FOLLOWING JESUS VBS · DAY 1 · GRADES 1-3

My Bible Lesson

Jesus Calls Me: Follow Me! | Jesus Calls the Fishermen (Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-22; John 1:43-51)

Read it in your Bible: Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-22; John 1:43-51

Jesus Calls the Fishermen

One morning Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. A big crowd pushed close to hear Him teach the word of God. Jesus saw two boats by the shore. The fishermen were washing their nets.

Jesus got into one of the boats. It belonged to a fisherman named Simon Peter. Jesus asked Peter to push out a little from the land. Then Jesus sat down in the boat and taught the people.

When He finished, Jesus said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Peter said, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5).

Peter obeyed. The net filled with so many fish that it began to break! Peter waved for his partners, James and John, to come help. They filled both boats so full that the boats began to sink.

Peter fell down at Jesus' knees. He knew Jesus was the Lord. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men" (Luke 5:10). Jesus was going to teach them to bring people to God.

Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Peter, his brother Andrew, James, and John pulled their boats to land. They left everything and followed Jesus (Luke 5:11).

Jesus called others too. He found Philip and said, "Follow Me" (John 1:43). Philip ran to tell his friend Nathanael, "Come and see" (John 1:46). Jesus is still calling people to follow Him today.

> Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
> **Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)**

Big Idea

Jesus calls me by name to follow Him, and I can say yes and trust Him.

Think about it

1. What was Peter's job?
2. Why was Peter surprised when Jesus told him to let down the nets?
3. What did Peter, Andrew, James, and John leave to follow Jesus?
4. What does it mean to follow Jesus at home or at school?

This week I will follow Jesus by: