



## WEEK 2 - March 2020 - PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story Focus:** Jesus says, "Follow Me."

Andrew and Peter; John and James • *Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11*

**Memory Verse:** "Come and follow me," Jesus said." Matthew 4:19, NIV

**Key Question:** Who can you follow?

**Bottom Line:** I can follow Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### **Make it True**

*Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.*

-Large group time

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**9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE**

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**LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:**

**Bible Story**

**What You Need:** A Bible, a fishing net, and ten toy fish

*(Note: Roll up the net with the fish inside.)*

*Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02\_LG35\_Stage\_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.*

**STORYTELLER:** *(Enter carrying the rolled up net and a Bible.)* “Hello, everyone! I have a question for you. Have you ever been fishing? If so, raise your hand. *(Pause.)*

“Awesome. You can put them down. Fishing is SO fun! I have a true story about when Jesus met some fisherman. Do you want to hear it? *(Pause.)* Yay! Today’s true story from the Bible begins with two fishermen named Peter and Andrew. What were their names?”

**CHILDREN:** “Peter and Andrew!”

*(Option: Story Image W2 01)*

**STORYTELLER:** “Yes! Instead of using a fishing pole like the one you probably use if you’ve ever been fishing, Peter and Andrew used a big net to go fishing. Everyone, pretend to throw out your nets. Ready? One, two, three—throw out your nets.

*(Unroll your net onstage, making sure the fish stay on the stage.)* “Wow! Looks like we’ve already caught some fish. Let’s count them. *(Pick up each one as you count to 10.)* Wow! That’s quite a catch.

“Now let’s pull in our nets. *(Roll your net back up as children mimic.)* Pull! Pull! Pull! One more time: PULL! We did it! We went fishing, just like the fishermen did. Nice job, friends.

“So Peter and Andrew were fishing when all of a sudden, Jesus came walking by! They had seen Jesus do amazing things. They knew He was a really special leader. And then Jesus said, ‘Come, follow me! We will look for people instead of fish.’

*(Option: Story Image W2 02)*

“What? Jesus, the most special leader of all time, wanted the fisherman to come with HIM? Well, right away, Peter and Andrew left their nets behind and followed Jesus.

“Then Jesus saw two more fishermen, James and John, in a boat. What were their names?”

**CHILDREN:** “James and John.”

*(Option: Story Image W2 03)*

**STORYTELLER:** “That’s right! James and John were fishing with their dad and Jesus said, ‘Come, follow me!’ Right away, they got out of their boat and followed Jesus because they knew He was a really special leader. These fishermen—Peter, Andrew, James, and John—became some of Jesus’ best friends called the disciples.

“And you know what? Jesus wants you and me to come and follow Him, too! How cool is that? Jesus, God’s SON, wants US to follow Him! Tell me: **Who can you follow?**”

**CHILDREN:** *[Bottom Line]* “I can follow Jesus.”

**STORYTELLER:** “Let’s hear it one more time, **who can you follow?**”

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** *[Bottom Line]* “I can follow Jesus.”

**STORYTELLER:** “That’s right! Just like Peter, Andrew, James and John followed Jesus, *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus. Let’s pray.”

## **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** “Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Help us to follow Him always. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

*(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)*

**CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video**

## **Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God**

*Engage kids’ hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Friends, I’m so happy you’re here today because this month we’re learning that *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus! **Who can you follow?**”

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* “I can follow Jesus.”

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Jesus wants to be our friend forever! Let’s sing this song about following Him.

*(Lead children in singing “Follow On,” this month’s worship song.)*

“I want to follow anywhere Jesus leads! Tell me: **Who can you follow?**”

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* “I can follow Jesus.”

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Our memory verse says: “Come (motion toward yourself with hand) and follow me (march),” Jesus said (hands to mouth like yelling), Matthew 4:19. (Open hands like a book.) Can you say it with me?”

*(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)*

“That’s right! We can follow Jesus! We’ve got a friend in Jesus for sure. Let’s sing out ‘I’ve Got a Friend’!

*(Lead children in singing “I’ve Got a Friend.”)*

“Jesus is amazing. And He wants to be your friend forever. *[Bottom Line]* I can follow Jesus. **Who can you follow?**”

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER:** *[Bottom Line]* “I can follow Jesus.”

*Dismiss children to small groups.*