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Mark 1:17

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your children have enjoyed making your way through the story of creation. This week we are looking at Jesus' Helpers (The Disciples). Children will learn that Jesus chose some people to help him do God's work. Also, that they have the opportunity to be a helper for Jesus.

Supplies

- Children's Bible
- Cushions, chairs or large cardboard box (see story time)
- Towel or net (any material that could be a pretend fishing net)
- Craft Supplies: Paper, scissors, string, coloured pencils, stick.

Worship

- My God is so Big - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPgnvVYX3Yg>
- Love the Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdIY-c>

Bible Verse

Today's Bible verse is Mark 1:17. Read this slowly with your children having them repeat each word after you. You may even like to clap out the words.

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Prayer

For your time of prayer today you are going to be praying for things using the five senses. Help your children think of one thing they can see, hear, smell, taste and touch that they want to thank God for.

Story Time

As much of today's story happens in or around a boat, to tell the story create a boat for you and your children to sit in. This could be done with cushions, chairs or a large cardboard box. Tell your children that the story we are acting out is from the Bible and the Bible is God's word. Today's story is about fishermen that is why you are in a boat.

There were two brothers Simon and Andrew fishing in a boat. They were fishing with a big net.

Children can throw their "net" over the side of the boat pretending to fish.

There was someone walking along the beach – it was Jesus! He could see Simon and Andrew working hard to catch some fish. Jesus said to them, "Come. Follow me. I will teach you how to catch people instead of fish."

Straight away the brothers dropped their nets in the boat and went to follow Jesus.
Children drop their nets in the boat.

Jesus kept walking along the beach when he saw two more brothers James and John. They were also in a boat and fixing their fishing nets.

Children pretend to fix their nets. What would you need to do to fix a fishing net?

Jesus called to them to come to him. Straight away, James and John left the boat and went and followed Jesus.

They all had become Jesus' helpers. They went everywhere with Jesus as he told people about God. Simon, Andrew, James and John helped Jesus to share this good news. Jesus wants us to be his helpers too. He wants us to share the good news about him with everyone.

Craft



Hand Print Fish and Rod

Trace your children's hand print onto a piece of paper. They can then decorate this to look like a fish. They can be creative with the colours, patterns and textures they use – including sticking different craft supplies onto the fish. Cut out their hand fish.

Find a stick in the garden to be the fishing rod. Attach your fish to the rod with a piece of string, using sticky tape.

As your children are working on their craft talk with them about how we are Jesus' helpers and we are fishing for people. We do this by telling them all about Jesus.

Jesus says, "Follow me."

Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:40-42

