

**HIS FIRST DISCIPLES**

New Testament Lesson #16

Jesus journeyed to Galilee, preaching about the kingdom of God. He made his headquarters in Capernaum (ka-PER-nay-um), a city on the northwest corner of the Sea of Galilee.

One day as Jesus was walking by the sea, he saw two brothers fishing, casting their net into the sea. Their names were Simon and Andrew. Jesus asked them to follow him, saying he would make them fishers of people. They immediately put down their nets and followed him.

As Jesus continued his ministry, he saw the brothers James and John. They were the sons of Zebedee (ZEB-e-dee) and were with their father in the boat fixing their nets. Jesus called to them, and they both immediately left their father and the boat to follow Jesus.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- A parallel account of the calling of these first disciples is found in Mark 1:16-20.
- In this lesson, Simon and Andrew and James and John are called. It does not deal with the selection of the 12 apostles from among his many disciples. That occurs later in Jesus' ministry. See Luke 6:12-16.
- To be a "disciple" means to be a pupil or follower of a person or school of thought.

**His First Disciples**

- I. Jesus saw two brothers fishing in the sea.
  - A. They were Simon and Andrew.
  - B. He asked them to follow him, and they did.
- II. Another time he saw the brothers James and John.
  - A. They were in a boat with their father.
  - B. Jesus called James and John to be followers, and they obeyed.

**ANSWER KEY:**

"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

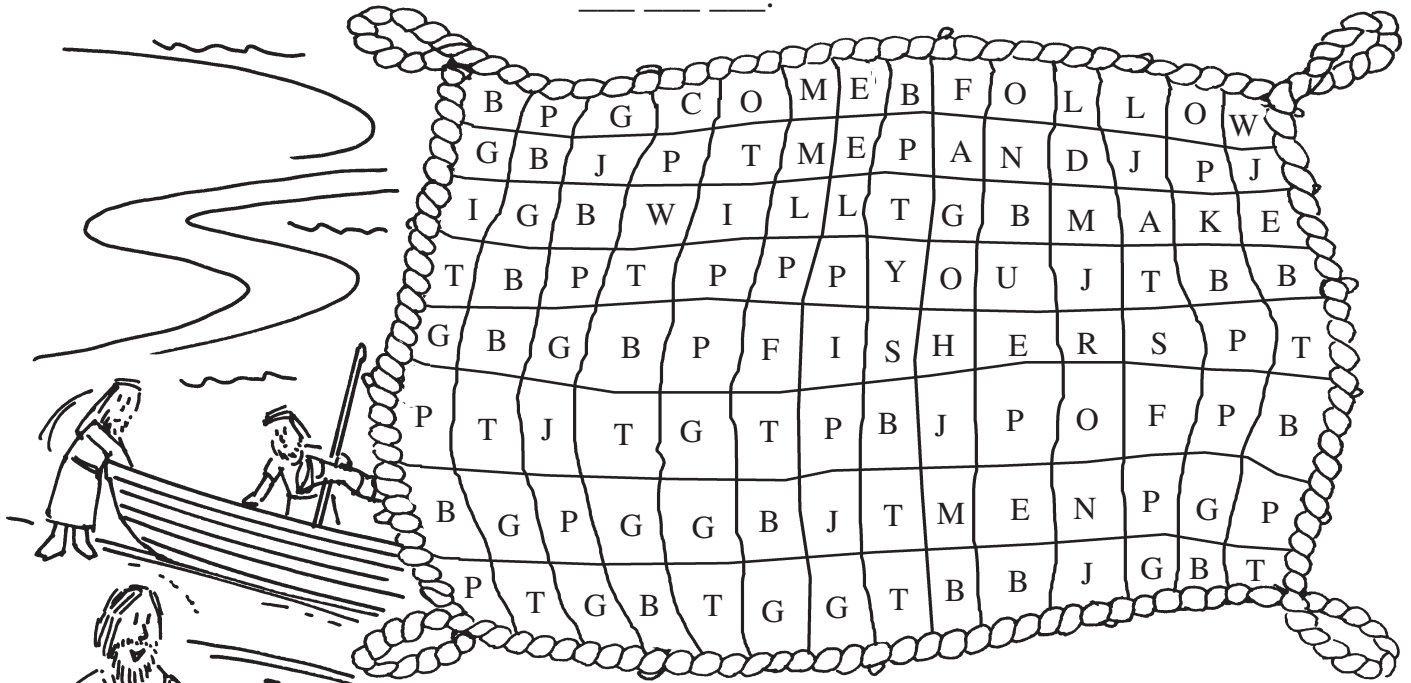
Simon, Andrew, James, John

Jesus spoke to some fishermen.

Find His words in the net. Cross out the letters found 6 or more times.  
Write the remaining letters, in the order found, on the lines.

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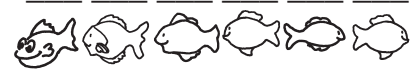


What were the names of the first disciples?

Code

A= D= H= I= O= R=

E= J= M= N= S= W=



Name \_\_\_\_\_

**J**esus called Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him.  
He told them He would make them fish for people.

Color this picture.



Name \_\_\_\_\_