

HOMELINK

January 30, 2022

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

- Matthew 11:19 (NLT)

ONE BIG THING: Jesus's followers extend his welcome to others.

REVIEW: Today we read James 2:1-4. We acted out the scenario and talked about how in God's Kingdom we are the "poor" people. We have nothing to contribute to God- and he has every right to ignore us because we can't offer him anything of value. But, in his grace, God has welcomed us. He has given us a seat of honor that we do not deserve. In fact, he welcomes us into his family and invites us to sit at his dinner table- the most special of all seats! Simply because he loves us, he welcomes us in... that's the gospel! When we understand God welcomes us regardless of us having nothing to offer him, we extend welcome to others who have nothing to offer us. Jesus's followers extend his welcome to others.

Debriefing question: Since we have been welcomed by God even though we have nothing to offer him in return, who are the people in our lives that we can welcome even though they can't give us anything in return?

SONGS:

"Jesus Came to Save Sinners" by the Village Kids

"Your Love Endures Forever" by the Village Kids

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for welcoming us into your family even though we have nothing to offer you in return. Help us to extend Jesus's welcome of us to others. Give us eyes to see the poor and needy in our lives and give us the strength to love and welcome them because you loved and welcomed us first. In Jesus's name, Amen."

