

Fishers of men

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Narration One day, Jesus went out to the Sea of Galilee, where Peter (who was a fisherman) was out fishing with his younger brother Andrew.

P e t e r Come on fish! We have been up all night but have not caught a single fish! Argh!!!

Narration Disappointed Peter and Andrew left their boat at the water's edge and washed their nets.

Narration Jesus came to the shore. The crowds followed him. Jesus got into Peter's boat and said:

J e s u s Will you pull out a little from the shore?

Narration Peter rowed the boat out away from the shore onto the lake so that everyone could see Jesus. Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of heaven. When he had finished speaking, he said to Peter

J e s u s Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch!

P e t e r Master, we have worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.

Narration Peter and Andrew were fishing experts. They had tried all night but had not caught a single fish. Yet Jesus was telling them to let down their nets again. Peter and Andrew could have laughed at Jesus but they listened to Him and did as He told them to.

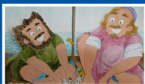
P e t e r Yo-heave-ho! Woah!!! What?? Wow, how can this be!!!

Narration Peter and Andrew were surprised. Their nets were full of fish. They caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break! James and John who were close by saw what had happened and they all fell on their knees. Jesus spoke to them:

J e s u s Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men not fish!



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Narration They all pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Jesus. Peter, Andrew, James and John all became Jesus' disciples.

Narration One day Jesus met a man called Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector. At the time, tax collectors were hated because they collected a lot of money. People treated Matthew as though he was a sinner but Jesus came to Matthew and spoke to him:

J e s u s Follow me!

Narration Matthew got up, left everything and followed Jesus. When the Pharisees saw that Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house with many tax collectors and sinners they started to grumble.

Pharisees Hmm, why are you eating with sinners, Jesus?

J e s u s It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners; that is why I am with these people.

Narration And so Jesus called all of his twelve disciples. The disciples followed Jesus for three years and learned a lot from Him. And after Jesus returned to the heavens, His disciples continued the work that Jesus had done on earth - like Jesus, they preached the kingdom of God and healed the sick!



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