LENT

Year 4 R.E.

Week Beginning Monday 8th March 2021

Lesson 1.

L.O: to know that Jesus called people to share his life.

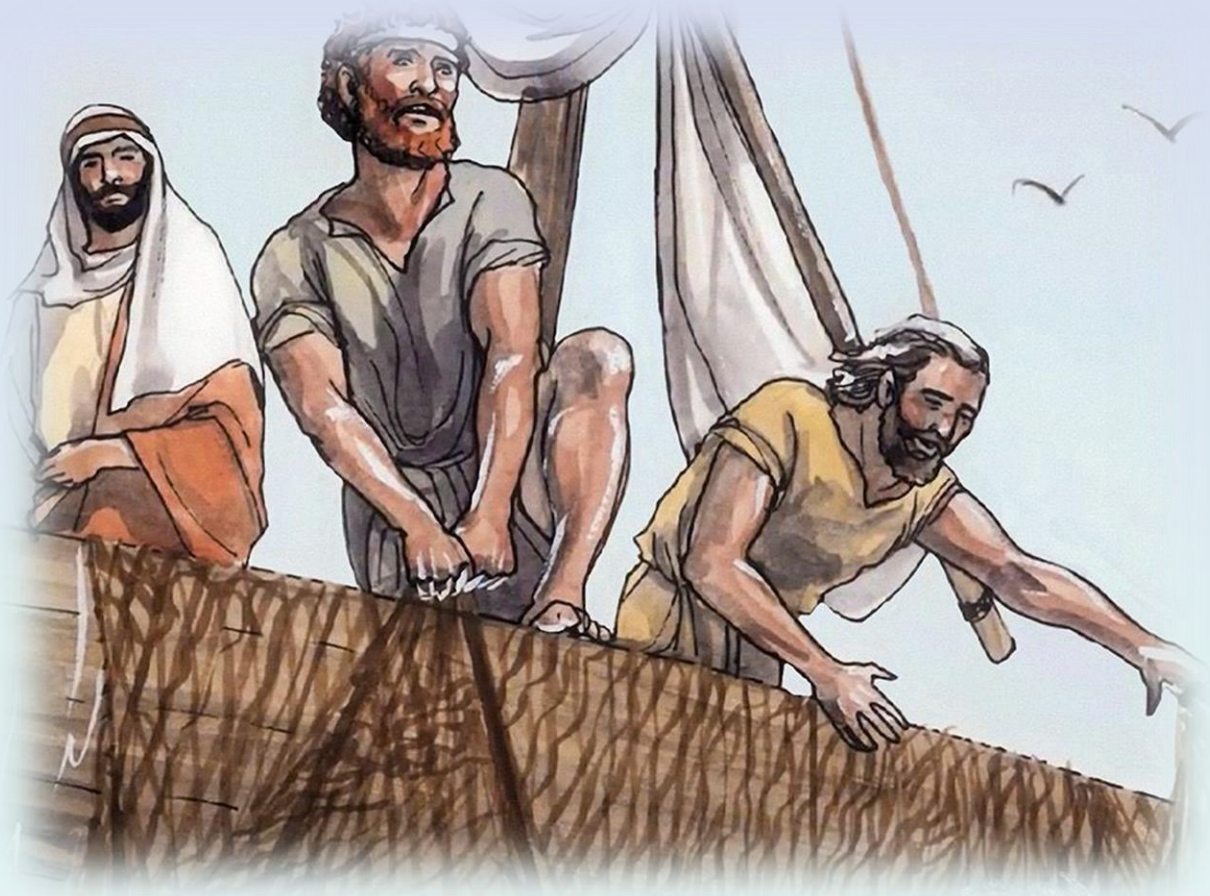


Jesus calls the first disciples

After Jesus had been baptised by his cousin, John the Baptist, a voice from Heaven said, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." Jesus began his ministry. He healed many people who were sick and talked to people about God and His Kingdom. He described how they too could enter the Kingdom of Heaven if they also chose to follow Him.



Jesus was walking along the banks of the Sea of Galilee. He saw two men standing on the shore, casting their huge net into the lake. The two men were brothers called Simon and Andrew. They were fishermen and relied on fishing for their livelihood.



Jesus said to Simon and Andrew,
"Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Immediately, the two men left their nets and followed Jesus. They were the very first disciples of Jesus.



Jesus and the two fishermen walked a little farther along the shoreline. They saw a small fishing boat with two brothers and their father, called Zebedee, in it. The men were preparing their nets as they were about to set sail and start fishing for the day.



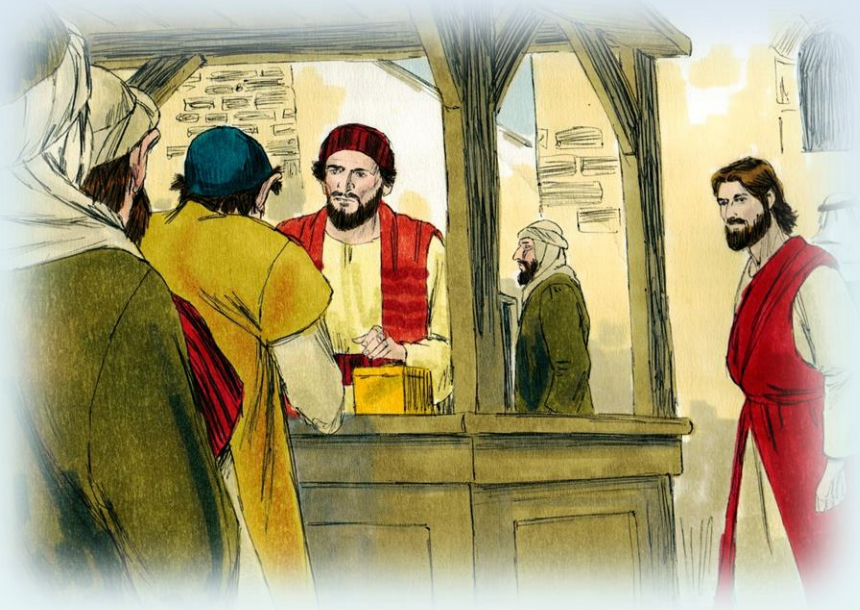
The brothers were called James and John. Jesus spoke to them. They also immediately left their nets, the boat and their father, and followed Jesus.
The four fishermen were now disciples of Jesus. They had left everything behind; their friends, their families and their homes. Their lives would change for ever.



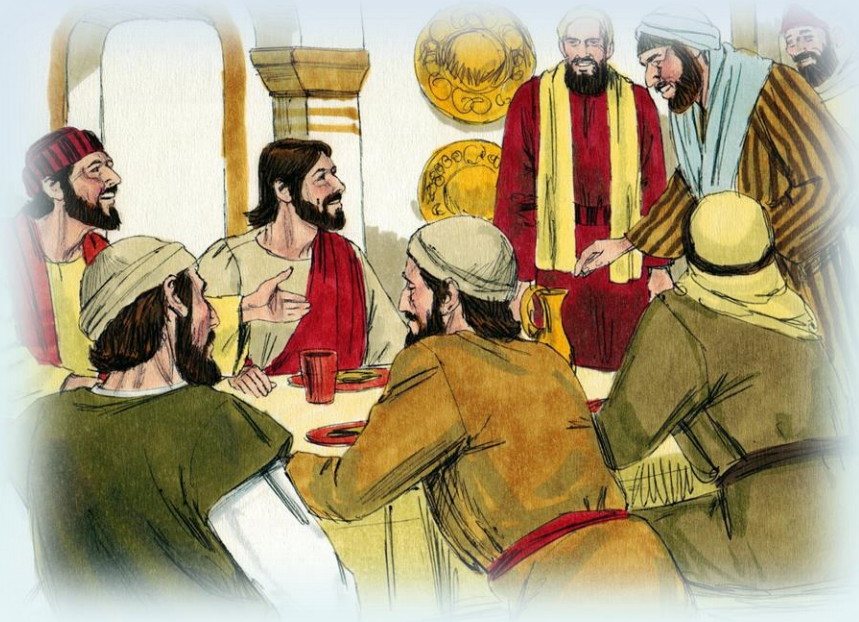
Mk. 1: 1-20 – The Call of the disciples
Lk. 5: 1-11

The call of Matthew

Jesus went back again to the shore of Lake Galilee. A crowd came to him and he started teaching them. As he walked along he met a tax collector sitting in his office. His name was Levi, son of Alphaeus. Tax collectors took money from the people and gave it to the Roman government. People didn't like the tax collectors because they cheated the people and charged more for their taxes and kept the extra money. Jesus knew how most people felt.



Jesus went to the office and said to Levi, "Follow Me."
Levi got up straight away, left his office to follow Jesus.
Later that day, Jesus was having a meal at Levi's house. Levi had also invited some of his friends tax collectors and outcasts. Some pharisees saw this, so they asked his disciples," Why does he eat with such people?"
Jesus heard them and answered, "People who are well do not need a doctor, but only those who are sick. I have not come to call respectable people, but outcasts"



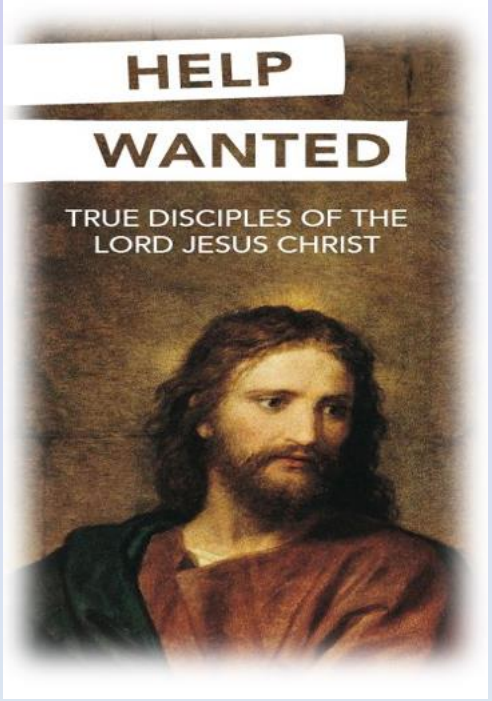
Lk. 5: 27-28 – The Call of Levi
Mk. 2: 13-14
Mt. 9: 9-10

Things to think about…

TASK: What do these stories tell you about the type of people Jesus chose to be his disciples? Why do you think he chose these very ordinary people?

These men were not all fishermen before they became disciples. They all did many different things and came from different types of families. They were not perfect either, they just wanted to try to be like Jesus and spread the good news about who Jesus was.

What qualifies you to be a disciple of Jesus?



Colossians 3:12-17

You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you. And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. Christ's message in all its richness must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through him to God the Father.

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Lesson 2

L.O: To understand some reasons why people accepted or rejected the call of Jesus to follow him.



The Call of the Rich Man

Matthew 19:16-22 16

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not cheat, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbour as yourself.'" "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Why did he want to follow Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus asked him to give up everything?

Things to think about…

Why do you think Jesus asked him to give up everything?

In the story it is not what the rich man had done in the past that was important to Jesus, but what he could do in the future. Why then did the rich man go away sad?

In the end, what was stopping the young man being a disciple of Jesus?

What do you think might stop people today from following Jesus?

