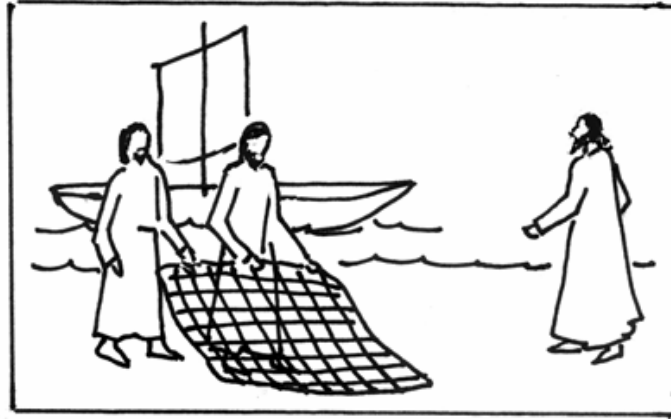


Calling the First Disciples

Matthew 4:18-19



Materials:

netting (gauze or netting from a bag of onions or potatoes)
crayons, colored markers, colored pencils, or oil pastels
paper
glue
scissors

Procedure:

- 1) Talk with the children about the story. Ask them to picture Simon Peter and Andrew standing near the Sea of Galilee.
- 2) The brothers are holding a fishing net that can be cast into the sea. Give each child a small piece of netting or gauze for the fishing net. This can be glued to the page (or stapled by an adult).
- 3) Draw a picture of the Lord, calling the brothers to be his disciples. Note: One option is to draw the picture of the Lord on another piece of paper and then cut the figure out and glue it onto the other picture. This will make the Lord stand out more.
- 4) When the children have drawn the disciples and the Lord, they can add more details if they wish. For example, they could show a boat in the distance as shown in the sample.
- 5) When the picture is finished, give the children a text slip to glue onto the top of the page (or onto the back). This will allow them or their parents to reread this part of the story as they look at the picture.

Text Slip:

Now Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:18-19).