

OPPOSITE DAY

THE BIG IDEA

Following Jesus is the opposite of following ourselves.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Calls Disciples: Luke 5:1-11; (Isaiah 55:8-9)

QUESTIONS

- Did the fishermen on the boat catch a lot of fish at the beginning of the story?
- What happened when they let down their nets into the water?
- What did Jesus tell the fishermen they would be catching instead of fish?
- Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Is it a good thing that God's thoughts are not like our own?
- What is an example of following yourself instead of Jesus?
- How can you follow Jesus today?
- Who is a person you can "fish for" by telling them about Jesus?

ACTIVITY

Jesus challenged many people's long-held beliefs. He said things that seemed opposite of what they grew up understanding. Things like "love your enemies," and "the first shall be last." When we follow Jesus with our whole heart, we surrender to His will for our life, not our own. When the world says "they get what they deserve" Jesus says give them forgiveness. We can be patient, kind, and loving towards others because when we surrender our hearts to Jesus, His power is made stronger in our weakness! (2 Corinthians 12:9)

This week do something "opposite" together, and talk about how following Jesus sometimes looks very different than following the world, or even ourselves! It can be anything at all, but bold enough to make an impactful lesson as you spend time together.

Some quick suggestions:

- >Make a giant fort in the living room with blankets and eat dinner together like a picnic instead of at the table.
- >Do something out of the ordinary like fly a kite, go to a park, play a game together.
- >Eat desert before dinner

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: II Corinthians 12:9a (NLT)

"My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."