

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Luke 5:3-6, 11

Draw a picture, or write about, your favourite part of prayer time today:



Family questions

1. Who was in the boat with you?
2. What was it like when you pulled in the net full of fish with Jesus? What was Jesus' reaction?
3. Jesus has chosen you to follow him - he has a special purpose for you. How do you feel about that?

Adult question

1. Before Peter encountered Jesus, he had fished all night and caught nothing. What are areas in your life where you are working hard but coming up empty? Where would you like to invite Jesus to help you?

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-2,5-8

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Family questions

1. What could you see from the top of the mountain?
2. Describe how Jesus looked when he was glowing?
3. What was it like talking to God the Father?

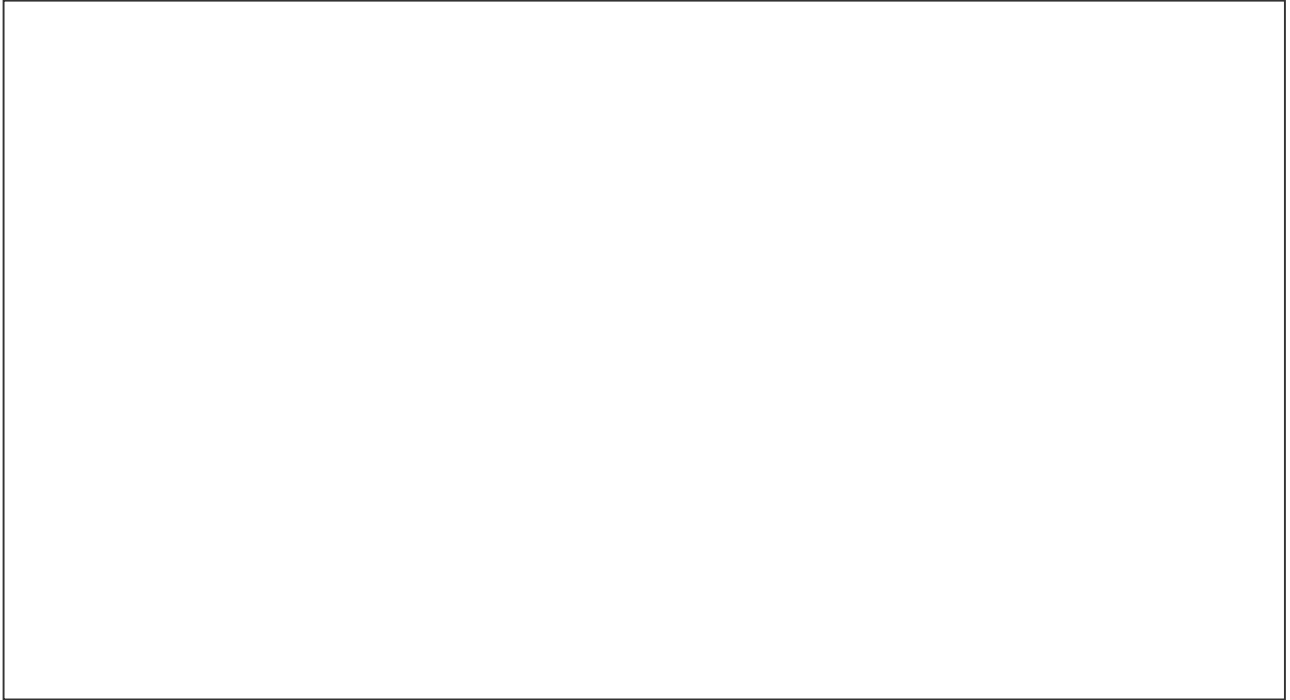
Adult question

1. Describe the image you have of God the Father. Is it angry, distant or disinterested? Or is it how the passage reveals him to be - gentle, caring, loving and calling you 'His child'?

The Baptism of Jesus

Mark 1:9-11

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Family questions

1. What was it like when Jesus called you into the water to be baptised?
2. How did you feel when Jesus looked into your eyes and was smiling?
3. How did you spend your time with Jesus?

Adult question

1. Despite knowing your weaknesses and failings, Jesus says, "I love you and am well pleased with you". What is your reaction to these words?

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

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1. What part of your house did you show Jesus?
2. What was the expression on Jesus' face when he was introduced to your family?
3. How did it feel when Jesus said "I forgive you"?

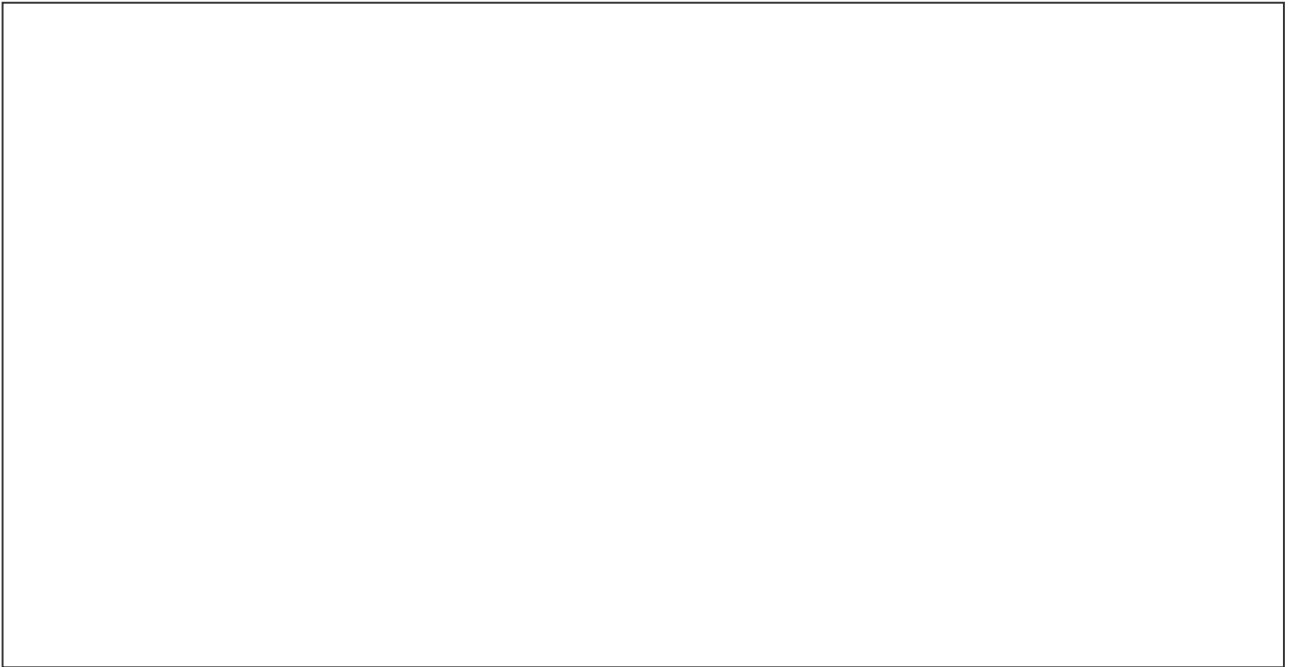
Adult question

1. Jesus says, "Do not be afraid to come to Me". Despite knowing your failures and sinfulness Jesus invites you to come to him. What stops you from going to Jesus when you have done something wrong? What might Jesus say to you in response?

Jesus Calms the Storm

Luke 8:22-25

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Family questions

1. At the start of the meditation, what did you do when you were in the boat with Jesus? Swim? Fish?
2. How did you feel when Jesus calmed the storm?
3. What is something that you feel scared of that you could ask Jesus for help with? Ask him now.

Adult question

1. Jesus says, "I am with you always". Have there been times in your life when you felt like Jesus was sleeping? Talk to Jesus about those experiences, be honest with him.

Blind Bartimaeus

Mark 10: 46-52

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Family questions

1. How did you feel when Jesus was close to you? Nervous, excited, something else?
2. What colour was Jesus' hair? And his eyes?
3. What would you most like Jesus to do for you?

Adult question

1. Jesus says "I want to heal you." Where do you need the healing touch of Jesus in your life at the moment? If you want to, you can invite him to heal that part of you.

Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

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1. Even though Jesus is God, he still prayed. What ways do you like to pray?
2. What was it like walking on water towards Jesus?
3. How did you feel when Jesus saved you from sinking?

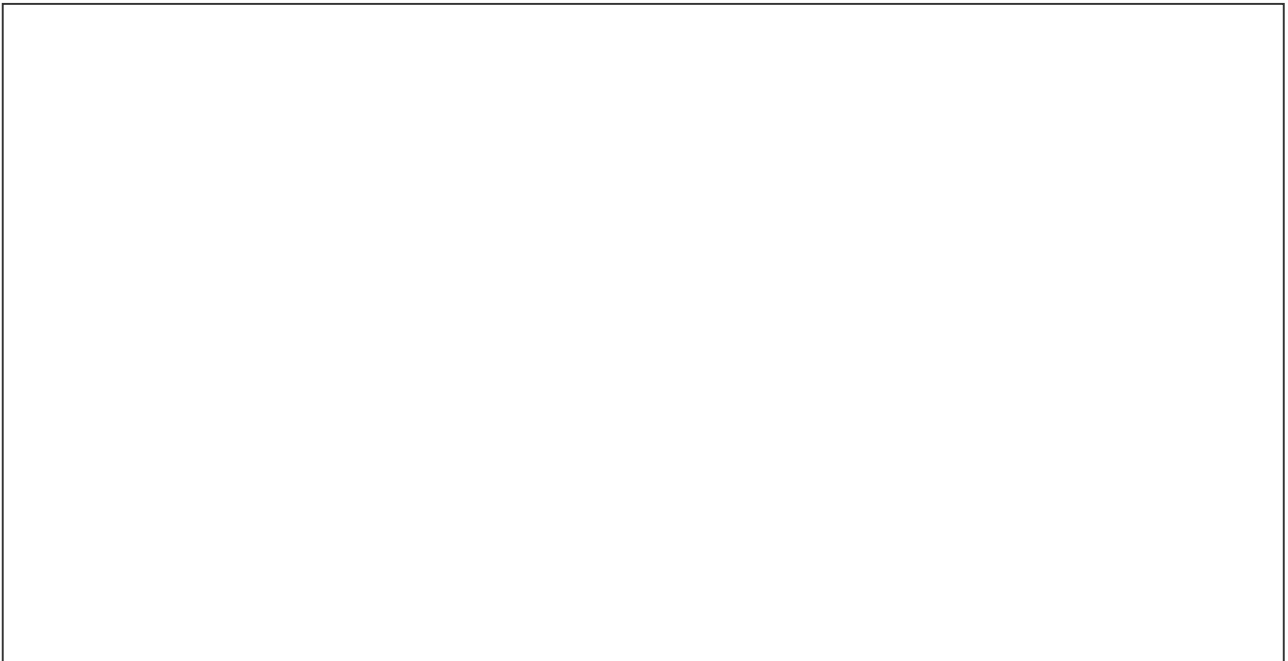
Adult question

1. Jesus says, "even if you forget about me, I will never forget you." Think about the times you have been distant from God. Jesus did not forget you at those times – what does that say to you about him?

The Lost Sheep

Luke 15:3-6

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Family questions

1. How did Jesus respond when he saw the sheep was trapped and caught in the branches?
2. What are some of the things that you are scared of?
3. How do you think Jesus responds when you are scared, hurt or lost?

Adult question

1. Jesus went to great lengths to find the sheep that had drifted far away from him, and he does the same for you, no matter the cost. Will you let yourself be found by God right now, in this moment, exactly as you are, “warts and all”?

Waving the Palms

Matthew 21:1-2,6-9

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Family questions

1. What was it like when Jesus stopped his donkey in front of you?
2. What did it feel like to be on the donkey with Jesus while everyone was shouting praises to him?
3. What are some of the things in your life that you are thankful for?

Adult question

1. What is your response when you see and hear Jesus smiling and laughing? Does this challenge the image you have of him?

The Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-6,8-10

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Family questions

1. What did the angel look like?
2. How did you feel when you saw Jesus alive?
3. How did you respond when Jesus called your name and spoke to you?

Adult question

1. When have you experienced the presence of God in your life?

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5,8 & 2:1-4

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Family questions

1. Who was in the room with you?
2. What colour were the flames above your head?
3. What person did you speak to the Holy Spirit about?

Adult question

1. You received the Holy Spirit at baptism, the Holy Spirit lives in you. How can you tone down the noise and busyness of your life to be more in tune with the quiet promptings of the Holy Spirit within you?

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Luke 1:39-44,46,49

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Family questions

1. What were you doing at home when Mary knocked on the door?
2. What was it like to sit next to Mary and talk with her? Describe what she looked like?
3. How can you get to know Mary's son, Jesus, more?

Adult question

1. Mary says, "God has done great things for me"! What are some of the great things God has done for you?

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:4,6-7 & Matthew 2:1,9-11

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Family questions

1. What did you see when you looked inside the stable?
2. What was your reaction when you first saw baby Jesus lying in the manger?
3. What was it like to hold baby Jesus in your arms?

Adult question

1. Jesus loves you profoundly. He came into the world to be with you. What was it like to look into the eyes of Jesus as a tiny, helpless baby?