FOLLOWING JESUS VBS · DAY 1 · NURSERY (AGES 0-2)

Take-Home Bible Story

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

Bible story: Jesus Calls the Fishermen (Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-22; John 1:43-51)

Grown-ups, please read this story with your child:

Jesus Calls the Fishermen

- Peter was a fisherman. He had a boat and a big net.
- Peter fished all night long. He did not catch one fish!
- Jesus came to the sea. Jesus got into Peter's boat.
- Jesus said, "Let down your nets." Peter listened to Jesus.
- Splash! The net was full of fish! So many fish!
- Jesus said, "Follow Me."
- Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their boats and followed Jesus.
- Jesus wants you to follow Him too!

"Follow Me"

Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)

Say it together: Jesus wants me to follow Him!

Do it together: Five Little Fishes

- Five little fishes swimming in the sea, (wiggle five fingers)
- Peter cast his net, one, two, three! (pretend to throw a net)
- Jesus said, "Follow Me!" (point up, then wave "come")
- And Peter said, "Yes!" (nod head)
- Now I will follow Jesus, (march in place)
- Because He loves me best! (hug yourself)

Talk together

- Who got into Peter's boat?
- What did Jesus say to Peter?
- Can you follow Jesus too?

Today your child learned that Jesus called fishermen named Peter, Andrew, James, and John, and they left their nets to follow Him (Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-22). Our memory verse is Matthew 4:19: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." At dinner, ask: "What did Peter do when Jesus told him to let down the net?" Talk about one way your family can follow Jesus this week.