

Talkabout Jesus, our Teacher

Gather 'Round Weekly page

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Week 9

Jesus calls disciples

Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9–13; 10:2–16

Faith focus

Jesus calls disciples and sends them out.

Jesus called fishermen and a tax collector to be his followers. Jesus said he came to call sinners, not the righteous. He gave instructions and sent out the disciples.



Choose from the following ideas:

- Read Matthew 9:9–12. Why did Jesus call a tax collector to be a disciple?
- What actions do you think of as righteous (good)? What actions do you think are wrong?
- Jesus called fishermen who immediately left their boats. Take turns giving simple instructions. Other family members can then immediately do what is asked.
- Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” When have you seen God’s love close at hand?
- Go outside. Say, “God’s peace to this house” as you come back in.
- Which of these animals did Jesus mention? Sheep, wolves, tigers, serpents, doves.

(All but tigers.)

Prayers for this week

God of fishermen and tax collectors, thank you for choosing us, too.