**Upper Elementary Day 2**

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**Today’s Story:** Jesus Calls The Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22 & Mark 2:13-14)

**Bottom Line:** Do Respect

**Life App:** Respect-Showing others they are valuable in words and actions.

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

**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, 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.

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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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**Welcome Your Kids:**

Be A Leader with TUMS

**T-ouch (High fives and fist bumps)**

**U-Use their name in a positive way**

**M-Make Eye Contact**

**S-Smile**

**Getting Started:**

As you kids arrive take attendance and ask the question of the day:

Would you rather swim with dolphins or surf with friendly sharks?

**Remind your group the 3 rules of the Jesus Tour this week:**

* **Treat others the way you want to be treated**
* **Take Part in Camp**
* **Have Fun**

**Say:** Thanks for a great first day! Today lets have an even better day and that begins with following our 3 camp rules.

**Opening Activity: Pass The Fish**

**What you need:** bag of Swedish fish, cups, blue tape

**What you do:**

* Divide into teams of 5 or 6 (make sure all teams are even, if you have an odd number have a leader play).
* Each team forms a straight line.
* Each person has a cup.
* At the beginning of the line are 5 Swedish fish and at the end of each line is an empty cup on the ground.
* On “go” the first person in line puts 1 fish in their cup and dumps it into the cup of the next person in line behind them. The fish is passed like this until it reaches the last person in line. The last person in line dumps it into the cup that is on the floor.
* Once the last person in line dumps the fish into the cup, they race to the front of the line to scoop up the next fish and send it back down the line.
* Play continues until one team has gotten all their fish into the back cup.
* Congratulate the winning team.
* Play again if time allows, but this time all cups must be upside down. If a fish falls to the ground, it must return to the front of the line and start over.
* Congratulate everyone for a job well done!
* **Say:** This game started out easy then turned out to be a little more challenging. Today we are going to Do Respect! Respect seems easy at first, but today we are going to have you consider another way we can show respect to people! Let’s get started!

**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 teams and have them sit in a circle.
* Give each group an empty water bottle, and a 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 about 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 responses)
* 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 sometimes feel left out and in today’s Bible Story we will meet a group of these people and then see what Jesus did to show them respect.

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

**What You Need:** pipe cleaners, bible story print out

**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 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 define respect? (use your own judgement on this answer)

Note-Not all the answers will be found in today’s scripture.

**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**

**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.

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**Prayer and Take-Home Challenge**

**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*