

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#22 - The Call to Follow Jesus Luke 9:46-50, 57-62, 10:1-24

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

22-2 Jesus teaching the disciples

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** How has God revealed his glory?
God's glory is revealed through the gift of his Son.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** How was Jesus transfigured?

T—T	Make sign of "T"
Transfigured	L hand palm up R palm down, reverse positions
Jesus like	Make sign of Jesus
a burning light	Flash hands palms out in front of body
T—T—Transfigured	Same as above
God's glory	Move arms above head
shining bright	Flash hands above head



- **Introduction:** (picture 22-2) What is this a picture of?

Jesus wants us to love him more than we love the things we have in this world.

Jesus disciples argued with one another about who was the greatest. They wanted to think they were better than other people. Jesus said that in God's eyes the one who is humble and serves others is the greatest.

Jesus sent his disciples out to share the gospel. They weren't to take food or clothing with them but were to trust God to give them the things they needed to live.

Lots of people wanted to follow Jesus but Jesus told them it would be hard. They would have to give up a lot of things they had and liked in the world.

The big question for this week is: Who is the greatest in the kingdom of God?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions.

Title: What have we been called to?

Page 1 – Colossians 3:2-4

(Picture of family worshiping or praying)

If we believe in Jesus,
he has called us by his name.
We live our life for him.
We don't want to bring him shame.
That means we look to Jesus
and the Father up above.
As we're called to live like him
and show the world his love.

Page 2 – Matthew 6:19-20

(Picture of money or treasure)

We're not to focus on the things
that are valued here on earth.
But instead on things eternal
that have much greater worth.
That means we don't seek money
to buy lots of fancy things.
Instead we share with others
and reap the joy that brings.

Page 3 – 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

(Picture of people showing love to one another)

We're called to think of others
in all we choose to do.
Our thoughts about ourselves
should really be quite few.
We speak the truth of Jesus
everywhere we go.
And we live in such a way
that God's love we always show.

Page 4 – Matthew 5:11-12

(Picture of person doing right)

The path we're called to follow
is not an easy one.
But treasure we will store up
if God's will is done.
There are many who'll reject us
and treat us really wrong.
But if we're faithful to live rightly
in Jesus we'll stay strong.

Page 5 – Matthew 5:10

(Picture of child going to Jesus)

When we suffer here on earth
to heaven we can look.
God tells us it's a better place.
He says that in his Book.
Doing what the Father wants
should always fill our mind,
Staying close to Jesus
so to others we are kind.

Page 6 – 1 Timothy 6:11-12

(Another picture of people showing love)

Cheerfully we do what's right
as Christ is Lord of all.
Knowing that in serving him,
we fulfill our call.
So follow Jesus here on earth
and live life really well.
Into to heaven he has called us,
where one day we will dwell.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Day 1: When are we called by Jesus' name? What does it mean to be called by Jesus' name?

Day 2: What are we to focus on? Why? What does that mean we do?

Day 3: What should our thoughts focus on? What should we talk about? How should we live?

Day 4: Why isn't the path to follow Jesus an easy one? What should we do if people reject us and treat us wrongly?

Day 5: Why is heaven a better place than earth? What should we do when we are suffering on earth?

Day 6: Why should we choose to do what is right? Where will we end up? Why?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- **Prayer:** Thank Jesus for making a way for you to come to him and calling you to live your life in a way that pleases him. Pray that you would honor him in the things you say and do. Thank him that he has made a way for you to spend all eternity in heaven with him.
- **The Big Question:** Who is the greatest in the kingdom of God?

The most humble servant is the greatest in the kingdom of God.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

- ★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Activity:** Drawing

Instruction: Draw a picture of something you can do to serve someone else.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

C—C	Make sign of “C”
Called	Beckon with hand
To look to	Point to eyes, look up
God above	Lift arms in air
C—C—Called	Same as above
To show the world	Arms above head in circle
his love	Hands crossed over heart



• **Discovery Activity:** Discussion

What are things that we love a lot? How can we love those things more than we love Jesus?

• **Craft:** Treasure in heaven

Materials: cover stock paper, paper punch, yarn, crayons or colored pencils

Preparation: Run off craft 22 on cover stock paper. Cut apart pouches and crosses.

Fold the treasure pouch in half and punch holes around the edges. Cut yarn into 3 feet pieces.

Instructions: Sew the pouch together with yarn and put a cross in it as a reminder that the eternal is what has real value. Make a yarn strap to hang it from.

• **Song:** Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day;
In every way try to please Him,
At home, at school, at play.

Chorus:

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;
A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

Jesus wants me to be loving,
And kind to all I see;
Showing how pleasant and happy
His little one can be.

Chorus

I will ask Jesus to help me,
To keep my heart from sin;
Ever reflecting His goodness,
And always shine for Him.

Chorus

I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus;
I can if I but try;
Serving Him moment by moment,
Then live with Him on high.

Chorus

JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.