



# Faith Together at Home

## Fishing for Jesus

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### Gather Together

Gather together in a comfortable place in your home. Have a younger child bring a Bible, an older child/adult bring a candle, and an adult bring some matches. Begin by lighting the candle and asking everyone to sit quietly for a few moments, listening for God.

Read aloud Matthew 4:18-22 from a Bible or a children's Bible. Choose parts and act out the story. Let the tallest person be Jesus. Give the middle-height people a blanket for a net and let them be the fishermen. Let the littlest people be the fish!

### Discover Together

Jesus called the disciples when they were doing their "day jobs." Some of the disciples were fishermen. They didn't go to school to learn how to be disciples. Jesus taught them what they needed to know. From Jesus they learned to heal people and speak about God. Where would Jesus find you on a typical day? At school? In an office? On a bus? In a boat? Jesus finds us wherever we are and invites us to help people who are in need.

Play a quick game of Listening Hide and Seek. Choose one person to be the Caller. The Caller closes their eyes while everyone hides. The Caller begins calling players one by one, saying, "(Name), follow me!" When a player's name is called, they come out of hiding and join the Caller in searching for more players. After everyone is found, point out that Jesus called the disciples by name, and he calls us by name too.

### Talk Together

Ask these questions of each other:

- Who does Jesus call to be his disciples today?
- How can you be a disciple at home? At school? In your neighborhood?
- If someone asked you "Who is Jesus?", how would you answer?

### Play Together

Gather up some fishing poles and bait and go fishing as a family! Imagine what it was like for Simon, Andrew, James, and John to meet Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Or play a game of Go Fish!

### Serve Together

As a family, gather around a calendar and talk about twelve ways you can serve others during the next twelve months. Write your ideas on the calendar. Consider these possibilities: Work at a food bank, purchase Christmas gifts for a struggling family, do yard work for a homebound neighbor or church member, gather medical or school supplies for an aid organization. Research volunteer opportunities in your community and be ready to try new things!

### Family Prayer

Say this prayer or blessing at the close of your time: **Jesus, help us to leave our nets and eagerly do your work. Amen.**