

Bible Story 33: JESUS BEGINS SECOND YEAR OF MINISTRY

JESUS CALLS FISHERMEN AND MATTHEW TO FOLLOW HIM

SCRIPTURE: Fishermen: Matthew 4:12, 18-22; Luke 5:1-11
Matthew: Luke 5:27-32

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 4:19

BIBLE STORY:

Herod put John the Baptist in prison. Around this time, Jesus began His second year of ministry.

JESUS CALLS FISHERMEN TO FOLLOW HIM

One day Jesus was walking along the shore on the Sea of Galilee. People were around Him when Jesus saw two boats. He entered one boat and asked Simon Peter to take Him a little ways off shore. Sitting in the boat, Jesus taught the people. Then Jesus told Simon Peter to take the boat out into deeper waters and throw out the nets to catch fish. Simon Peter obeyed. When Simon Peter and Andrew threw out their nets, they caught many fish. So they called James and John to come and help, putting the fish in the boats. The boats were almost sinking, because they caught so many fish. They were amazed!

Jesus looked at the two fishermen brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, and said, **“Come. Follow me. I will make you fishers of men”** (Mt 4:19). They left their nets and followed Jesus.

Then Jesus saw two fishermen brothers, James and John. Jesus asked them to follow Him, and they obeyed. James and John went with Jesus, leaving their father and hired help in the boat.

JESUS CALLS MATTHEW TO FOLLOW HIM

Later Jesus returned to the shore on the Sea of Galilee and taught the crowds. As Jesus was walking on the shore, He saw a man called Matthew, who was also known as Levi. He was at a table, collecting taxes. Jesus called him to follow Him. Matthew got up, left everything and followed Jesus. Matthew gave a dinner, inviting his friends to come to meet Jesus.

This was the beginning of Jesus’ second year of ministry.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What happened to John the Baptist around the time Jesus began His second year of ministry?
2. People were around Jesus and He entered Simon Peter's boat. What happened?
3. After teaching the people, what did Jesus tell Simon Peter to do? What happened?
4. After catching the fish, what did Jesus say to Simon Peter and Andrew? What happened?
5. What did Jesus ask James and John to do? What happened?
6. What does it mean, "*Follow me. I will make you fishers of men*" (Matthew 4:19)?
7. How can you be "*fishers of men*"?
8. What did Jesus do when He saw Matthew, who was collecting taxes? What happened?
9. Matthew invited his friends to dinner so they could meet Jesus. What are some things that you can do to help people know Jesus?