**Kindergarten – Day #2**

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**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 are going to take a slightly 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 on 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.

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**CHECK-IN**

As campers arrive, they will check in at the front table and a volunteer will take them through the dinner line and to their class table(s). Make sure all of your campers sit at your table(s). If you have 2 tables, have one leader at each table. Make sure to introduce yourselves, discuss the theme for the day and to help the campers get to know each other. You will also have a card game that is similar to apples to apples that you can play.

Make sure to have your class binder at the table with you so you can check kids off as they come in. Make sure to give each camper a nametag either at the dinner table or when you get into the classroom.

If your whole group finishes before 6:00, you can take them to your small group space to start your activities.

\*\*\*Make sure to encourage manners, have them clean up their plates, drinks and any mess they made at the table.

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*Gather the kids around in a circle.*

**Sing it! How do you duo?**

**SUPPLIES:** Microphone, Respect Tour Bus Poster

**SAY:** Welcome back! Are you ready for Day 2 of the Jesus Tour? Yesterday we talked about the Golden Rule, does anyone want to share what the golden rule is? *(choose someone to answer and hand them the microphone)* That’s right! It’s about treating others the way you want to be treated. Remember our Bible verse says, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Matthew 7:12. Let’s say that together *(Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Matthew 7:12)* Excellent! We talked about doing kindness yesterday and today we are going to talk about doing Respect. *(Hold up the Respect Tour Bus Poster)* That means today’s chant is going to be a little different. Today, we’re going to start with kindness and add on respect. When I say do, you say kindness! When I say do, you say respect. Let’s go!

*Leader says:*  **I say Do, You say Kindness**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:*  **Kindness**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:* **Kindness**

*Leader says:*  **I say Do, You say Respect**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:*  **Respect**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:* **Respect**

*Everyone says this together getting louder each time* **Love everyone, love everyone, love everyone!** (*Make a heart with your hands)*

**SAY:** You guys are getting good at this! We’re going to be the loudest group in worship today! Let’s do a check-in and see how everyone is doing today.

**DO:**

* Pass the microphone around the circle so that kids can share something about themselves.
* If they don’t want to share, they can just pass the microphone on to the next person.

**Opening Activity (Bible Story Intro)**

Let’s all stand up and get moving by playing a game I like to call “Jump on the bus” First, we need to make two lines parallel to each other. Then, I’m going to call out different prompts. If what I say is true about you, I want you to jump on the bus. Let’s play!

**Jump on the bus!**

**SUPPLIES:** Painter’s tape

**DO:**

* Using painter’s tape make a line down the center of your space.
* Have kids form two lines facing each other several feet back from either side of the line. (If you have hallway space you can have kids stand against each side of the hallway.)
* Read the prompt.
* If the prompt you say applies to them, have them jump on the bus, by jumping to the middle of the two lines.
* Have kids return to their side and read the next prompt.
* Make sure all kids “jump on the bus” at least once. You can make up your own prompts to ensure everyone gets on the bus at some point.
* When you’re finished have everyone sit back down.

Jump on the bus if:

* You have brown hair.
* You love spiders.
* You have blue eyes.
* You have curly hair.
* You Like pizza.
* You have blonde hair.
* You have brown eyes.
* You have a dog.
* You are wearing green.
* You wear glasses.
* You have a cat.

**SAY:** That was so much fun! I love how we are all different, and we like different things. Our Bible story today is about showing respect to all people! People who don’t like the same things we do, people who look different than we do, or live in different places. Let’s map our next stop!

**Map It!**

**SUPPLIES:** Map, Beach Icon Sticker

**DO:** Place the sticker on the map.

**SAY:** Our next stop on The Jesus Tour is at the beach. Jesus wasn’t at the beach looking for seashells or fishing, he was looking for people who would follow him. And let me tell you, the beach was an unusual place for Jesus to be looking for people to follow him. I mean, he is the Son of God. You would think that Jesus would have gone to the churches and the religious leaders to find people to follow him, but that wasn’t who Jesus was looking for. He was looking for people that were different, that some would say were outsiders. Like fishermen and tax collectors. Jesus was showing us that EVERYONE deserves respect, and he did that by inviting people to join him that were considered outsiders. Jesus wants us to Do Respect and show others they are valuable with our words and actions. Let’s head out to worship and hear more about how Jesus shows us to Do Respect. Let’s do our chant one more time before heading out!

*Leader says:*  **I say Do, You say Kindness**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:*  **Kindness**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:* **Kindness**

*Leader says:*  **I say Do, You say Respect**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:*  **Respect**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:* **Respect**

*Everyone says this together getting louder each time* **Love everyone, love everyone, love everyone!** (*Make a heart with your hands)*

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*Take your group to the sanctuary.*

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**Bible Story Time**

**Jesus Calls the Disciples! Bible Story Review**

**Supplies:** Bible marked at Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 2:13-14

**DO:** Read Matthew 4:18-22 *(Ask if anyone would like to read or read it yourself if no one volunteers)*

**SAY:** Jesus chose Levi, Simon Peter and Andrew to follow Him because they were outsiders. Let’s take a minute and imagine the scene.

* Jesus is walking alongside the Sea of Gailee. Who else do you think was around? *(fishermen, people traveling)*
* When Jesus sees Simon Peter and Andrew he called to them and said, “Come follow me.” How do you think they felt when Jesus called to them to follow him?  *(included, nervous, happy)*
* What do you think the other people around Peter and Andrew thought about Jesus calling for two fishermen to follow him? *(surprised, angry)*

**DO:** Read Mark 2:13-14 *(Ask if anyone would like to read or read it yourself if no one volunteers)*

* In this passage, Jesus is teaching to a large crowd. Who do you think might have been in the crowd? *(shop owners, mothers, religious leaders)*
* What do you think these people thought about Jesus choosing Levi to follow him? *(didn’t understand why Jesus would choose a sinner)*
* Have you ever included someone when other people wouldn’t?
* Have you ever been excluded? How did it make you feel?
* How can you show other people respect in your words and actions?

**Do Respect!**

**SUPPLIES:** Respect/Disrespect cards, Respect poster, Painter’s tape

**SAY:** Jesus showed respect by inviting outsiders to be his most trusted companions. Fishermen and tax collectors were not respected and considered outsiders by the people living in Jesus’ time. Tax collectors were really disliked by everyone, but not Jesus. Jesus loves everyone and he wanted Matthew, Peter and Andrew to be His disciples even though they were fishermen and a tax collector. Jesus showed them respect by asking them to follow Him. We can show others respect even when they are different from us. Being respectful means showing others they are valuable with our words and actions. Let’s find out more about how to do respect.

**DO:**

* Gather kids together.
* Place Respectful/Disrespectful cards face down.
* Have a kid draw a card. Have them read what is on the card or read it for them.
* Decide if it is respectful or disrespectful. If it shows respect, have them hang it on the wall under the respect poster. If it’s disrespectful throw the card out.

**SAY:** Jesus taught us that we should do respect by being respectful to outsiders. He used his words and actions by including Peter, Andrew, and Levi, all people who were outsiders, to follow him! We can “do respect” by asking other kids to play with us, or join our group, we can shake someone’s hand when we lose to them at a game, we can say please and thank you, or hold a door open for someone. There are lots of ways to show respect to others even when we disagree with them. Like listening to their side of the story or having pizza when we want chicken nuggets. What’s one thing you can do to show someone respect at VBC tomorrow? *(allow for responses)*

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**Prayer and Take-Home Challenge – How did you duo?**

**SUPPLIES:** Beach Icon stickers, Take-home Challenge card and Microphone

**SAY:** Yesterday you were given the challenge to do a chore even though you weren’t asked to do it! How did you “duo” showing kindness? Raise your hand if you would like to share what you did, and I’ll hand you the microphone. *(allow responses)* Way to go! I’m so proud of the way you showed kindness at home. Today’s challenge is to show respect. When you get home today, I want you to ask someone in your family what their favorite game is and play that game with them. This challenge could be hard if it’s a game you don’t like! Showing respect will mean playing the game without complaining and playing it to the best of your ability. Do you think you’re up for the challenge? Be sure to show your grown-up the take-home challenge card and be ready to share with us tomorrow who you asked to play a game and what game you played. You’re also going to get a cool beach icon sticker, just like the one we put on our map this morning. You can put it with your Do Kindness sticker and now you’ll remember to do kindness and do respect! Let’s pray together.

**DO:** Give each kid an icon sticker and a take-home challenge card.

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank you for camp and this special time we get to spend learning to live the way you want us to. Thank you for the stories of Simon Peter, Andrew and Levi to help us know how to treat others with respect. Please help us to show respect and kindness to everyone in our lives, even people that might look or act differently than us. We ask that your love and kindness fill our world! Amen.

**EXTRA ACTIVITY - Catching Kindness (Life Application)**

**SUPPLIES:** Catching Kindness Game, Game pieces (in game box), Markers

**SAY:** Who is ready for another game of “Catching Kindness”? Showing kindness is also a way of showing people respect. Let’s see how fast we can get everyone to the heart of kindness today!

**DO:**

* + Divide kids up into groups of 3-6 players with one leader.
  + Give each group a Catching Kindness board game.
  + Have each player place their game piece at the start.
  + Take turns letting each child roll the dice and move ahead that many spaces.
  + If they land on a heart space, draw a card, and read what it says.
  + Continue taking turns until everyone playing gets to the heart of kindness.
  + Once everyone reaches the end open the box of kindness and read the card inside.
  + Return game pieces and cards to the box. You will also be playing Catching Kindness on Days 2-4.