

FAITH TREK  
JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES  
JANUARY 12  
DISCIPLES DESIGN ARTIST'S STUDIO  
STAINED GLASS ICHTHUS FISH

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:** Matthew 4:12-13; 17-25, Matthew 9:9-13, Matthew 10:1-4, Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-46.

**MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 4:19**

***"And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.'"***

**CONCEPTS:**

**Students will learn:**

- Definitions of "disciple" and "call."
- Jesus had many disciples including the 12; other disciples included women.
- Learn names of the 12 and stories about them (as we have them).
- Understand that Jesus called ordinary people like you and me.
- Understand that Jesus calls us to be disciples too.
- Learn the meaning of the symbol of the ICHTHUS Fish

**PREPARATION**

- Read the Scripture passage(s).
- Prepare a closing prayer.
- Check out the Disciples Design Artist's Studio (last room on the left) before your first Sunday workshop. Locate any supplies you may need in the Christian Education resource room. Jeanne Crabb will be able to assist you.

**MATERIALS LIST:**

- Clear contact paper (low-stick works great!)
- Two sheets 8-1/2" x 11" construction paper each artist
- Felt pens, crayons
- Several colors of tissue paper, scraps are fine
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Yarn or string
- Suction cup hooks (1 per fish)

**ADVANCE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Pre-cut sheets of contact paper (two per artist) and the shape of the ICHTHUS fish out of construction paper (two per artist).
- (Optional!) Cut out letters from magazines that represent the artists' names, the ICHTHUS symbols (IXOYE), or other symbols to place in the fish. (Letter stickers can be used, or artists may write their own symbols.)

## **PRESENTATION:**

### **Opening- Introduction:**

- Greet the children and introduce yourself. Wear your nametag. Make sure the children are wearing nametags. Ask the class shepherd to supply temporary tags for any guests.
- Explain the purpose of this workshop. Use kid-friendly words to give a brief overview of what the children are going to learn and do: Explain the memory verse ("...fishers of people.") and the ICTHUS fish symbol.

### **Main Content:**

- Review the story.
- Review the Memory Verse.
- Review Discussion Questions while the children work on their fish.
- While the children assemble their stained glass fish, discuss the different characters in the story. What emotions and feelings were felt? By Jesus? The followers? How can we be disciples in our lives today?
- **STEP 1:** Remove the paper backing from one sheet of contact paper and place it sticky side up on the table. Adhere one of the construction paper fish outlines to it.
- **STEP 2:** Tear or cut tissue paper shapes and adhere them to the contact paper inside the fish outline.
- **STEP 3:** Adhere magazine-cut letters, symbols or write the ICTHUS symbols (IXOYE) or the artist's name across the tissue paper.
- **STEP 4:** Place the second construction paper fish outline on top of the first one and adhere the two sides together with the second piece of contact paper. Punch a hole at the top of the fish and tie a loop of yarn or string. A suction cup hook may be used to hang the stained glass fish in a window.

### **Reflection and closing time:**

- Review memory verse again.
- Closing prayer.
- Tidy room. Turn off lights. Turn down thermostat to 55°.

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