

Fishing with Jesus

Matthew 4:18-22; 10:1-4

In the Bible, Jesus called fishermen to leave their nets and follow Him. They became His helpers and shared God's love with others. Today, Jesus still invites us to follow Him and help with His work.

As your child plays, read the Bible story below aloud. Then use the questions (*right*) to connect the game to the Bible story.

One day Jesus was walking beside a large lake, the Sea of Galilee. He saw two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew. These brothers were fishermen. They were busy trying to catch fish.

"Come. Follow Me," Jesus said to the brothers.

Right away, as Jesus said these words, Simon Peter and Andrew left their fishing job and followed Jesus.

Jesus kept walking. He saw two other brothers, James and John. They were fishermen, too. James and John worked catching fish with their father.

"Come. Follow Me," Jesus said to the brothers.

And just like Simon Peter and Andrew, **James and John left their fishing jobs right away and followed Jesus.**

One, two, three, four fishermen followed Jesus. Jesus chose other men to help Him. In all, He chose twelve: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, another James, Thaddaeus, Simon, and Judas.

*Tip: Read **bold print** for younger preschoolers and the entire story for older children.*

After the game, pray together:

"Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us follow You and help others every day. Amen."

Use this guide while your child plays a fishing game to learn how we can follow and help Jesus.

- Who did Jesus ask to follow Him in our story?

(The fishermen and His helpers)

- What did the fishermen do when Jesus called them?

(They followed Him right away.)

- Why do you think they wanted to help Jesus?

(They loved Him and trusted Him.)

- How can you help Jesus today?

(Be kind, share, pray, help others, tell others about Him, etc.)

- As you catch a fish, can you name one way you can follow Jesus?

Encourage your child's answers and celebrate their ideas!



Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations have been taken from the Christian Standard Bible®, Copyright © 2017 by Holman Bible Publishers. Used by permission. Christian Standard Bible® and CSB® are federally registered trademarks of Holman Bible Publishers.



WORLD CRAFTS

wmu.com/worldcrafts