

STEP ONE

CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS

JONAS
age: 10



PHILIPPINES



BIG IDEA



WE ARE CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS



Begin by having one family member read this section aloud:

As people who love Jesus, we are all called. But what does that really look like in our lives? As we step into the shoes of friends from the Philippines, they'll help us discover our calling.

Most of all, we are called to Christ. Throughout His ministry on earth, Jesus says, "Follow me," and we get to say, "Yes!"

In the Gospels, Jesus says "Follow me" 23 different times. Sometimes the people Jesus invited said "Yes," but other times they said "No."

Have everyone take a turn answering:

What do you think changes for a person who says "Yes" to following Jesus, compared with someone who says "No"? What does it look like for YOU to say "Yes" and follow Jesus? Can you name a few examples?

At church this week, we met Jonas, a 10-year-old boy from a village near the capital city of Manila. Jonas loves and follows Jesus.

★ BONUS

*In the Gospels, Jesus says "Follow me" 23 different times:
Matthew 4:19, 8:22, 9:9, 10:38, 16:24, 19:21, 19:28; Mark 1:17,
1:20, 2:14, 8:34, 10:21; Luke 5:27, 9:23, 9:59, 14:27, 18:22; John
1:43, 8:12, 10:27, 12:26, 21:19, 21:22.*

You might want to read one of these stories this week and think about what it would be like to step into the shoes of a person hearing Jesus' invitation face-to-face. If that happened to you, what would you be thinking and feeling? What would you be excited or worried about?





Jonas' father
PEDRO

HAVE YOUR CHILD SHARE:

What do you remember about Jonas from the video at church?

One big way Jonas follows Jesus is by loving his father, Pedro. Jonas' father had a stroke, and now Jonas takes care of him in many ways, including shopping for food and setting up meal times. Today's virtual reality experience will allow us to take a closer look at Jonas' home and community.

WATCH VIRTUAL REALITY VIDEO 1:



JONAS' NEIGHBORHOOD

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TALK ABOUT IT

After viewing the virtual reality video, talk together about the following:

- What did you see that surprised you? What did you see that confused you?
- What did you see that we have in common with Jonas and his community?
- What do you think is a challenge for Jonas, his family, and his neighbors?
- Jonas loves and follows Jesus each day. Based on what we saw, what do we imagine that looks like? What do we think he does or says?
- What might it look like for us to follow Jesus this week?



OUR NEXT STEP



ACTIVITY

Have everyone grab paper—any kind will do—and simply write “Yes” on it. Place it somewhere you’ll see it first thing in the morning as a reminder that each day we have the chance to say “Yes” to Jesus’ invitation to follow him.



PRAY TOGETHER

Dear Jesus, thank you for Jonas and the ways he follows you each day. Bless him, his father and family, his church, and his neighborhood. As for us, when you say, “Follow Me,” we want to say, “Yes!” today, tomorrow, and forever. We want to follow you here in our home and in our neighborhood. We want to follow you as far as you go. In your name, Amen.



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