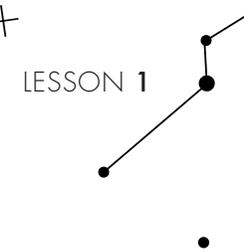


THE LIFE

EMBRACING THE LIFE OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER

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LESSON 1



Dear Parents,

We are beginning an exciting new journey through Scripture with your student as we study what it means to be a follower of Christ. This week we looked at the call of the first disciples to simply follow Jesus. This lesson, titled "The Call to Follow," led students to understand that the saving relationship Jesus offers us is wrapped up in the concept of following Him. We want them to begin to see their faith as a lifelong, relational journey with Jesus.

We looked at the following Scripture passages:

- Matthew 4:18-22
- Matthew 9:9-13

I encourage you to read these passages and notice the personal and loving nature of Jesus' invitation.

NEXT STEPS . . .

During the next week, look for ways to encourage your student as he or she reflects on what they are learning. Consider using some of these prompts to start the conversation:

- I heard that you were challenged to memorize a verse this week – can you share it with me?
- What do you think it means that a Christian is a follower of Christ?
- For me, following Christ is a personal experience because . . . (fill in some thoughts about your walk with Christ). What about you?

Thank you for all that you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.

