

Classroom Collective Worship	Theme: Journeys
Year: Year 4	Time of Year: New school year
Main Focus: Gather <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Symbolic Action <input type="checkbox"/> Mission <input type="checkbox"/>	

Essential Resources

Chorus of 'Follow me, follow me' (*Hymns Old and New*, no. 145)

Small net.

Picture/painting of fishing boats.

Tape: 'We are companions on the journey' (Carey Landry)
or 'We are one in the Spirit'

Prepared/cut out fish with names of each child's four companions (friend, classmate, parent, sibling, co-member of club e.g. swimming/cubs)

Template available

Script: 'Jesus chooses the disciples'

Gather

Listen to tape 'We are companions' or alternative

Gather either on carpet or at place.

Word/Symbolic Action

Listen to story: 'Jesus chooses the disciples' (See script)

Children look at their fish and think about the names written on it.

Teacher: These names represent your companions, people who help us on our journey through life. Close your eyes and think about them.

Teacher to lead meditation.

Suggested questions to prompt meditation.

Do these friends help you? How?

Do you help these friends?

Do they make you happy?

Do they listen to you?

Do you share together?

What things do you do together?

Is there someone you would like as a friend?

Do you know someone who has no friends?

How do you and your friends show others that you know Jesus?

Quiet music may be played during meditation.

Imagine:

Fishing boats, trawlers. By the water's edge. Fishermen are mending their nets. Some people are dealing with the fish.

Script 'Jesus chooses the disciples'

R1 When Jesus came out of the desert he knew it was time to start his work. He needed people who would help him.

R2 When he was by the sea of Galilee he saw some fishermen casting their nets. They were Andrew, Simon and Peter. "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." They dropped their nets and followed Jesus there and then.

All Chorus only: 'Come follow me'

R3 Further on Jesus saw more fishermen mending their nets. They were James and his brother John. "Follow me," said Jesus. Hearing Jesus, the two brothers followed him.

All Chorus only: 'Come follow me'

R4 Jesus chose two followers. He called them his apostles. They helped Jesus to tell others about the Kingdom of God.

R5 Just as Jesus had companions to help him, we also have companions on our journey through life.

R6 When Jesus returned to his father in heaven, he promised that he would not leave his friends and companions alone. He sent the Holy Spirit to help them on their journey through life.

Mission

Prayer:

*We ask the Holy Spirit to help us to show others that we follow Jesus.
Children place their fish into net and return to places.*