

Unit 7 Lesson 2

Heartprint: **Jesus Came to Save Us from Our Sins**

Memory Verse: **Romans 10:13**

March 14, 2021

Link to video large group: <https://youtu.be/625gXrlQ9yo>

Song: "I Like to..." - 1st Look
<https://youtu.be/LOSOW-zET68>

Activity: *Follow the Leader*

Instructions: Play the traditional game of *Follow the Leader*. Begin by acting as the leader yourself, then allow each child to take a turn as leader. Afterwards, have a short discussion with your children, explaining that since you are followers of Jesus, you try to live like Jesus did by following His example. Brainstorm together with your kids to create a list of ways you can show love to others.

Connection Point: In our lesson today, Jesus asked a man named Matthew to follow Him. Jesus calls each one of us to follow Him, all we have to do is say YES!

Craft: *Follow Me*

Items Needed:

- *Follow Me* template
- Ribbon
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Tape



Instructions: Have the children color the sandals template. Cut around sandal and make small holes where indicated. Thread two lengths of ribbon through holes, tie and tape underneath.

Connection Point: God, in grace, sent His Son for us. So we could know all about God's love. But He not only wants us to know Him, He calls us to follow Him. He has work for us to do! Matthew left the job of being a tax collector so he could work for Jesus. When Jesus gives us a thumbs up, and asks us to follow him, it is because he loves us. When we follow Him it changes us from a sinner to saved by Jesus Christ.

Bible Lesson: *Jesus saves me through faith*

Memory Verse: "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13
<https://youtu.be/1bWkrG74UYQ>

This week's story is taken from Matthew 9:9-13 (The call of Matthew), Eph 2:8-10:

Have you ever played Follow the Leader or Simon Says? The Bible tells us a story about a man named Matthew. Matthew was not liked by the other men. Most of the men were mean to Matthew because he was a tax collector. Can you do a thumbs down sign? That is what other men did when Matthew tried to talk to them. They all thought they were way better than him.

But one day Jesus walked by Matthew. Jesus said to Mathew, "Follow Me". Matthew got up and followed Jesus! Jesus did not give Matthew the thumbs down sign! Jesus gave Matthew a thumbs up! Matthew was happy! Can I see your happy face?

Matthew then took Jesus home to dinner, and on the way he picked up more people that were sinners - more people who were left out. All the people who Matthew asked to dinner were sinners, and always got the thumbs down sign from other people. These sinners were happy to be eating with Jesus!

Do you remember all the mean people who gave the thumbs down sign to Matthew? Well, they were called Pharisees, and they always had a mad face (cross your arms and make a mad face). They didn't think all of these sinners should be so happy! They asked Jesus' disciples why he ate dinner with these sinners. The disciples didn't answer them, Jesus did. He said, "I came to earth for them, not for the people who think they do everything right!! Leave them alone!"

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What job do you think Jesus has for you to do? God created work for you before you were even born!

Let's pray:

God, you are gracious. You gave us your Son so our sins would be forgiven and we could follow Him to new work that would please you. Change us so that we see others the way you see them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. Who asked Matthew to follow him? (Jesus)
2. Who went to dinner with Matthew? (Jesus and other sinners)
3. Who answered the Pharisees when they asked about the sinners? (Jesus)
4. Who can we follow? (Jesus)
5. When we follow Jesus, does it change us? (Yes!)



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Follow me Sandal



What you need

- Template page (white card for best results)
- Scissor
- Colouring pencils or crayons,
- Ribbon
- Sticky tape.

What to do



Colour the template page



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