



## All Aboard: Let Jesus Lead the Way

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### LESSON - JESUS SAYS, "FOLLOW ME!"

All aboard, Victory Kids! Trains need a track and a conductor to get where they're going, and so do we! Jesus is our conductor, and when we follow Him, we're always on the right track. Today, we're going to hear how Jesus found His friends and invited them to follow Him! The Bible tells us in Matthew 4:18–20 that one day, Jesus was walking by the sea.

Can you make waves with your hands?

**DO IT:** Wave your arms and hands like waves on the sea.

While Jesus was walking, He saw two brothers named Peter and Andrew. They were fishermen! They were busy working, throwing their nets into the water to catch fish.

**SAY IT:** Peter and Andrew were fishing!

**DO IT:** Pretend to throw a big fishing net into the sea.

Then something amazing happened: Jesus called out to them! He said, "Come, follow Me!" Wow! Jesus didn't wait for Peter and Andrew to come find Him: He went to them! He met them right where they were, right in their boat!

**SAY IT:** Jesus finds us where we are!

**DO IT:** Point to yourself, then point to the sky.

Peter and Andrew didn't wait or ask questions; they left their nets and followed Jesus right away. They didn't need to be perfect or fancy. Jesus loved them just as they were.

**SAY IT:** Jesus loves me right where I am!

**DO IT:** Give yourself a big hug.

And guess what? Jesus does the same thing for us today! He comes to us at home, at school, on the playground, everywhere! He knows our names and our hearts.

When we listen to His voice and say "Yes, Jesus!" we start the best adventure ever following Him!

**SAY IT:** I can follow Jesus every day!

**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, thank You for finding us right where we are. Thank You for loving us and calling us to follow You. Help us listen to You every day and go where You lead. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

#### 2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did Jesus see Peter and Andrew fishing? **(Yes)**
2. Did Jesus tell them, "Come, follow Me"? **(Yes)**
3. Did Peter and Andrew say "No" to Jesus? **(No)**
4. Can we follow Jesus every day? **(Yes)**

#### 4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. Who saw Peter and Andrew by the sea? Jesus
2. What were Peter and Andrew doing? Fishing
3. Did Jesus wait for them to come find Him, or did He go to them? He went to them!
4. What did Jesus say to them? Come, follow Me



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### ACTIVITY 1: FOLLOW THE LEADER TRAIN!

**Items Needed:** Optional – train whistle or music

**Connection:** Just like our train stayed on the track, we can stay on track by following God's promises!

**Step 1:** Have children line up behind the leader and hold onto each other's shoulders to make a "train."

**Step 2:** The leader (teacher) is the "conductor." March around the room making train sounds: "Chugga-chugga, choo-choo!"

**Step 3:** Every few moments, stop and call out an action (e.g., "Jesus says wave!" "Jesus says jump!" "Jesus says pray!").

**Step 4:** Let children take turns being the "conductor" and leading the train.

**Step 5:** End by gathering the group and saying, "When we follow Jesus, He leads us the right way every time!"

### ACTIVITY 2: CATCH THE FISH!

**Items Needed:** Purchase Fishing game (or create fish cutouts, bamboo, paper clips, magnets)

**Connection:** Jesus found Peter and Andrew while they were fishing! He called them right where they were and told them to follow Him.

**Step 1:** Assemble Fishing Game

**Step 2:** Each student takes turns using a fishing pole or fishing nets to catch a fish.

**Step 3:** The student who catches the most fish wins.

**Step 4:** After everyone has caught a fish, remind them, "Jesus loves you and calls you to follow Him too!!"

### ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

**Items Needed:** Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

### CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

#### FISHERS OF MEN CRAFT

**Items Needed:** Purchasable Fishers of Men Craft Kit or Printable craft

**Connection:** Today we're making a craft to remind us that Jesus calls us to follow Him and share His love with others just like fishers of men

**Step 1:** Help the kids glue or stick the mesh netting near the bottom half of the foam board. You may need to help press it down firmly.

**Step 2:** Let the kids peel and stick foam fish inside the net, just like fish being caught in the sea!

**Step 3:** Guide them to place the foam words "Fishers of Men" across the top of the craft.

**Step 4:** Kids can add foam sea creatures (like shells, waves, or seaweed) around the border for fun!

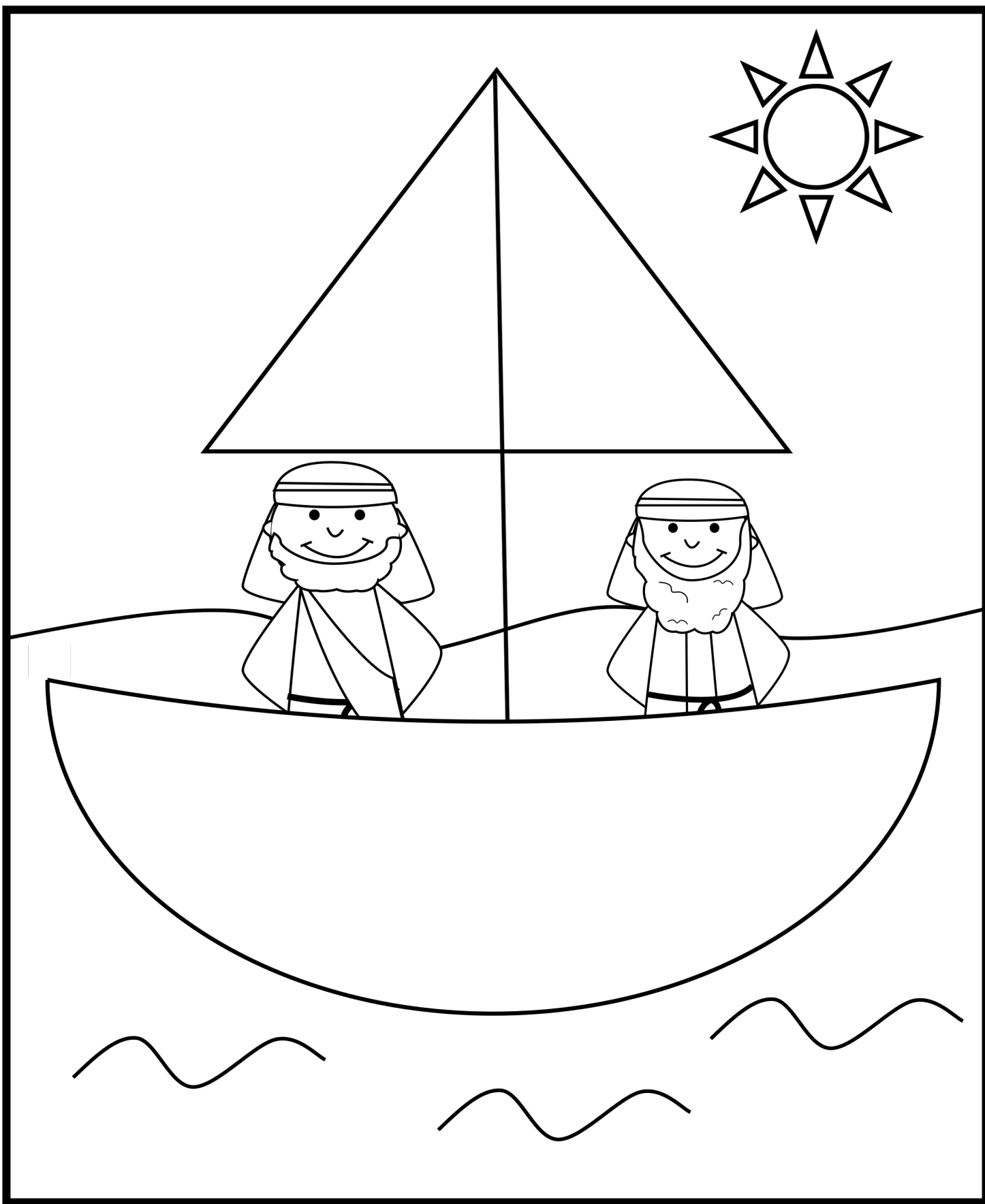
**Step 5:** Help children thread the yarn through the top hole (if included) and tie a knot so the craft can hang at home.

#### COLORING SHEET: FISHERS OF MEN COLORING SHEET

**Items Needed:** Coloring sheet and crayons.

**Connection:** Jesus wants us to be fishers of men.

**Step 1:** Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.



When Peter and his friends obeyed Jesus, their nets were filled with fish!  
The fishermen left their boats and nets to follow Jesus. Luke 5:1-11