

## REAL BIBLE HEROES

# John the Apostle

## Part 1: Close Friend of Jesus

Would you prefer to have many acquaintances or just a few close friends? You can never be close friends with someone just by chance. A friendship takes effort in order for it to grow deeper and stronger. In "John, Part 1", we see that John is one of Jesus' close friends.

### (A) MATERIAL:

Read Mark 1:16-20, Mark 14:32-35, Luke 8:51

### Talk it Out

- John was one of the first few disciples that were chosen by Jesus.
- John was known to be part of Christ's inner circle. What does it feel like to be part of a group? How did you form this group?
- Jesus was not being exclusive or portraying favouritism. Jesus loves everyone equally and never intends to leave people out and make them feel rejected. It is natural to have a certain bunch of friends that you are closer with.

### (B) MISSION:

Birds of a feather flock together but we must continue to be inclusive in that.

TODAY, go look out for those who are **cast away** from their friends. Invite them into your group and be nice to them. Share your personal stories and **encourage** one another.

### (C) PRAYER:

Dear Lord, please heal those who are sick. Help us not to only look within our circle of friends but be with us even as we step out of our comfort zone to bless those who are really in need. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.