**January GIFT Homework**

**Called to be Disciples of Jesus**

Some Helpful Vocabulary:

Apostles- the first 12 men Jesus called to follow him

Good News- the message that God loves us

Synagogue- Jewish place of worship

Faith- belief or trust that someone will help and care for you

Disciples- one of the 12 followers of Jesus

Christianity- religion that follows Jesus’ teachings

Taxes- payment to help run a country

**Read story "Fishers of Men" and answer the questions on the worksheet. (You can look it up in your Bible for extra practice!) - Matthew 4: 18-22, Matthew 9:9-13**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Pete rand his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.**19**“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”  At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,  and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+9%3A9-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23393a)] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

**Fishers of Men Worksheet**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What did Peter, Andrew, James, and John do for a living?

2. They had fished all night, but had not caught anything. Jesus told them to put

out their fishing nets again. Did they catch any fish?

3. How did they feel when they saw how many fish they had caught? Why?

1. Jesus told them to not be what?
2. Jesus asked them to come with him and He will make them fishermen of what?
3. What did the fishermen do?
4. What did Matthew do for a living?
5. Did the Jewish people like tax collectors? Why not?
6. How many disciples did Jesus have?
7. Why do you think Jesus called his apostles?
8. Do you think Jesus still calls people today? How? Why?

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For older children:

Watch the video and answer the questions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0eppMB7a7w>

Answer:

1. Are you a follower of Jesus?
2. How would someone know that you are a follower of Jesus?
3. Do you think God is acting through you?
4. Do you think God might have a plan for you, even though you don’t exactly know what it is?
5. How can you hear what God is calling you to do?

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For younger children

Watch:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZhYBqU9cCc

Answer:

1. Why do you think Jesus taught the parable of the Good Samaritan?
2. What did the first two people who passed by the hurt man do?

3. What did the Good Samaritan do?

1. The Samaritan and the Jewish man were enemies. Why do you think he helped the hurt man, even though they were enemies?

5. Have you ever helped anyone? Maybe someone you don’t know? Why did you do it?