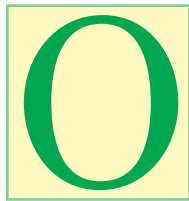




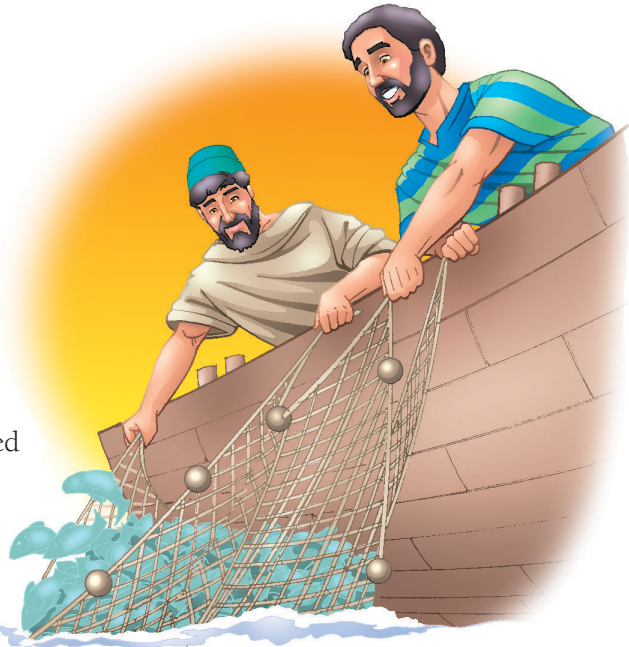
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# Follow Me

*When you hear some good news, what do you do? Do you tell someone about it? Maybe you like to tell your brother or sister. Maybe you want to tell a friend. It's fun to share good news!*



One day a fisherman named Andrew talked to Jesus. He was sure that Jesus was the Savior he had heard about. Andrew wanted to tell someone the good news!



So he went to find his brother, Peter.

A few days later, early in the morning, Jesus saw Peter and Andrew and their friends James and John down by the seashore. The men had fished all night long and had not caught one fish. Now they were washing and mending their nets so they could use them another night. Everyone knew that nighttime was the best time for fishing.

People began to come down to the seashore to see Jesus. Jesus looked at the fishing boats. He decided to climb into one so He could go out a little way from the shore. Then all of the people could hear Him.

## Memory Verse

“You are  
my friends.”  
JOHN 15:14, NIV.

## The Message

Jesus calls us  
to be His friends.



Jesus talked to the people for a while. Then He turned to Peter. “Peter, put your nets out in the deep water and catch some fish,” Jesus said.

Peter was surprised. “Sir, we have fished all night long, and we haven’t caught any fish,” he said. “However, we will do as You have asked.”

So Peter and his brother, Andrew, tugged at the nets. They knew that daytime was not the best time to catch fish. However, they put the nets into the water again anyway.

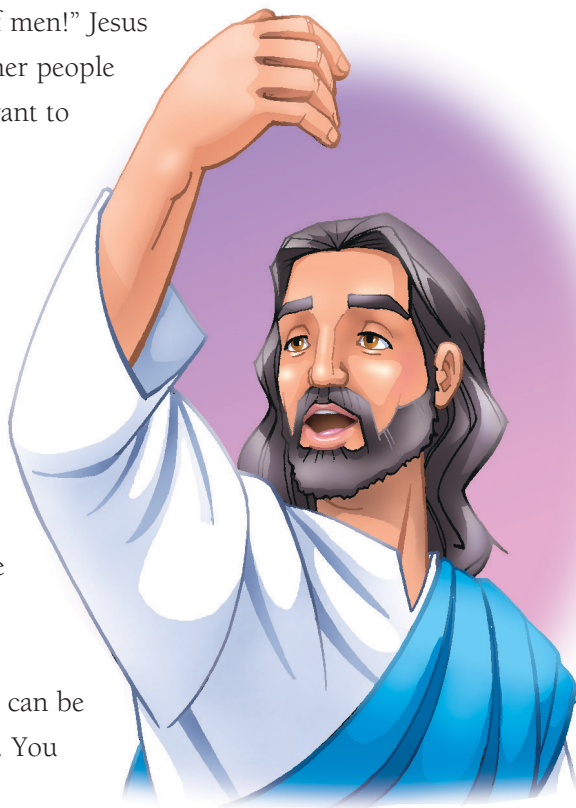
Suddenly their nets were filled with more fish than you could count! The nets were so heavy with fish that Peter and Andrew called for James and John to help them! James and John came and helped. They, too, were surprised to see so many fish!

When the nets and the fish were in the boats, Jesus turned to the four fishermen. “Follow Me,” He said, “and you will be fishers of men!” Jesus meant that they would help Him tell other people about God’s love so the people would want to follow God.

Peter and Andrew, James and John, wanted to help Jesus! They wanted to tell other people about this Man who did such wonderful things. So they left their fishing boats and nets and all those fish behind and went to help Jesus.

Peter, Andrew, James, and John became special helpers for Jesus. For the rest of their lives they told others about Jesus and His love!

You are Jesus’ special friend too! You can be a helper for Jesus, just like His disciples. You can tell others about Him too.



# Do and Say

## SABBATH

Let your child show and tell your family about the paper clothes made in Sabbath School. Talk about how everyone can help at home by putting away toys and clothes.

Use the following motions as you say the memory verse each day this week:

**“You . . . . .** Point to others.  
**are my . . . . .** Point to self.  
**friends.” . . . . .** Hug self, or hug others.

**John 15:14.** . . . Put palms together; then open.

## SUNDAY

Visit an aquarium or a pet shop and look at the fish. If possible, get some fish and set up a simple aquarium (fishbowl) at home. Teach your child how to feed the fish. Thank Jesus for making fish.

## MONDAY

Find John 15:14 in your Bible. Help your child point to each word as you read. Say: “These are Jesus’ words to us. We are His friends.” Do the motions as you repeat the verse.

## TUESDAY

Encourage your child to help you by putting toys or clothes away today.

Invite someone you don’t know well who has a child near your child’s age to Friday night dinner.

## WEDNESDAY

Help your child to use pebbles or coins and count out one for each friend he or she has. Sing a song about friendship; then thank Jesus for giving you friends.



## THURSDAY

Together, look at pictures of fish in a book. Thank Jesus for the fish.

Have your child pretend to be a fish swimming around while you “catch” him or her in your “net” (arms).

Talk about what Jesus meant when He told His friends they would be fishers of men.



## FRIDAY

Act out the Bible story with your family for worship. If you invited guests, encourage them to take part.

Ask your child to say the memory verse without help. Sing a song about friends. Thank Jesus for friends.

