



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2024

BIBLE LESSON: JOHN 1:43-51

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael John 1:43-51

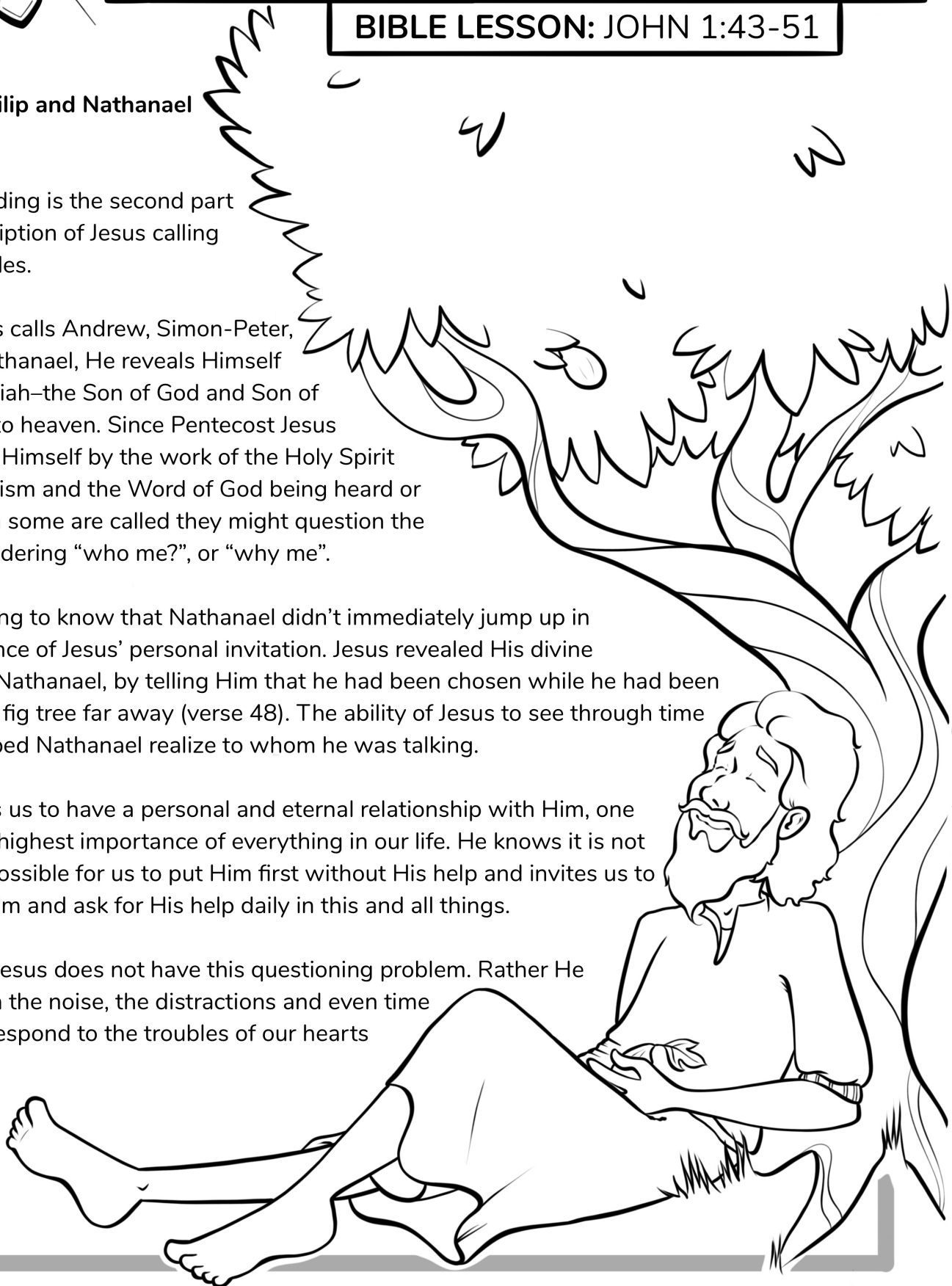
Today's reading is the second part of John's description of Jesus calling His first Disciples.

When Jesus calls Andrew, Simon-Peter, Phillip, and Nathanael, He reveals Himself to be the Messiah—the Son of God and Son of Man—the way to heaven. Since Pentecost Jesus calls people to Himself by the work of the Holy Spirit thru Holy Baptism and the Word of God being heard or read. Yet when some are called they might question the invitation, wondering “who me?”, or “why me”.

It's interesting to know that Nathanael didn't immediately jump up in eager acceptance of Jesus' personal invitation. Jesus revealed His divine knowledge to Nathanael, by telling Him that he had been chosen while he had been sitting under a fig tree far away (verse 48). The ability of Jesus to see through time and space helped Nathanael realize to whom he was talking.

Jesus wants us to have a personal and eternal relationship with Him, one that holds the highest importance of everything in our life. He knows it is not easy or even possible for us to put Him first without His help and invites us to lean fully on Him and ask for His help daily in this and all things.

Thankfully Jesus does not have this questioning problem. Rather He comes through the noise, the distractions and even time and space to respond to the troubles of our hearts and lives.





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 LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE
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Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven, thank You for how Your Son Jesus responds faithfully to our prayers and for the Holy Spirit who hears our call even when we don't have the strength to speak to You out loud. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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