

Expected Student Outcomes

KNOW

Jesus calls disciples to follow Him and obey His Word.

DO

Students will:

- use a code to review Jesus' teaching in John 15
- complete an activity about the calling of the first disciples
- determine various ways to fulfill the Great Commission
- differentiate between the fruit of the Spirit and leading others to faith

APPLY

Students will acknowledge their need to follow Christ and obey His Word. They will practice telling others about Jesus.

Lesson Outline

- I. The vine, the branches, and the fruit (Jn 15:1–8)
 - A. Jesus, the vine
 - B. Jesus chooses disciples, the branches
 - C. Bearing fruit
- II. Fishers of men (Lk 5:1–11, Mt 4:18–22)
 - A. Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John
 - B. Catching people
- III. The Church begins to grow (Lk 10:1–20)
 - A. Jesus sends out many disciples
 - B. Jesus gives the Great Commission (Mt 28:18–20, Mk 16:15–20)
- IV. Fruit and fish
 - A. The fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23)
 - B. Sharing your faith

TEACHER'S HEART

First graders love stories! They listen intently and often remember their favorite stories for a long time. Not only do the students remember the stories, but as they mature, they come to an understanding that some stories can be meaningful on more than one level.

Jesus often used real-life illustrations to teach spiritual concepts. He pointed out a vine and taught about how the branches were able to bear fruit because of their connection to the vine. He compared Himself to the vine and the Church to the branches. In another illustration, Jesus used the metaphor of catching fish to describe reaching people with the gospel.

By providing illustrations that His listeners could understand, Jesus was able to teach a great deal about the kingdom of God. As you teach this week, consider how to convey spiritual concepts in such a way that your students can begin to understand these truths. You will be blessed, and your students will be, too!

MEMORY VERSE

John 15:5

MATERIALS

Day 1:

- Cluster of grapes, DM-7 Vine and Branches
- Grapes (*Extension*)

Day 2:

- Items used for fishing
- VA 20A The Disciples Follow Jesus
- BLM 20A Fishers of Men (*Extension*)

Day 3:

- Untied shoe

Day 4:

- Paring knife, apple
- PP-6 Tell the World About Jesus (*Extension*)

Day 5:

- VA 20A The Disciples Follow Jesus
- BLM 20B Lesson 20 Test

SONGS

Right to My Heart
The Fish Are Gonna Bite

TEACHER RESOURCES

Lucado, Max. *Live to Make a Difference*. Thomas Nelson, 2010.
Maxwell, John C. *Equipping 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know*. Thomas Nelson, 2003.

STUDENT RESOURCES

McDonough, Andrew. *The Gardener and The Vine*. Zonderkidz, 2010.
Nystrom, Carolyn. *Fish, Peter!* Kregel Publications, 2004.