

## Children's Lesson Plan February 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

The theme of this week in the adult worship service will be the act of being a disciple of Christ. I suggest that if you have time please read about "Lydia" in the youth lesson plan. She was the first Christian convert in Western Europe and a wonderful example of Christian discipleship.

**Scripture Readings: Mark 1:14-20.** Note I am not sure of the "adult" scripture readings but these both have to do with the calling of disciples. Jonah was called twice! The second call, after his trip in the whale's belly is **Jonah: 3:1-5.**

The activities planned for Sunday school this week do not all have to do with discipleship. I plan on talking a little bit about Lent. Fat Tuesday is this Tuesday so I plan on baking some cookies and handing out beads when I explain giving up something for Lent.

The story in Jonah has to do with "us" and "them." Jonah is real nervous about talking to the Nivevites but surprise surprise, the people of Niveveh respond to what Jonah to telling them is the Word from God! The idea for an activity, while we wait for the cookies, is to get some dolls and make 2 or 3 groups with them and play act how people get along. Or don't get along.

The city of Niveveh is a story where a whole city changed its mind on how to behave. The fishermen in Mark dropped everything they were doing to follow Jesus. Lydia opened her heart and opened her house to early Christians and a church was formed in Philippi.

A short poem from "Guide MY Feet" by Marian Wright Edelman.

**God, help me to be honest so my children will learn honesty.**

**Help me to be kind so my children will learn kindness.**

**Help me to be faithful so my children will learn faith.**

**Help me to love so my children will be loving.**

Peace, Pastor Bill