

## **Talk About It:**

- Have you ever been fishing? What did you catch?
  - What does it feel like to be chosen to do something special?
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## **Read About It:**

Read this story from Matthew 4:18-22:

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living.

Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.

A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too.

They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

- Peter, Andrew, James, and John were good fishermen. Why do you think they left everything behind to follow Jesus?
  - Peter and Andrew were brothers. So were James and John. Do you have a brother or sister who has helped you follow Jesus? If not, who has helped you follow Jesus?
  - What did Peter, Andrew, James, and John do with their boats and nets? Why?
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## **Sing About It:**

Peter, Andrew, James, and John decided to follow Jesus. You can decide to follow Jesus too! Sing about it with this song on YouTube:

[I Have Decided](#) (Lifetree Kids, Cave Quest VBS Music Video, Group Publishing)

## Think About It:

- Jesus chose Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. How do you think they felt to be chosen by Jesus?
  - What do you think Jesus meant by saying that he would send them out to fish for people?
  - How would it feel to leave everything you own, everything you know, to follow someone wherever they led you to go?
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## Make It:

Supplies: construction paper, pencil, scissors, markers, and your foot!

Make a fun reminder to follow Jesus every day.

Trace around your foot onto a piece of construction paper, or you can take your shoe off and trace around that. Then, cut out your foot from the paper. Use markers to write on it, "I will follow Jesus." Hang up your reminder where you can see it every day. Ask Jesus to help you follow him, wherever he leads you.

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## Do It:

Jesus told Peter, Andrew, James, and John that from now on they would fish for people. This means that instead of bringing in fish from the sea, they would be helping to bring people to Jesus. We can be "fishers of people" too, by sharing the good news about Jesus with others.

Here are some ideas:

- Act out today's story with stuffed animals, action figures, or LEGOs. Make a video to send to someone you love.
  - Think of someone you know who might not know how much Jesus loves them. Pray for that person this week.
  - Write a note or card to someone telling them how much Jesus loves them.
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## Pray About It:

Jesus, thank you for choosing Peter, Andrew, James, and John, and ME to follow you. Help me to follow you wherever you go. Amen.

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## Memorize It:

"Come, follow me," Jesus said. Matthew 5:19