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WHAT WE READ

John the Baptist pointed at Jesus and called him the Lamb of God, and we flashed back to Exodus 12 to see how a lamb's blood on the doorposts spared the firstborn of Israel on the night they left Egypt. Two of John's followers went after Jesus, and Jesus turned and spoke his first recorded words in John's Gospel, a question: What do you seek? When they asked where he was staying, he said, Come and see. They spent the afternoon with him. One of them, Andrew, went to his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus, and Jesus gave Simon a new name: Peter, which means rock.

THE BIG IDEA

Being a Christian starts with meeting a person, not passing a test. Jesus invites people before he asks anything of them. For those who have been baptized, that friendship began at Baptism, and it is meant to keep growing (CCC 1254).

MEMORY VERSE

“Come and see.” (John 1:39)

ONE QUESTION FOR DINNER

If Jesus asked you, What do you seek?, what would you say? (Parents, answer it too. Your child wrote a private answer in class on a card they keep; do not ask to see it unless they offer.)

THIS WEEK'S ONE STEP

Two minutes a day: ask Jesus, What do you want me to see today? Then be quiet for the rest of the two minutes.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, you asked your first friends what they were looking for. We are looking for you. Help our family come and see. Amen.

NEXT TIME

Session 2: What He Came For. We read about Zacchaeus, the man who climbed a tree to see Jesus (Luke 19:1-10). Reading the story ahead of time as a family is a great idea, but not required.