



# Family Guide for the Week of January 17

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## THE BIG IDEA

Jesus Knows You

## THE BIBLE

Jesus Calls Andrew and Peter: Mark 1:14-20; Luke 5:1-11;  
(1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

*What are we talking about today?*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's teaching video

**SCRIPTURE** | Mark 1:14-20; Luke 5:1-11 (SPARK Storybook Bible page 258 – 263)

- What did it mean when Jesus asked these men to follow Jesus and "fish for people?"
- How can we follow Jesus?
- What does it look like for us to follow Jesus?
- What is different about your life because you follow Jesus?
- Jesus wants us to follow him. What do you think it takes to follow Jesus? Do we need any special gear or pass a special test?
- As a follower of Jesus, what can you do that would be more meaningful than some of the other things you do?

**POLL** | Sink or Float?

**Supplies needed:** Bucket, water, coin, stick, plastic spoon, marble, can of coke, can of diet coke, any other item.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Fill the bucket with water. One at a time, place an item in the bucket of water to see if it sinks or floats after you have taken your family poll.
2. As a family, take a poll (thumbs up or thumbs down) for each item to see if they think it will sink or float.
3. Test it in the water to find out!

How many fish do you think it took to sink the disciples' boats?

**ACTIVITY I** Follow the Leader

**Supplies needed:** paper and pencils

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask if someone in the family wants to be the leader and give instructions like Simon Says, or how to draw a fish, or something else they know how to do well.



- Ask the leader, what it was like trying to get people to follow you?
- As the followers, what was it like trying to follow the leader?
- Is it easy or hard to follow Jesus?

### DISCUSSION

#### **What does it mean to be a good friend?**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give examples from your own experience of what it means to be a good friend. They can be things like . . .*

Someone who you have fun with.

Someone who is nice to you.

Someone you get along with.

Someone who wants what's best for you.

Someone who knows you.

Someone who is safe to talk to.

Someone who teaches you things you didn't know.

Based on what we discussed, **is Jesus a good friend?**

### MEMORY VERSE | Review the Memory Verse

### PRAYER

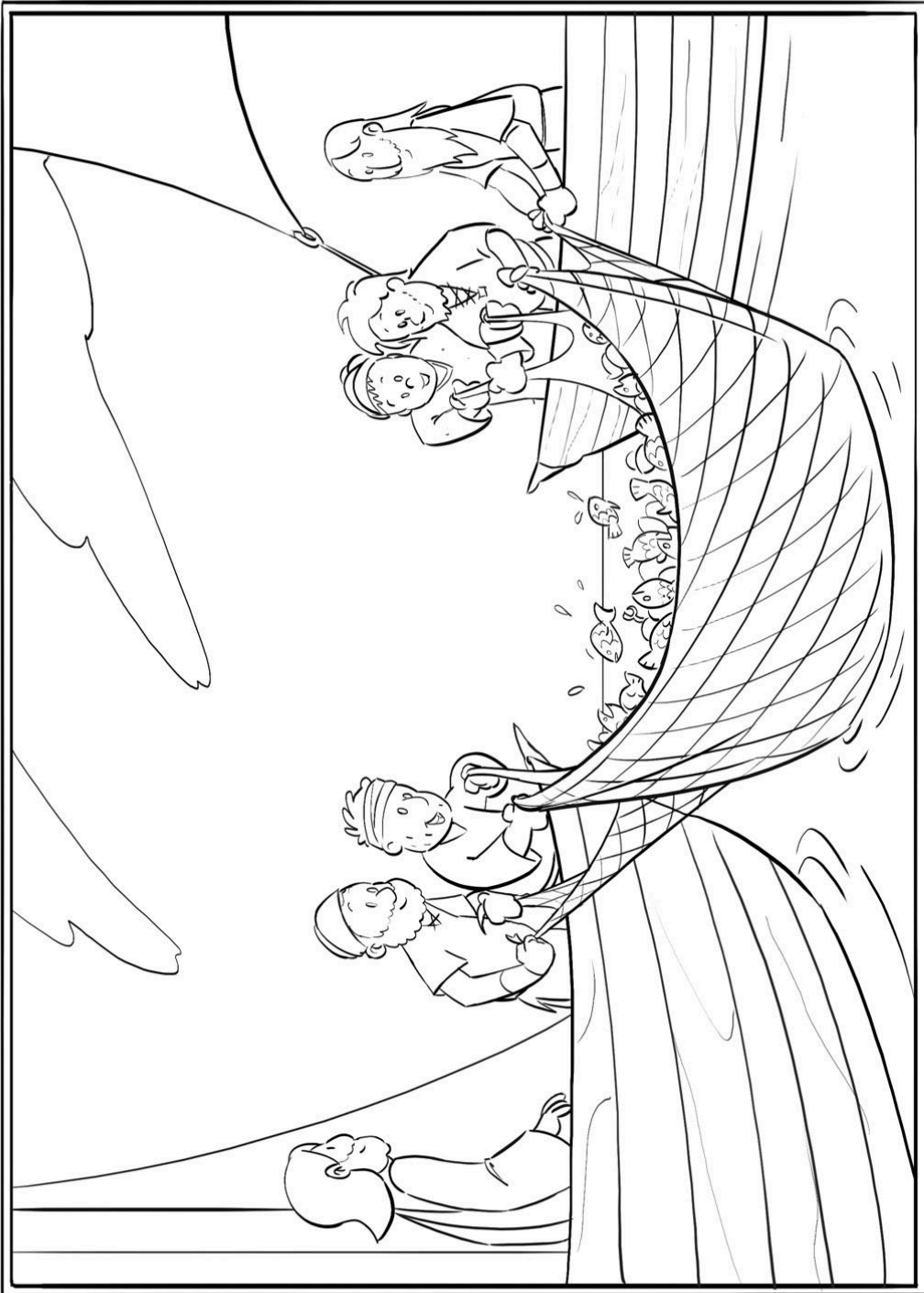
Dear God, thank You so much for asking us to follow You. Help us follow You with more of our time and energy, even if it means we need to give up something we like to do. We know that it will be worth it if it means following You and getting to know You better. Amen.

### BLESSING

Trace the sign of the cross on each family members forehead and say, "Jesus wants you to follow him. Jesus Loves you."

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