

## *Unit 2: Obedience in the Bible*

### *Lesson 2: The disciple's Obedience (Matthew 4: 18-22, Luke 5:27-28)*

*4<sup>th</sup> grade or Juniors*

#### *Performance Objectives:*

1. The student will recite Matthew 4:19 from memory with no more than two helps.
2. The students will be able to say the names of the twelve disciples from memory.

*Materials Needed:* Visuals for verse and all songs

#### *Opening Activities:*

- Prayer
- Sing "Obedience"
- Introduce Memory verse
- Sing "There Were 12 Disciples"
- Sing "I Will Obey Right Away"

#### *Sequence of Activities:*

A. Review and Motivation. Ask questions about last week from Paul.

B. Jesus lived here on earth for thirty years before He started doing miracles and healing the sick. Jesus had twelve disciples. These men followed Jesus wherever He went. First Jesus had to call these men. In Matthew 4:18, Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, when He saw two brothers, Simon, who was also called Peter, and Andrew. These two were fisherman and were very experienced. They were just minding their own business, casting their net into the sea, when Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." What do you suppose that means? Were those men supposed to go around and catch men instead of fish with their nets? Jesus wanted the disciples to follow Him for the next three years. Then He would be crucified and buried and would rise again. The disciples were supposed to tell everybody they saw what happened to Jesus, and to explain that He died for their sins. That was how they were going to be fishers of men.

Peter and Andrew had never met Jesus before, but "straightway left their nets and followed him." They had always been fishermen. That was how they got their food and their money. But they left their nets and their boats and went to follow Jesus.

A little while later Jesus, Peter and Andrew found two more fishermen. Their names were James and John and they were brothers like Peter and Andrew. They were in their ship mending their nets with their father, Zebedee. The Bible says that Jesus called them. "And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." Can you imagine how hard it must have been for them to just leave their father, their life, and their home? But Peter, Andrew, James and John left everything they knew and obeyed Jesus.

In the book of Luke, Jesus called another man to follow Him. His name was Levi and he was a publican, which means he collected taxes. In the middle of the day, while Levi was busy working, Jesus said to him, "Follow me." The Bible says that he "left all, rose up, and followed him." Levi was probably a rich man, but he left his job and his home and obeyed Jesus.

*Evaluation:* Each student will be able to recite Matthew 4:19 from memory. Each student will be able to say the names of the twelve disciples.