

FOLLOW ME

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of fishermen, nets and boats.
- > Pictures of people who follow Jesus now.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, help us to follow you always.
Alleluia!

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

As he was walking by the sea of Galilee Jesus saw two men fishing. It was Simon and his brother Andrew. Jesus called to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of man.' At once they left their nets and followed him.

DISCUSSION

Where was Jesus?
 Who did he see first?
 What did Jesus call to them?
 What did they do?
 Then who did Jesus see?
 What were they doing?
 What did they do when Jesus called them?

How do the children respond when they are called?
 - for dinner?
 - from play?
 - to help?
 - for bed?
 Who are the people that call them?
 What does Jesus call them to do?

SHARING

Have the children play the game of 'follow the leader'. After a time, encourage the leader to mime actions to do with fishing.

We want to follow Jesus:
 - when is it hard?
 - when is it easy?

Then encourage the children to talk about the game:
 sometimes it is easy to follow the leader, sometimes it is hard.

In today's Gospel we hear about some men who Jesus invited to follow him.

Further along the shore, they met some more fishermen. It was the brothers James and John, helping their father to mend the nets. 'Follow me', called Jesus. At once James and John set off to follow him.

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

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children mime the Gospel.
- > Have the children mime the ways they are called in their own lives.
- > Give out blank paper and have the children draw a picture of someone who is a good follower of Jesus today.

