

Year B, Week 7

Text: Mark 1:14-22

Idea: Come, Follow Me

Hymn suggestion: *I Will Make You Fishers of Men* (if you or the kids know it) or *Jesus Loves Me*

Items Needed: Items Needed:

- Grown Jesus (man with arms held out at sides)
- 5 male figures for disciples and Zebedee
- 2 boats (can cut out a teardrop shape from brown paper. Not supplied.)
- Sea (oval blue felt in Creation box).

Story

(Directions: Set out oval blue felt for lake. Put one boat in middle of the lake with Simon and Andrew in it. Put one boat near the edge of the lake with Zebedee, James and John in it.)

When Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. *(Place Jesus figure near the sea.)* He began to preach, “Repent! You need to turn around and change your ways! The Kingdom of God is coming!”

As Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, casting their nets in the lake. They were fishermen. *(Point to Simon and Andrew.)*

Jesus called to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” *(Move their boats to shore, and place Simon and Andrew near Jesus.)*

Simon Peter and Andrew left their nets at once, and they followed Jesus.

Then he saw two other brothers, James and John, preparing nets with their father, Zebedee. Jesus called to them also, and they left their boat and their father and followed him. *(Move James and John to Jesus.)*

Jesus went all around the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and temples, telling everyone about the Kingdom of God. People were amazed by the way he taught. They said, “He teaches with authority!”

Questions with no Reponse:

- I wonder ... why Peter, Andrew, James, and John followed Jesus?
- I wonder ... if it was hard to leave their boats and their families behind?
- I wonder ... what they expected from Jesus?
- I wonder ... what it means for us to follow Jesus today?