

365

KIDS CLUB

WEEK ONE



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Theme: Jesus invites us to follow Him.

Bible Story: The Calling of the Disciples (Matthew 4:18–22, Mark 1:16–20)

- **Big Idea:** Jesus calls us to follow Him, just like He called the disciples.
- **Memory Verse:** "Come, follow me." –Matthew 4:19
- **Activity Idea:** Play a "Follow the Leader" game to emphasize the importance of listening to Jesus and following His lead.
- **Discussion Points:**
 1. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
 2. Why do you think Jesus called ordinary people to follow Him?

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The **Narrator** is a Children's Pastor or Kids Leader teaching the Bible story as a Tour Guide. This incorporates the theme of "The 365 Journey" as the Tour Guide narrates and demonstrates the Bible Story as if they were guiding someone through a physical journey each week.

[Setting the Scene]

(Imagine a quiet, peaceful morning by the Sea of Galilee. The sun is just rising, and the gentle waves of the water sparkle. There is a soft breeze, and the air smells fresh and clean. You hear the sounds of seagulls overhead and fishermen working along the shore.) An ocean soundtrack can play during narration.

Narrator Reads:

One day, as Jesus was walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, He saw some fishermen who were hard at work. They were busy fixing their nets after a long night of fishing. Their names were Simon (who later became Peter) and his brother Andrew. They were out in the boat, just about to go back to shore.

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(Added element): As you say this, point or gesture to "fishermen," volunteers or kids on stage acting out narration or use props like nets and a toy boat to make the scene come to life.

Narrator Reads:

Jesus says to Simon and Andrew,

"Come, follow Me!"

(Ignite a sense of mystery and excitement in your voice.)

Simon and Andrew looked at Jesus. They had heard about Him before, and now, Jesus Himself was standing right in front of them. But, what He said next was incredible. He didn't just invite them to come and listen or sit with Him. No—Jesus had a BIG plan for them. He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people!"

[A Pause for Wonder]

(At this point, give the children a moment to imagine what it would be like if Jesus said those words to them: "Come, follow Me.")

Do you know what happened? Without even thinking twice, Simon and Andrew put down their fishing nets, jumped out of the boat, and followed Jesus right away! (Use an excited tone here, like they made a super exciting decision! Encourage the kids to pretend to jump up and follow Jesus.)

It might seem like a strange thing to do, right? They were fishermen, this was their job, their life! But something about Jesus made them want to leave everything behind and follow Him. They could sense that this was something amazing, something they had to be a part of.

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Narrator Reads:

But wait! There's more! As Jesus was walking a little further down the shore, He saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were sitting in a boat with their father, mending their nets. Jesus called out to them, just like He had to Simon and Andrew. Jesus calls to James and John, "Come, follow Me!"

And guess what? James and John didn't wait around either. They jumped out of the boat, leaving their father and everything behind to follow Jesus, too! They became His disciples, just like Simon and Andrew.

[A Special Moment]

(At this point, slow down the narration and create a sense of awe.)

Narrator Reads:

Do you see what happened here? Jesus didn't choose the smartest, richest, or most powerful people. He chose ordinary fishermen—just regular people like you and me. And He invited them to be a part of something so much bigger than themselves. He invited them on the JOURNEY of a lifetime, the greatest adventure ever! He asked them to follow Him and share His love with the world.

[Wrapping Up]

Now, think about this: What do you think would have happened if Simon, Andrew, James, and John had said, "No, thanks, Jesus. We're too busy"? Well, they wouldn't have become some of the first followers of Jesus. But they didn't say "no." They said "yes," to joining the journey with Jesus Christ.

He is still calling people to follow Him today on this amazing journey! And guess what? He's calling YOU, too!

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Narrator Reads:

You don't have to be a fisherman to follow Jesus—He wants you to follow Him with your heart, just like He wanted them to follow Him with theirs.

[Interactive Closing]

Narrator (asks the children):

If Jesus came to you and said, "Come, follow Me," how would you respond? Would you jump up and follow Him on this amazing journey, just like the disciples did?

Remember, just like Simon, Andrew, James, and John, Jesus is inviting you to follow Him and when you do, He'll show you amazing things! THIS IS THE GREATEST JOURNEY you'll ever join.

(Prayer Response, Salvation Emphasis: Join the Journey)

Memory Verse for the Week:

"Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people."

—Matthew 4:19

Week 1: Stations

World Missions Journey: Africa

Narrator: "Today we're going on a fun journey to learn all about Africa! You'll visit three interactive stations where you can create a craft, play with a fun sensory activity, and even try a yummy treat! Along the way, you'll discover interesting facts about the continent and learn how we can help kids in places like Mozambique. Loving God in this Journey means loving others and bringing them hope in various ways. Are you ready to explore and learn about Africa today?"

(Give directions on how to rotate between each station.)

Stations

Craft: Sand Art

Coloring Page & Prayer Postcard included

Encourage kids to write a prayer point on the postcard and use it as a prayer prompt whenever they have prayer time at home.

Sensory Activity: Sand Sensory Bin

- Can include African coins purchased from Amazon and small plastic toys – safari animals.

Snack: Plantain Chips