

## **Year B, Week 7**

**Text:** John 1: 29-39

**Idea:** Come, Follow Me

**Hymn suggestion:** *I Will Make You Fishers of Men* (if you or the kids know it) or *Jesus Loves Me*

**Items Needed:** Jesus, disciples, boat (can cut a teardrop/boat shape out of paper), blue felt

For a while now, we've been waiting for Jesus and thinking about Him as a baby. Today, we're going to skip forward thirty years to when he was a grown man.

Remember a few weeks ago when we talked about John the Baptist? He was out in the desert, telling people to turn their lives around. He was helping people to get ready for Jesus. Crowds of people gathered around John to hear him and be baptized by him.

Today, one more person came to see John the Baptist: Jesus.

When John saw Jesus, he said, "Look! Here comes the Lamb of God!"

At that time, when people had sinned or done something wrong, at the temple they might offer a sacrifice so that they could be forgiven. They might kill a perfect goat or lamb as a sacrifice, and because of that sacrifice, God would take away their sin.

John told the people, "Here comes the Lamb of God! Just as we sometimes sacrifice a lamb so that God will forgive us, this man is the lamb of God who will take away the sin of the world!"

John said, "This man is much greater than I am. He's the whole reason why I've been out here preaching and teaching and baptizing people."

John said, "I can see God's Holy Spirit land on this man like a dove! – this is just the way that God told me it would be. I promise you: this man is the Son of God."

The very next day, John was there again and Jesus was there, too. John said, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!"

Two of John's followers heard him say this, and they walked after Jesus. Jesus turned around and asked them, "What do you want?"

They called him, "Teacher! Rabbi!" And they asked him, "Where are you staying?"

He said, "Come with me and find out."

And they did go and stay with Jesus.

**Questions without Response:**

- I wonder ... why Jesus went to see John?
- I wonder ... why John didn't leave and start following Jesus, too?
- I wonder ... what it means to be the Lamb of God?
- I wonder ... why John's followers were willing to go with Jesus?