

JUNE 22, 2025

MYOCN PEW PALS



2nd Sunday of Matthew

THE CALLING OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave behind their boats, nets, and jobs to follow Him. They didn't ask, "Is this what everyone else is doing?" or "What will people think?" They just trusted Jesus and followed.



Following Jesus isn't always easy. Sometimes it means making choices that are different from what our friends do. Maybe it's choosing to pray, tell the truth, or be kind when others are being mean. The first disciples showed us what real courage looks like: following Jesus even when it's not popular.

Jesus is calling YOU too. Just like Peter and Andrew, He wants us to follow Him. Jesus also wants us to help others follow Him! That means we can be fishers of men — kids who spread love, truth, and the Good News of God. When we share about Jesus, when we are kind, or invite someone to church or Sunday School, we are helping others feel His light.

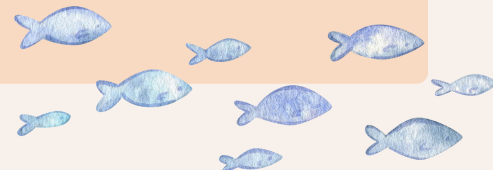
Family Homework

- **Follow the Leader Game:** Play a fun game of "Follow the Leader" to remind us how we follow Jesus in real life.
- **Fishing for Kindness:** Cut out fish shapes and write on kind act on each. Each day pick one to "catch" and do it.

Memory Verse

**"Follow Me, and I will
make you fishers
of men."**

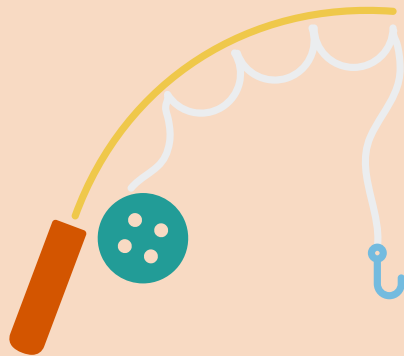
Matthew 4:19



CRAFT - FISHING FOR FRIENDS ROD

MATERIALS:

Construction Paper
Ribbon or String
Paper Towel Tube
Scissors
Hole Punch
Markers



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Draw and cut fish shapes out of the paper.
2. Decorate the fish, writing down names of people that need prayer or who need to hear the good news of Jesus.
3. Decorate the paper towel tube; adding the verse "Fishers of Men" to decorate.
4. String the fish and attach them to the tube using punched holes or tape.
5. Pray for your "fish"!



DISCUSSION PROMPT

If Jesus walked up to you today and said, "Follow Me", what would you say or do?

SAINT STORIES

SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Saint Peter was one of the first disciples Jesus called. He was a fisherman and became one of Jesus' closest friends. Even though he made mistakes, he always came back to Jesus. Peter later became a leader of the Church and helped many people learn about Jesus.

Peter reminds us that even if we mess up, Jesus still loves us and wants us to follow Him. We just have to say "yes" to Him every day!

St. Peter is remembered with Saint Paul on June 29. Both Apostles, being chosen by our Lord, were instrumental in the establishment and growth of the early Church through their boldness, spiritual strength and wisdom.

