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Watch for fish this week. Each time you see one, remember that Jesus' disciples were called to fish for people.



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Listen for people telling you to "follow me" or "do what I do" this week. Are they leading you in a good direction? Remember to follow Jesus.



Talk About It

1. What does it mean to follow someone? Who do you follow? (parent, teacher, coach, friend, etc.) Is it a good idea to follow just anybody? Why or why not?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he told his first disciples that they should catch people instead of fish? How can you catch people for Jesus today?
3. What emotions might the disciples have been feeling when Jesus told them to drop what they were doing and follow him? What emotions would you feel if Jesus said that to you?
4. What's one specific thing you think Jesus would like you to do today?



Live It

For families to do together: Act out the calling of the disciples. One person takes Jesus' role and walks along. Everyone else picks a spot and pantomimes doing some kind of work. When you are called, stop immediately and follow. Take turns until everyone has had a chance to be Jesus.

For pre-k kids: For the next week, every time your parent calls you, immediately drop what you are doing and go find out how you can help.



Pray It

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