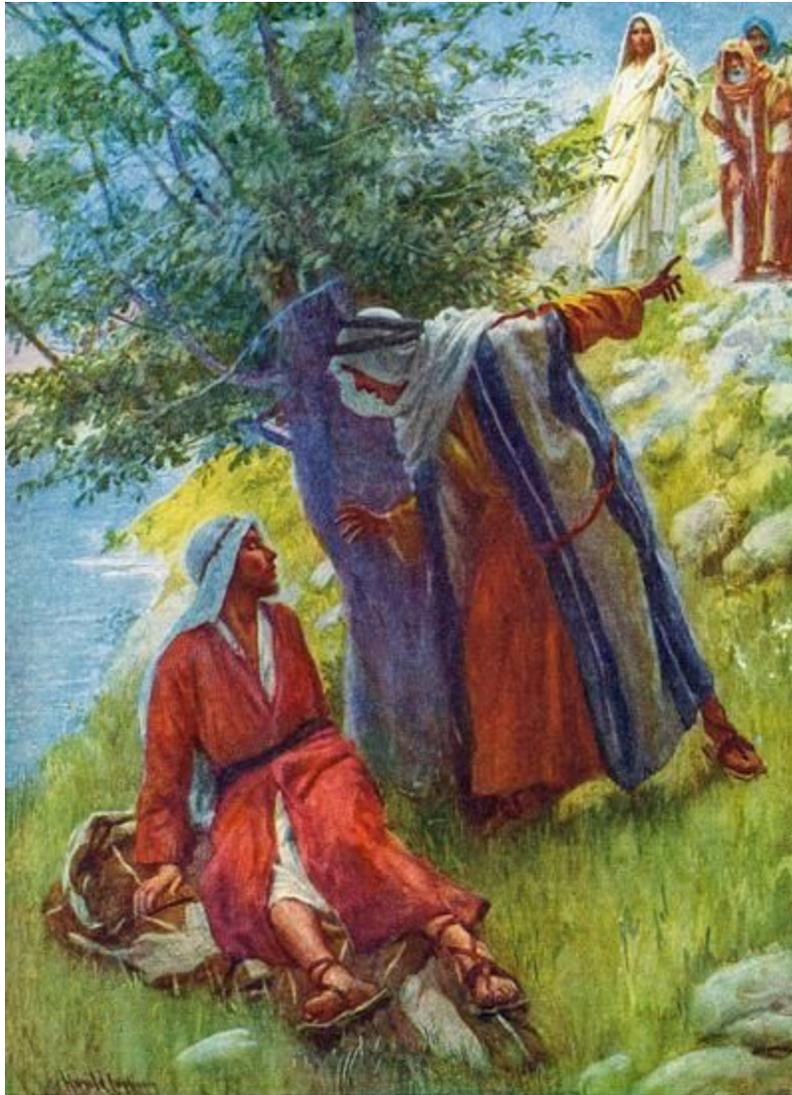


# Christ Church Kid's Lesson

## Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

John 1:43-51



Philip Brings Nathanael To Jesus by Harold Copping

*If your family would like you can assign parts - a narrator, Jesus, Philip and Nathanael. Either dress up or make puppets to act out the story.*

God sent His Son, Jesus, to help people know about His love. Jesus asked some men to follow Him and learn from Him. These men would learn to teach others about God's love. They would be called Jesus' disciples. A disciple is a person who learns from someone else. Jesus' disciples would learn from Him. Jesus had already picked three disciples, and He was going to choose more.

There was a man named Philip. Jesus wanted Philip to be one of His disciples. As Jesus was going to Galilee, He said to Philip, "Follow me." Philip immediately went with Jesus and became a disciple. Philip was so excited about being picked by Jesus that he went to tell his friend Nathanael.

Philip found Nathanael sitting under a fig tree.

**Philip** "Nathanael, I just talked with Jesus. He is the Son of God. He is the one that God's Word tells us about. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, just as the Scriptures say, and He is here right now!"

**Nathanael** *laughed* "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

Philip was still excited. He pointed to Jesus.

**Philip** "Come and see,"

Philip and Nathanael went to Jesus. Just as Nathanael walked up to Jesus,

**Jesus** "Nathanael, you are a good man who loves God. I know you always tell the truth."

Nathanael was surprised that Jesus knew all about him, even though he had never met Jesus before. Jesus knew Nathanael's name without asking. Jesus knew that he worshiped God and was honest, yet Nathanael had never been around Jesus. Nathanael was surprised at all that Jesus knew about him.

**Nathanael** "How do You know me?"

**Jesus** “I saw you sitting under the fig tree. I knew you before Philip called you to come.”

**Nathanael** “You are the Son of God.”

Nathanael knew that only Jesus, the Son of God, could know these things about him. That is why Nathanael told Jesus, “You are the Son of God.” Then Nathanael happily followed Jesus and became one of His disciples. Jesus knew all about Nathanael. He knew about his life, where he went, and how he felt about things. Jesus knew all about Nathanael before He ever saw him, because Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus knows all about us, too. He knows where we’ve been and where we’re going. He knows what we think and feel. Jesus knows all about us and loves us.

### **Let’s Pray**

Dear Jesus,  
Thank You for knowing all about me.  
Please help me remember  
that You know all about me  
and I can ask for Your help about anything.  
In Your name I pray. Amen.

## Did You Know this about Bartholomew?

- One of the twelve disciples
- Son of Tolmai (ploughman)
- Often identified as Nathanael in John's Gospel



- Present in the upper room on the day of Pentecost



- A close friend of the disciple Philip



- Started and ministered to the early churches in the east



- Witnessed Jesus' ascension



## Did You Know this about the disciple Philip?

- He was from Bethsaida.



- At Jesus' last Passover, some Greeks asked Philip to arrange to meet with Jesus and see if he would be their Master.



- He was one of the first disciples called to follow Jesus.



- He enthusiastically shared the good news about Jesus.

- He remained faithful to Jesus and was part of the early church.



- He invited his friend Nathaniel to meet Jesus.

- Jesus asked him how to feed the crowd of 5000 and he said it would take 6 months' salary to buy some bread, but it wouldn't be enough to feed the 5000.

