

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

15 MINUTES

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus says, "Follow Me."

ANDREW AND PETER;  
JOHN AND JAMES  
MATTHEW 4:18-22;  
LUKE 5:1-11



## MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

## MEMORY VERSE

"Come and follow me,"  
Jesus said."

MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV

### 1. FISH SCOOP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** 15-20 small fish, plastic spoons, and floor tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Use the floor tape to make a square on the floor in the activity area. This will be the "boat." Spread the fish around the floor in the activity area.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child a spoon, and challenge them to scoop the fish and place them in the boat.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Continue the activity until all of the fish are in the boat.

## KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's go fishing!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "There are many fish in the sea. (*Point.*) This will be our boat! (*Point to square.*) And these are our fishing poles! (*Hold up spoons.*) Use your fishing poles to scoop up the fish and place them in the boat." (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Great job! You are awesome fishermen. Today we are going to hear a story about how fishermen followed Jesus!"

## BOTTOM LINE

I can follow Jesus.

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by pretending to fish with a fishing pole as you walk to the story area.

## BASIC TRUTH

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friend forever.

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**LIVE  
FOR GOD**  
APPLICATION  
ACTIVITY



**CREATE**

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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**1. FOUR FISHERMEN**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Four Fishermen" and "Jesus" Activity Pages, white cardstock, scissors, fish stickers (4 per child), and glue sticks

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy the "Four Fishermen" Activity Page onto the white cardstock. Copy the "Jesus" Activity Page onto the white cardstock and cut on the dotted lines. Each child will need one Jesus cutout.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child an Activity Page and four fish stickers. Encourage the child to place a sticker in each circle under the fishermen. Help the children glue the Jesus cutout in the dotted outline on the right side of their page.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Retell today's Bible story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "We heard an amazing story about how we should always follow Jesus!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We are going to make a picture to remind us of today's Bible story. (Give each child a "Four Fishermen" Activity Page.) I see four fishermen on our page. (Point.) They are Andrew and Peter and James and John. There are circles under each fisherman. (Point.) Can you place a fish sticker in each circle? (Pause.) Awesome! There are also dotted lines on the right side of the page. (Point.) That is where Jesus goes. (Hold up the Jesus cutout.) We need to glue Him there so that the fishermen can follow Jesus!" (Finish activity.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Awesome! Your pages look great. Jesus wants everyone to follow Him. He went to Andrew and Peter and said, "Follow Me." They dropped their fishing nets and followed Jesus, and so did John and James. Jesus wants us to follow Him too. **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus!**"

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**PRAY  
TO GOD**  
PRAYER  
ACTIVITY



**REFLECT**

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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**2. JOURNAL AND PRAYER**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Matthew 4:19. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each small group.

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** "It's Prayer Journal time!"

*(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

"Okay, so now we know Jesus said to follow Him. Right? Right! And for Peter, Andrew, James, and John, that meant they could follow Jesus and watch Him and listen to Him because He was right there in front of them.

"For us, following Jesus means doing what He says—things like forgiving people and being kind, sharing, and helping others. Let's make a list of things Jesus has told us to do so we will know how to follow Him.

*(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

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**KEY QUESTION**

Who can you follow?

"This is a great list! Let's use it when we talk to God. Would anyone

like to pray before I pray?" *(Give each child who wants to pray the*

*opportunity to do so.)*

**BOTTOM LINE**

I can follow Jesus.

**PRAYER**

**SGL:** "Dear God, we want to follow Jesus. Since we can't see Him, it is important that we read the Bible and pray so we will know what Jesus does. Jesus is so great about doing things like *(read the list the children made)*. Help us to follow Jesus and do those things, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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