



REVELATION OF GOD THROUGH JESUS

John 1:43–51

Big Idea:

God shows us who he is through Jesus.

Memory Verse:

“Rabbi, you are the Son of God!”

John 1:49



Lesson Overview

Children will consider some of the ways that Jesus displays the character of God, even as he begins assembling his band of disciples. Jesus knows the content of Philip's message to Nathanael, but he also knows the condition of Nathanael's heart and his prayers for the Messiah. Jesus's fulfillment of Philip's initial comparison between him and the Old Testament's promises (“We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote” [John 1:45 NIV]) will deepen as they follow Jesus and observe his teachings and ministry. Nathanael's initial skepticism about Jesus transforms into a deeper faith as he spends more time with Jesus. He sees Jesus's true identity as God's Son, the Messiah, come to save Israel and the world.