**2nd Grade Day #2**

**Bible Story:** The Golden Rule – Do Respect!, Calling the Fishermen | Matthew 4:18-22 & Calling of Matthew | Mark 2:13-14

**Memory Verse: “**Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Matthew 7:12 NIV

**Bottom Line:** Do Respect! Respect is showing others they are valuable in words and actions.

**Leader’s Note:**

The words of Aretha’s Franklin’s classic song R-E-S-P-E-C-T should be stuck in your head on day 2 of VBC. If there is one thing our world could use more of it is respect! Whenever we talk about respect, we generally think of respecting those in authority. However, during day 2 of VBC we will take a different angle to respect. Today’s theme will focus on the way we treat those that are different than us; those we might consider to be outsiders. In today’s Bible story we’ll see Jesus call the first disciples. These first disciples were not the most popular people in town, in fact they were looked down upon but when Jesus invited them to follow him, he showed them respect by including them and making it well known that he considered these people valuable. Imagine today if our campers left looking for ways to include everyone and show the world what respect looks like.

**CHECK-IN**

*As kids arrive have one leader check kids in while the other leader guides kids in the early arriver activity. Make sure each kid has a nametag when they check-in and have parents sign the roster. (depending on location)*

**EARLY ARRIVER ACTIVITY**

**Team Respect Banner-***Have kids work together to create a Respect Banner. You might need more than 1 banner depending on the number of kids in your small group.*

**SUPPLIES:** Banner paper with the word Respect written on it in bubble letters. Markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Stickers (optional)

**DO:**

* Add your “band” (group) name you came up with yesterday to the banner.
* Have kids color in the word Respect.
* Talk about ways to show Respect.
* Let each kid sign their name to the poster.
* When finished, use painters’ tape to hang the poster in your small group area, if space allows.

**Opening Activity (Bible Story Intro)**

**Intro The Bible Story: Include it all  
What you Need:** Skittles, 3 Small Empty Water Bottles, 3 spoons **What you do:**

* Split your group into 2 or 3 team and have them sit in a circle
* Give each group an empty water bottle and a good size pile of skittles, and 1 spoon
* On go one person takes the spoon and scoops one skittle from the floor and puts it in the water bottle.
* The water bottle and spoon is passed to the next person in the circle who does the same thing.
* Play continues for 2 minutes (use a timer on your phone)
* Make sure the game ends before all the skittles are in the bottle.
* Call time and see which team got the most skittles in the water bottle.

**Ask:**

* How do you think the skittles feel that are not in the water bottle? (allow repsonses)
* Have you ever seen someone not be included in something? (allow responses)
* How does it feel to not be included in something? (allow responses)

**Say:** In this activity we had skittles who got left out of the water bottle they were not included in the group. Lucky for us they are just pieces of candy. However, in real life people can sometime feel left out and in today’s Bible Story we’ll meet a group of these people and then see what Jesus did to show them some respect.

**Worship Time-***Take your group to the worship space for Large Group Time.*

**Snack Time**

*Snacks will be brought to your room during Worship. Be sure to have kids wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before serving snacks.*

**Talk about:** What was one thing they heard about in Worship that was new to them? What was their favorite song? What did they think about the video they saw? What are some ways that they can show respect?

**Rec 1 & 2/Crafts/Mission Time**

Kids will move to a different rotation each day.

**Bible Story Time**

**Explore The Bible Story: Pipe Cleaner Review**

**What You Need:** pipe cleaners, “Bible Story” Print Out, Jesus tour map

**What you do:**

* Show kids where on the map today’s story took place.
* Review The Bible Story by reading Matthew 4:18-22 & Mark 2:13-14 on the Bible Story Print-Out
* Divide into 3 teams and give each team 7 pipe cleaners.
* Go around and ask each group a question from the Bible story today. If they get it right they get to shape one pipe cleaner into one of the letters to spell respect.
* There are two sets of questions found below: one set is a bit easier and worth 1 pipe cleaner while one set is a bit harder so worth 2 pipe cleaners. (The ones in bold are worth 2 pipe cleaners)
* Teams get 1 chance to answer the question correctly. If they get it wrong move on to the next group without revealing the answer so you can use that question again.
* First team to spell out Respect or whoever comes closest once the questions run out is the winner.

Questions:

1. What were Jesus’ followers called? Disciples
2. How many disciples did Jesus end up with? 12
3. **What was the name of the sea where the disciples were fishing? Sea of Galilee**
4. **What was Peter’s other name? Simon**
5. **Who was James’ father? Zebedee**
6. **How do you spell Zebedee? Z-E-B-E-D-E-E**
7. Matthew and Mark are what type of books? Gospels
8. What was the job of the first four disciples Jesus called? Fisherman
9. What were James and John doing when Jesus called them? Fixing their fishing nets.
10. What were Peter and Andrew doing when Jesus called them? Fishing
11. Did People think fisherman were good in Bible Times? No
12. What was Levi’s job? Tax Collector
13. **What was the name of Alphaeus’ son? Levi**
14. **What government did Levi work for? Rome**
15. What did Jesus say to Levi? Follow Me
16. Where does Mark say Jesus was when he called Levi? By the Lake
17. Did people like Tax collectors in Jesus’ time? No
18. **Why didn’t people like tax collectors? Took their money, cheated them**
19. How did Jesus show respect in this story? He invited people to follow him that were outsiders
20. How do you do define respect? (use your own judgement on this answer)

Note-Some answers to these questions are not found in today’s scripture passage.

**Say:** Jesus showed respect by reaching out and talking to people who no one else would include in their lives. I’m sure Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Levi felt alone and that no one really respected them or cared for them until Jesus showed up. When Jesus invited them to be his followers his respect for these people changed everything.

**Bible Story Wrap-Up  
What you need:** Index Cards and Pens **What you do:**

* Hand out 1 index card and 1 pen to each camper.
* Have them divide the card into 4 sections with the pen.
* Have them number each section “1,2,3,4”
* In box 1 have them write the name of someone they need to show more respect to by including them
* In box 2 have them write where they see this person
* In box 3 have them write one way they are going to try and be respectful
* In box 4 have then write “The Golden Rule”

**Closing Activities: Duo Card Game and Daily Challenge  
What you need:** Do Unto Others Playing Cards **What you do:**

* Note: Each day you will be adding in new cards that connect with the daily theme of camp.
* Play a game similar to *“Apples and to Apples.”* Directions are below.
* Divide into groups of 6 or less.
* Each player needs 5 or 6 red playing cards.
* Pick a judge for the first round.
* The judge picks one green card for the middle/category card and lays it in the middle of the group.
* The judge closes his/her eyes.
* Everyone else in the group lays down one red card face down that they think matches the category the best.
* Once all the players have laid down 1 card the judge can open their eyes.
* The judge reads all the submissions and selects his/her favorite.
* The card that the judge picks get a point for that round.
* Play 3-4 more rounds with different judges as time allows.
* As you play work in some intentional conversations about our theme for the week.

**Wrap-Up  
Supplies Needed:** Daily Challenge Cards

**What you do:**

* Hand out daily challenge cards.
* Encourage kids to do the challenge of the day at home tonight.
* Close in prayer. You can pray, have a camper pray, or read the prayer below.

Dear Jesus,

Help us to show respect to all people even those that might be outsiders. Thank you that you love us and care for us. Thank you for Jesus Tour Vacation Bible Camp! In Jesus Name Amen.

*If you have extra time review the verse of the week:*

*“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Matthew 7:12*