

# THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES

**One day, Jesus saw** some men fishing. They were using nets. Jesus knew that they would be good followers of what He would teach them. He saw Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother. He said, "Follow me, and you will catch men."

Then he saw two more brothers, James and John. Jesus called to them. They left their father to follow Jesus. Then Jesus traveled through Galilee, teaching, and healing those who were ill.

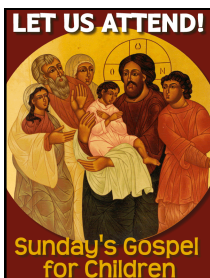
## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Jesus saw some men and called to them. What were they doing?
2. Jesus knew they would follow, or do, what He taught them. What is one thing Jesus wants us to do?
3. What were the names of the first brothers Jesus called to?
4. What were the names of the second brothers? Both names begin with "J."
5. Jesus told them they would call others to follow Him.

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**One day**, our Lord Jesus Christ was walking along the Sea of Galilee. He came to two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and Andrew. These brothers were fishermen. They were just casting their net into the sea when Jesus came to them.

He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for men!" Right away, Simon Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed Jesus!

As they walked along, Jesus saw two more brothers. James and John were both in a boat with their father, Zebedee. They were fixing their nets so that they could fish again. Jesus called out to invite them to follow Him.

Right away, James and John left the boat and their father, and followed Jesus.

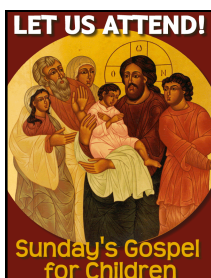
Then Jesus went all around Galilee. He taught in the synagogues, preached the good news about God's kingdom, and healed every sickness that people had.



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3. What were the names of the first brothers Jesus called to?
4. What were the names of the second brothers?
5. Jesus told them that they would fish for men. What do you think this means?
6. What did Jesus do when He went all around Galilee?



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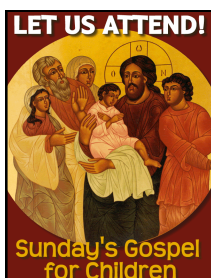
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### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Where was Jesus when he saw Simon and Andrew?
2. What things do people do around a sea, river, or lake? What work do people do there?
3. Do you think the sea would be a busy place or not? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think this gospel starts by telling us Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee? Why do you think that is important to the story?
5. What do you think this tells us about Jesus? What kind of people was He looking for?
6. Jesus still uses ordinary people for His work. Pray, and ask Him to help you know what He wants you to do. Then, do it!



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Characters: Narrator, Jesus

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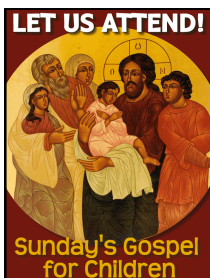
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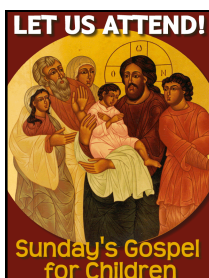
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1. What are Simon and Andrew doing when Jesus sees them? What reason does the gospel give for why they are casting nets?
2. Who is Jesus collecting in this gospel?
3. Do you think it is funny that Jesus is fishing for fishermen who he promises to make into fishers of men in this gospel? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think this gospel uses such a funny play on words?
5. What might this tell us about Jesus? Why would Jesus do such a funny thing? What might this tell us about God?
6. Listen carefully when you go to services at church. Do we ever say funny things like the one in this gospel? Why do you think we might do that sometimes?



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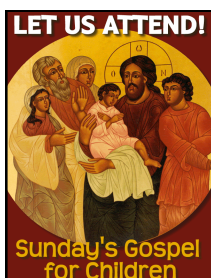
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1. What are Simon and Andrew doing when Jesus sees them and calls them?
2. What does he promise to make them?
3. What are James and John doing when Jesus sees them and calls them?
4. What two things does Jesus do throughout Galilee?
5. How is proclaiming the gospel like casting a fishing net?
6. How is healing the sick like mending a net?
7. What does this suggest about a calling? If Jesus called a baker who was kneading yeast into dough, what might he put her to work doing?
8. What do you think about this concept of calling? Do you think Jesus is calling you to do something? Why or why not? If so, what and why?



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