

Devotional 1 – Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

Activity	Source
Prayer	<u>Adoration:</u> Lord, we know you are holy, righteous, mighty, and big. We know that you have done amazing things. Help us, through reading Your Word, to see more clearly who You are, what You are like, and how we can live for you.
Scripture Reading	John 1:43-51. A storybook Bible may not be necessary for this simple account of Jesus calling two of his disciples.
Discussion Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did Philip do right after he was told to follow Jesus? (v 45) 2. Have you ever been so excited to share good news with someone else that you just couldn't hold it in? 3. Does Nathanael believe right away? (v 46) 4. How does Jesus get him to believe? (v 47-48) 5. Have you ever been slow to follow what God says? 6. What reasons do we sometimes not listen to God right away? 7. What did you learn through this lesson?
Hymn/Song	<p>Listen to "I Will Follow" by Christ Tomlin and sing along.</p> <p>Chorus: Where You go, I'll go Where You stay, I'll stay When You move, I'll move I will follow</p> <p>V1: All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone Higher than my side High above my life I will trust in You alone</p> <p>Chorus 2: Where You go, I'll go Where You stay, I'll stay When You move, I'll move I will follow You Who You love, I'll love How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose, I will follow You I will follow You</p> <p>V3: Light unto the world Light unto my life I will live for You alone You're the one I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone, in You alone</p>

	<p>Chorus 2: Where You go, I'll go Where You stay, I'll stay When You move, I'll move I will follow You Who You love, I'll love How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose, I will follow You I will follow You</p> <p>Bridge: In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul In You there's joy, unending joy And I will follow</p> <p>Repeat Chorus 2</p>
Prayer	<p><u>Confession:</u> Lord, we confess that we are not always as willing to follow you as Philip and Nathanael were. Often, we are weighed down by our own desires. We want things that you don't want for us. Help us to follow what Your Word says.</p> <p><u>Thanksgiving:</u> Lord, we thank you that you have called us to follow you. We especially give you thanks that, when we follow You, we receive abundant life and joy that nothing else can offer.</p> <p><u>Supplication:</u> God, I pray that you will help me to follow you no matter how difficult it may be. Help us all to grow closer to you and to one another. Use us for your glory.</p>

Devotional 2 – Nicodemus and Jesus

Activity	Source
Prayer	<u>Adoration:</u> Lord, we know you are just, good, and in control of all things. We believe you have made a way for us to know you through Jesus. Help us, through reading your Word, to see more clearly who you are, what you are like, and how we can live for you.
Scripture Reading	John 3:1-17. For children, attempt to find this story in a storybook Bible.
Discussion Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did Nicodemus know that Jesus was from God? (v 2). 2. Jesus said that we must be born again. Does that mean that we have to become babies again and be born for a second time? 3. What does it mean to be born again? 4. How do you do that? (see John 3:16) 5. What did you learn through this lesson?
Hymn/Song	<p>Look up “I Got Saved” by Corey Voss, Charity Gayle, and Crystal Yates and sing along with these lyrics</p> <p>V1: There is a river of gladness That pours from Emmanuel's veins This sinner was plunged Beneath the flood And got saved</p> <p>V2: Since then I walk in forgiveness All of my guilt was erased The chains of the past Are broken at last I got saved Oh, I got saved!</p> <p>Chorus: I'm undone by the mercy of Jesus I'm undone by the goodness of the Lord I'm restored and made right He got a hold of my life I've got Jesus How could I want more</p> <p>V'3: I've received nothing but goodness I've tested and tasted Your grace I was so lost, 'til I fell at the cross</p>

	<p>And got saved Oh, I got saved!</p> <p>Chorus: I'm undone by the mercy of Jesus I'm undone by the goodness of the Lord I'm restored and made right He got a hold of my life I've got Jesus How could I want more, oh-oh</p> <p>Bridge: The love of God, gave me His pardon The love of God, won't let me stay the same The love of God, pulls me up higher His will is stronger That's why I got saved!</p> <p>Chorus x 2 I'm undone by the mercy of Jesus I'm undone by the goodness of the Lord I'm restored and made right He got a hold of my life I've got Jesus How could I want more</p>
Prayer	<p><u>Confession:</u> Lord, we confess that, though you have offered us a way to be born again/saved, we do not always give you praise and honor for it. It is easy to go entire days without considering what you have done for us. Would you forgive us.</p> <p><u>Thanksgiving:</u> Thank you, Lord, for loving us even when we mess up. Thank you that you offer us forgiveness even when we don't deserve it.</p> <p><u>Supplication:</u> God, help us to boldly share this good news – that you gave your Son for us to have eternal life – with someone this week.</p>

Devotional 3 – Jesus and the Blind Man

Activity	Source
Prayer	<u>Adoration:</u> Lord, we know you are eternal, unchangeable, gracious, and kind. We know that you have raised the dead and helped the blind to see. We believe it. Help us, through reading Your Word, to see more clearly who You are, what You are like, and how we can live for you.
Scripture Reading	John 9:1-25. Again, a storybook Bible would be a helpful tool for this story.
Discussion Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did Jesus make the mud for the man’s eyes? (v 6) 2. What happened when He touched the man? (v 7) 3. The blind man received sight, but a lot of people doubted. Did their doubts make what Jesus did any less true? 4. Were the Pharisees happy about what happened? Why not? (v 16) 5. Read verses 24-25 again. How does this man’s story remind us of what Jesus has done in our lives? 6. What did you learn through this lesson?
Hymn/Song	<p>Look up the song, “Be Thou My Vision.” Many wonderful versions exist. Then follow along with the lyrics below.</p> <p>V1: Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light</p> <p>V2: Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one</p> <p>V3: Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise Thou mine inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art</p> <p>V4 High King of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O ruler of all Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O ruler of all</p>
Prayer	<u>Confession:</u> Lord, you have shown us kindness by giving your Son for us. Yet, we often still turn a blind eye to our own sin and to your goodness.

Thanksgiving: Lord, we thank you that you have opened our blind eyes and shown us your holiness and our sin. You are a good Father and we are grateful for all you have given us. Thank you for giving us a roof over our heads, a church to belong to, and – most of all – thank you for giving us your Son.

Supplication: God, help us to trust you and not have the heart of the Pharisees – who were always doubting. Make us more like you. Show us today how to follow you and give us opportunities to tell others what you have done for us.

Devotional 4 – Jesus Raises Lazarus

Activity	Source
Prayer	<u>Adoration:</u> Lord, we know you are all-knowing, all-powerful, mighty, and everywhere all at once. We believe you have raised the dead to life and allowed the deaf to hear your voice. Help us, through reading Your Word, to see more clearly who You are, what You are like, and how we can live for you.
Scripture Reading	John 11:38-44. Consult a storybook Bible for more easy-reading and listening. However, it is not necessary.
Discussion Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did Martha think Lazarus would stink? (v 39) 2. What did Jesus pray in verse 41 and 42? 3. Why did He tell God He was saying the prayer in front of everyone? (v 42) 4. What did Jesus say to Lazarus? (v 43) 5. How does this relate to us? (Read Eph 2:1-5) 6. What did you learn in this lesson? (Jesus has power over the grave)
Hymn/Song	<p>Look up “Rise Up” by Cain and follow along with the lyrics below.</p> <p>V1</p> <p>In the dark and all alone, growing comfortable Are you too scared to move and walk out of this tomb? Buried underneath, the lies that you believed Safe and sound, stuck in the ground Too lost to be found</p> <p>Pre-Chorus: You're just asleep and it's time to leave</p> <p>Chorus: Come on and rise up, take a breath, you're alive now Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us Out from the grave like Lazarus You're brand new, the power of death couldn't hold you Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us Out from the grave like Lazarus Rise up, rise up, rise up Out from the grave like Lazarus</p> <p>V2</p> <p>When He said your name, the thing that filled your veins Was more than blood, it's the kind of love that washes sin away Now the door is open wide and the stones been rolled aside The old is gone, the Light has come, so</p>

	<p>Chorus: Come on and rise up, take a breath, you're alive now Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us Out from the grave like Lazarus You're brand new, the power of death couldn't hold you Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us Out from the grave like Lazarus Rise up (like Lazarus) rise up, rise up Out from the grave like Lazarus</p> <p>Bridge: He's calling us to walk out of the dark He's giving us new resurrected hearts He's calling us to walk out of the dark He's giving us new resurrected hearts</p> <p>Chorus Come on and rise up, take a breath, you're alive now Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us Out from the grave like Lazarus You're brand new, the power of death couldn't hold you Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us Out from the grave like Lazarus</p>
Prayer	<p><u>Confession:</u> Lord, you are the one and only God, yet we are constantly allowing other things to take our focus from you. Forgive us.</p> <p><u>Thanksgiving:</u> Lord, we thank you that, like Lazarus, we have been given new life because of you. As Ephesians 2 reminds us, we were dead in our sin, but you made us alive because of what Jesus has done for us.</p> <p><u>Supplication:</u> God, help us to follow you, focus on you, and grow in our walk for you. We thank you that you have power over the grave, but we still ask for your protection for our family. More than that, we ask that you would give us an opportunity to tell those in our family who don't know you all about how you can give them new life, too.</p>