

# FOLLOWING JESUS

LUKE 5:1-11  
MATTHEW 4:18-22; MARK 1:16-20



## UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

**Jesus was teaching God's Word to the people while He sat in the boat.**

- *Whose boat was Jesus sitting in? (Luke 5:3) What was Simon Peter's job? When Jesus was done teaching, what did He tell Peter to do?*

**Peter had been fishing all night and had not caught any fish. Jesus told Peter to go fishing again.**

- *Did Peter obey Jesus? Did Peter trust Jesus enough to do what Jesus said, even if he didn't understand why?*
- *What happened as they let down the fishing net into the water? What began to happen to the net?*

**Jesus told Peter that instead of catching fish, Peter would catch men.**

- *Did Jesus mean that Peter would use a fishing net to catch men? (No! God would use Peter to help other people come to know the love of Jesus. Many people are stuck in sin. God wants to catch people with His wonderful love!)*

**Peter and the other fishermen left their fishing nets and their boats and they followed Jesus.**

- *Do you think that they were glad that they had followed Jesus?*
- *Do any of you know what God did with these men who decided to follow Jesus? (Many other people heard about Jesus and came to know Jesus, because of the disciples.)*

## SIMPLE TRUTHS:

**These fishermen left their fishing nets and their boats, so that they could follow Jesus.**

- *Does Jesus still want people to follow Him today?*
- *What does it mean to follow Jesus since we can't see Him with our eyes? (Following Jesus means loving Him and doing what He says. It means doing things HIS way, by obeying Him.)*
- *If we follow Jesus, will we do what Jesus wants us to do or what we want to do?*
- *If we want to follow Jesus, will we need to say "yes" to Jesus when He tells us to do something? Will we need to say "no" to ourselves? (Matthew 16:24)*
- *Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us follow (obey) Him. We can ask Him to help us say "yes" when He tells us to do something.*

**It's always a good thing to follow Jesus and to love Jesus!**

- *What's the best part about following Jesus? (We get to know Him better and see Him do wonderful things...)*
- *If we follow Jesus, can we help other people know that Jesus loves them too? Can Jesus make us fishers of men just like the disciples were?*
- *Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us tell other people how much Jesus loves them.*

## AND REMEMBER...

*Following Jesus is the  
BEST!*

## MEMORY VERSE:

*"Follow Me, and I will make  
you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19*