

02 WE FOUND HIM!

KEY TEXT: JOHN 1:40-51

CENTRAL truth

God's people had been waiting for the promised Messiah, the One who would rescue the world. Though they were looking, some were able to spot Him right away, and others needed to come closer and see: **Jesus is the One the world is looking for—and we're invited to follow Him.**

key question

What was Andrew's immediate response after believing that Jesus was the Messiah? Why do you think he responded this way?

Good news is something we simply have to share, and this text makes it clear that Jesus is good news! When Andrew realized who Jesus was, he couldn't help but tell others. In the same way, when we better understand Jesus, we can excitedly invite others to know Him.

keep in mind

This text is fairly straightforward until we get to verse 51. To prepare to help students process Jesus's confusing response, you may want to re-read the Old Testament passage that this alludes to (Jacob's dream in Genesis 28:12-15) and look over the corresponding parts in today's lesson.

Unbelief is a common theme in John, and it's a common theme in people! However, it can be very tricky to discuss, particularly in a church setting where some may feel pressure to align with certain beliefs. Consider how you can create an environment where you and students feel comfortable engaging with questions rather than obsessing over answers.

application

How is Peter's new identity a picture of what Jesus does for everyone who follows Him?

the win

FOR THE STUDENT: Students have the opportunity to grapple with two of the biggest questions of all time: "Who is Jesus?" and "How will I respond to Him?" This session can deepen their belief in the true Messiah and motivate them to tell others.

FOR THE LEADER: Invite students to go beyond "church answers." Ask them to consider what they truly believe about Jesus and how they can respond. Resist the urge to correct; instead, invite them to "come and see" through our continued study of John.