



The Call of Levi the Tax Collector

January 23 Luke 5:27-39

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- What does it mean to leave everything?
- When do you see a doctor? Jesus wasn't a doctor - what does he mean by coming for the "sick"?
- Talk about calling. What does it mean that Jesus "called" his disciples, because it wasn't on a phone...
- Have a Jesus character go around asking various people in the congregation: "Do you steal from people?" "Do people hate you?" etc. Presumably they will answer no. Pre-arrange with one person to answer yes. Jesus' response will be "Ok, follow me!" Have a discussion of how Jesus became friends with all sorts of people, even those that everybody else hated.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- How does Jesus call us? We are called to be disciples too. What does Jesus call us to do? One way to follow him is to tell our friends about him.
- Jesus enjoyed being friends with all sorts of people, even the ones that other people didn't like very much. How can we follow Jesus by being friends with people we don't want to like? Who is the least likely person you can think of coming to church?

At Home Connections

- Who might need you to be their friend today? How can you welcome someone new into your life as a family?
- Talk about how we are called to be disciples - what are the things we do that help us be disciples?
- Do you have any friends that you want to introduce to Jesus?