

# Year A - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Matthew 4:17-23

*Come with me.*



Jesus started preaching, "Turn back to God!  
The kingdom of heaven will soon be here."  
While Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee,  
he saw two brothers.

One was Simon, also known as Peter,  
and the other was Andrew.

They were fishermen, and they were casting their net into the lake.

Jesus said to them, "Come with me!

I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish."

Right then the two brothers dropped their nets and went with him.

Jesus walked on until he saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

They were in a boat with their father, mending their nets.

Jesus asked them to come with him too.

Right away they left the boat and their father and went with Jesus.

Jesus went all over Galilee,  
teaching in the Jewish meeting places  
and preaching the good news about God's kingdom.  
He also healed every kind of disease and sickness.



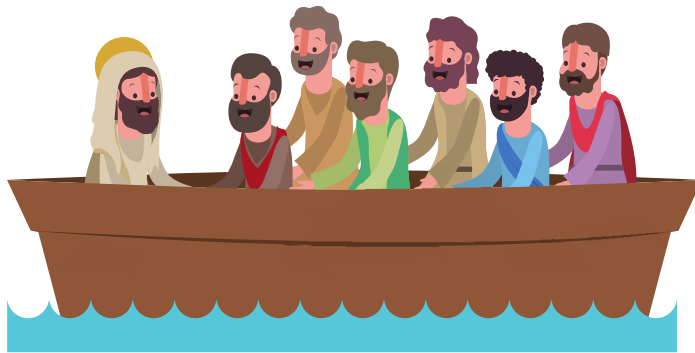
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### Catching People



- Introduction**
- Jesus called some friends to share in his mission to catch people with the message of God's love!
  - Who are your friends?
  - As a leader, share about one of your close friends, about the things you like to do together and about how much you value your friendship. How does your friend help you to be a better person each day?



- Message**
- After reading the gospel, discuss the things that Jesus did and said in the text. Also talk about the things the disciples did and said.
  - Tell the children about how these men became Jesus disciples. They became his very closest friends. They learned from him, they followed him and they loved him... and Jesus loved them very much too!
  - Jesus had a mission to do - to catch people with the message of God's love - but he needed friends to help and people to carry on his work. These disciples weren't going to catch fish anymore! They were going to catch people with the message of God's love!

- Discussion**
- Who are your friends?
- Why do you like to spend time with them?
  - Are you a friend of Jesus too?
  - How can people tell that you are a friend of Jesus?

