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Teacher Notes

Video Abstract (Author: Wild Stories About Jesus and Max7.org): This episode of WILD STORIES ABOUT JESUS retells Mark 1:16-20, highlighting Jesus calling His disciples. This video is suitable for showing in schools, kids' clubs and churches and could be helpful for family devotions.

Dramatically read Mark 1:16-20 and show the video:

As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

“Follow me,” Jesus told them, “and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat putting their nets in order. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (Mark 1:16-20, CSB)

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Show the student that reading the Bible helps you understand people and their responses.

Read John 1:35-42.

The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

“Come and you’ll see,” he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated “the Christ”), and he brought Simon to Jesus.

When Jesus saw him, he said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated “Peter”). (John 1:35-42, CSB)

Ask the student:

Who said that Jesus was the Lamb of God? Answer: John the Baptist

Who was a follower of John the Baptist? Answer: Andrew

When Jesus walked by, what did Andrew do? Answer: followed Jesus

Who did Andrew get to go with him? Answer: Peter

Jesus was a special kind of teacher. He was called a Rabbi. In Jesus' day, young men would ask a Rabbi to be their teacher, but Jesus was different. He chose His students. When students followed a Rabbi, they worked hard to be like their Rabbi, or teacher. Jesus wants us to be like Him, and He has given us the Bible to teach us how to do that!