

# Jesus Calls Peter

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**Directions:** Read the story of Jesus choosing Peter to be an apostle. Think about how each character would act and look. Role-play the story.

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The Gospels tell the good news of Jesus' life. In the Gospel of Luke, we learn how Jesus called Peter to follow him.

Jesus was near a lake, sharing the Word of God with many people. He saw two boats with fishermen washing their nets. Jesus got into Peter's boat and asked him to move the boat away from the shore. Jesus taught the crowd from the boat.

Later he asked Peter to move the boat into deeper water and to lower the fishing nets. Peter answered, "We have worked all night long without catching anything. But if you tell me to, I will lower the nets."

## Peter Answers the Call

Peter knew he could do more with Jesus' help than by himself. He trusted Jesus and lowered the nets into the water. The fishermen caught so many fish that their nets were tearing. They called to their partners on the other boat to come help them.

Soon both boats were so full of fish that they almost sank. The fishermen were amazed. Peter knelt in front of Jesus and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Jesus accepted Peter as he was. He called Peter to help bring others to God. "Do not be afraid," Jesus said to him. "From now on you will be catching people instead of fish." When they reached the shore, Peter and the others left everything behind and followed Jesus.