

All: But we aren't worthy.

One: Haven't you heard? God has plans for us.

All: But we aren't ready.

One: Haven't you heard? With God, all things are possible.

All: We will trust in God.

Music: "Draw the Circle Wide"

MV #145

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Mark 1:14-20

Focus on the Word

Music:

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

VU #567

(vss. 1,2,5)

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

In front of us, behind us, to our right, to our left: look! God is there! In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future: look! God is there! In the shadows, in the light: look! God is there!

From the top of the mountains to the bottom of the seas; in the morning, in the evening, in every moment: God is with us! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Music:

“Jesus Calls Us”

VU #562

(vss. 1,2,4)

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'