



ELEMENTARY

Week of September 20

Bible Story: Selection of The Disciples (Luke 5:1-11 & 6:12-16)

The Jesus Storybook Bible: Let's go! (210 – 213)

BIG Idea: Jesus told His disciples to tell others about Him, and we are Jesus' disciples when we trust in Him.

Bible Story Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWiqXln9tyg>

THE BIG BIBLE STORY

In Luke 5, Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret preaching to a crowd of people. He saw two boats on the sea shore. He got into the boat, which belonged to Simon and taught the crowd of people from the shore. When Jesus was done teaching, he told Simon to put his nets into the water to try to catch some fish. Simon had been fishing all night and had not caught any fish but he listened to Jesus anyway and put the net into the water. When Simon did, his net became so full of fish that the net began to break. Simon was amazed by all the fish they had caught, but was embarrassed because he knew that he was a sinful man. He told Jesus to leave because he knew that he was sinful and didn't deserve all of the fish that they had caught. Jesus then told Simon that he would become a fisher of men. When Simon and his companions heard this, they parked their boats and left everything they had to follow Jesus. Simon's name was changed to Peter. Peter and his companions became Jesus' first disciples.

In Luke 6, Jesus is faced with a decision. He has come to earth to show and teach people what God is like and have an everlasting relationship with God. He knew that one of the things he must do is pass on the essential truths of why He came to a few people who can continue to tell His story once he is in Heaven. The eternal weight of the world is on His shoulders, and He must choose a few good men to spread the good news of His life, death, and resurrection once He is gone.

Jesus is not only praying for the choice he must make, but also for the healing (Luke 6:17-19) and teaching (Luke 6:20-49) He would do. Jesus always makes prayer his number one priority, because without prayer, His ministry would have no power. Did Jesus think carefully about His choice of who His disciples would be? Certainly. Did he watch his disciples interact with one another and base his decision on that? Of course. Prayer and communication with God were the primary steps in making such a huge decision and we can be thankful that Jesus set an example for us for when we need to make important decisions!

BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

- Why do you think Jesus picked these men to be His disciples?
- Why do you think Jesus prayed before picking his disciples?
- How do we know God wants us to be his followers?

BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES

Journal: Write about the times you could have been a disciple at school or with your friends. Tell God why you want to continue to be a disciple.

Art: Draw a picture of Simon catching tons of fish! Be sure to include Jesus by his side.