

FOLLOW ME

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of boats, fishing.
- > Fishing nets, fish, seashells.
- > Fish shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News given to us by Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus was standing one day by the lakeside, where a huge crowd gathered to hear him speak. Jesus saw a couple of boats nearby, so Jesus climbed into one of them, belonging to Simon. Jesus asked Simon to sail a little way out from the shore. From there he spoke to the

DISCUSSION

Have the children retell the story in their own words.

Why does Jesus first get into the boat?

- to speak to the crowds better.

What happens then?

- he tells the fishermen to put their nets out.

What happens?

How do the fishermen react?
- amazed and a bit bewildered.

What does Jesus say to them?
- follow me.

SHARING

Encourage the children to share their experiences of fishing, of sailing, of the seaside.

Do they think being a fisherman is easy? Explain that it is a dangerous way of life, and often unpleasant, especially having to go to sea in winter storms.

Today Jesus will say something else like fishing. Listen carefully and see what it is.

crowd on the shore. When he had finished he told Simon to sail out into the deep water and to throw his nets over for fish. Simon said 'We've been fishing all night and caught nothing. But if you say so, we'll try again.' Simon and the other fishermen threw the nets into the lake, and caught so many fish that the nets began to tear and the weight nearly

made the boats sink. Simon, and the other fishermen, James and John, were amazed. Simon knelt down at Jesus' knees and said 'Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man.' Jesus said 'Don't be afraid, from now on you will be fishers of men.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

Have the children act out the story; have them take the part of the crowd, and the fish, as well as Jesus and the fishermen.

Give out the cut-out shapes.

Have the children write or draw on them how they will follow Jesus in the week ahead.

- > Collect the fishes into a net.

