

## **Yr 2 Great Fast Philip and Nathanael Lesson, John 1:43-51**

**Opening Prayer:** The Jesus Prayer - *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me a sinner* - may be repeated a number of times, either saying it or chanting it. Find an audio version of it here: <https://eeparchy.com/2019/02/20/jesus-prayer-sung-english-video-mp3/>

**Gospel: [John 1:43-51](#)** – Click here to read the Gospel, watch a video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9j5CPuAUCAg> or listen to it here: [https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/letusattend/march\\_13\\_2011\\_john\\_143\\_51\\_told\\_for\\_younger\\_children](https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/letusattend/march_13_2011_john_143_51_told_for_younger_children)

**Lesson:** Jesus know each one of us by name

In today's Gospel Jesus knew about Nathanael before he even met him. He even knew his name! Just like Nathanael and Philip, Jesus knows who we are. It feels pretty special to know that Jesus knows all about us and loves each one of us - just because of who we are! We have the most special friend in the world!

Did you notice what Philip did right soon as he was called by Jesus to follow him? He told Nathanael all about Jesus. That is also what Jesus is asking us to do to! In our lives Jesus calls each of us by name to follow him.... every single day. Discuss what it means to follow Jesus - our actions, our thoughts, how we show love to others etc. Talk about how we can start each day talking to Jesus and telling him that we are ready to follow him again for another day. Remind the children that part of following Jesus is to tell others about him!

To reinforce the idea of God's personal love, have the children take turns saying "*I am \_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus knows me by name.*"

**Craft:** Jesus Knows Me by Name Button

**In the Church:** Look for icons of Jesus with people. Think about how much he loved each of them personally and how much He loves us too!