walking along the Sea of Galilee when he asks Simon and his brother Andrew to “follow me.” What were Simon and Andrew doing?

Jesus says, “I will make you ‘fish for people.’” Why do you think he says it this way? What does it mean to “fish for people?”

Why do you think Simon and Andrew dropped everything they were doing to follow Jesus?

What images come to mind when you hear the phrase “fish for people?”

Who do you know that is a “fisher of people?” Describe that person and what he or she does.

How is fishing like discipleship and growing people for Christ? Jesus didn’t say, “Come and watch me fish.” He said, “I will make you fish for people” (v. 17).

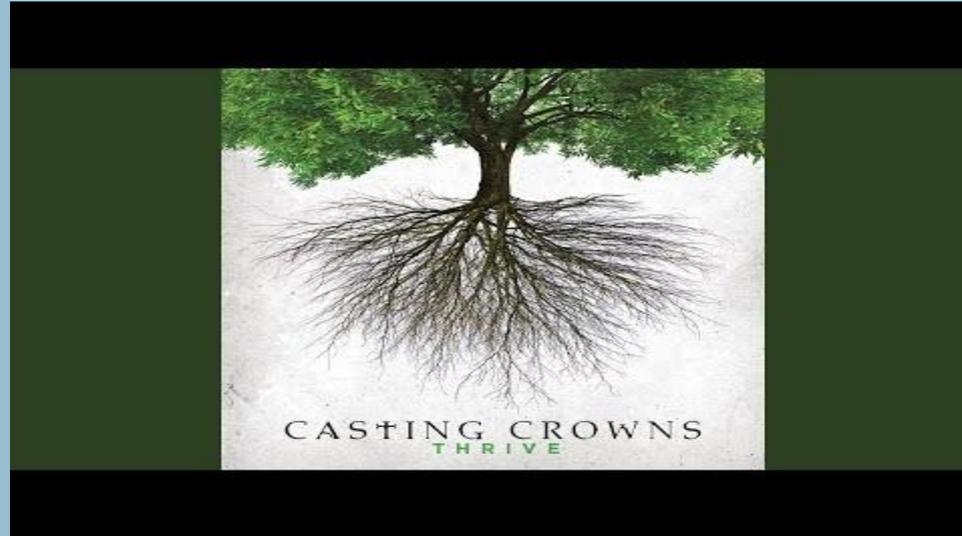
What is the significance of this statement?

How can we encourage one another to be active participants in the sharing of the gospel?

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/follow-me/third-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/third-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-b-youth-lessons>

Youth and Adult Worship Song Follow Me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LraPDItKlvi&ab_channel=CastingCrownsVEVO



What is Discipleship?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rk8ERxqCZqQ&t=2s&ab_channel=ccodyguy



Message

I'm about to share something that may be a little different philosophy than what you've heard before...

Fishing for people has nothing to do with filling pews on a Sunday morning. If that's your goal than you've got the wrong idea about what Jesus wanted from his followers. It's more important to show people about the love of God than to have the numbers on Sunday morning. The church should be teaching that out there in the world is where you can show others who God is. We can do this by bringing kindness and caring into our communities. How can we make the world a better place? What can we do to bring peace into our world? We should be bringing God to them, not expecting them to come into our building on Sunday morning to get it. The church is very valuable for welcoming others, helping people, teaching, and getting together with others in the congregation to share our faith and missions of the church. More importantly though, I think that in our everyday life we can bring God to others through everything we do, not just Sunday morning. During this time without church or virtual church we really have an opportunity to practice being church in the world.

Think about what Jesus would do and do it!

Benediction

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you.
AMEN.

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A Desperate Benediction

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRf1Hko-uP8&ab_channel=StevenCurtisChapman

