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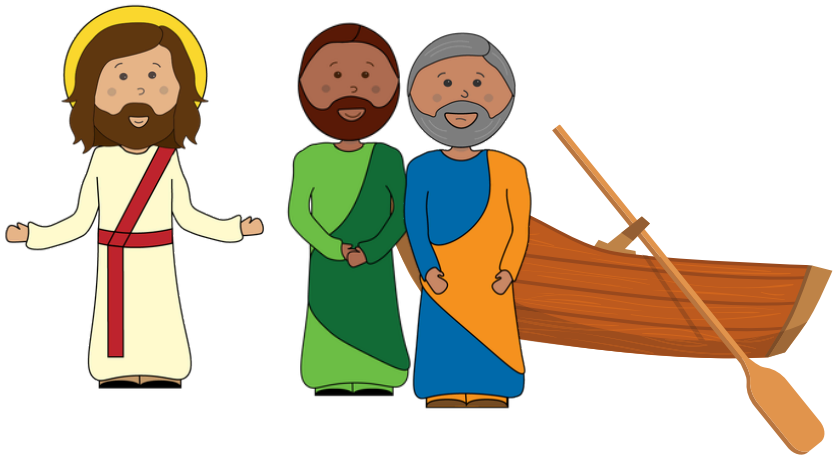
Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John was arrested,
Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God.
He said, "The time has come!
God's kingdom will soon be here.
Turn back to God and believe the good news!"
As Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew.
They were fishermen and were casting their nets 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 and soon saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee.
They were in a boat, mending their nets.
At once Jesus asked them to come with him.
They left their father in the boat with the hired workers
and went with him.



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Come follow me

Introduction

- Today's gospel gives us another call to follow Jesus. Jesus calls the disciples who were fishermen to drop everything and come follow him to be fishers of people.

Message

- Jesus calls us to follow him just like he called the disciples.
- The call asks us to drop everything to be fishers of people.
- This simply means to make a commitment to following Jesus and to not be afraid to bring others to Jesus too.
- When we make a commtiment to something it requires sacrifice, to give up things that don't allow us to be fully committed.
- This is what Jesus asked of the disciples and what he asks of us - to put aside the things, the words, the actions that don't allow us to follow Jesus to the best of our ability.
- Jesus also calls us to be fishers of people - to share Jesus' message with others and encourage people to hear the call themselves.

Discussion

- Begin by checking with the children if there are any words or phrases that they don't understand. Also check if they are any words or phrases that stood out for them
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- What are some ways we can follow Jesus?
- What does a follow of Jesus look like?
- What are some things we have to drop or sacrifice in order to follow Jesus?
- What can stop us from making a full commitment to following Jesus?

