

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Mark 2:13-17; 3:7-19

SESSION SUMMARY

Many people followed Jesus throughout His earthly ministry, but only twelve were appointed as apostles. These are the men we know as Jesus's closest friends and ministry partners. In today's passages, we see Jesus call certain people to be disciples and then appoint His twelve apostles. Through their story, we see that Jesus invites us to serve Him. Here are the key points:

- Jesus calls the lowest (Mark 2:13-17).
- Jesus sends us (Mark 3:7-19).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- How has our family responded to Jesus's invitation to join Him in serving others?
- What could cause us to doubt God's ability to use us to reach others? How can we support and encourage one another in the truth that God can use anyone?
- Why does knowing Jesus's apostles were ordinary people matter to our family and the way we serve Jesus today?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Grab four white index cards and decorate them with things that represent the following holidays: Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Leave some blank space to write a few sentences. For each holiday, come up with a fun way your family can serve and show love to others together. For example, maybe you spend your Thanksgiving morning serving meals at a soup kitchen, or on Christmas Eve, you sing Christmas carols in a residential care facility or assisted living community. For an extra challenge, decorate a note card for every month and choose a way to serve together.