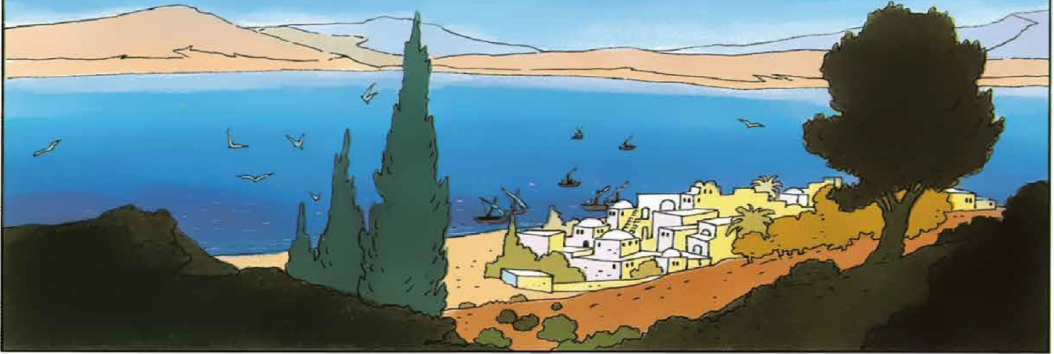


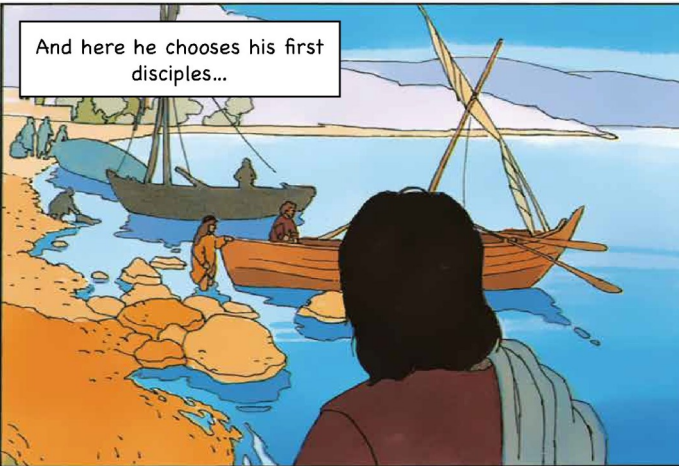
## "FOLLOW ME!"

READ FOR YOURSELF: *Matthew 4:12-22*

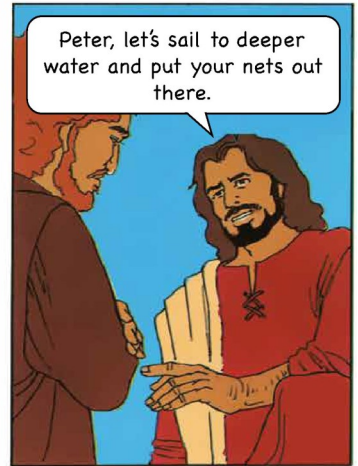
Capernaum is a prosperous fishing village by the lake of Galilee.  
Here Jesus starts to speak about God's plans...



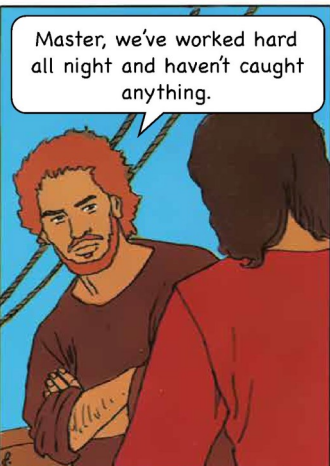
And here he chooses his first disciples...



Peter, let's sail to deeper water and put your nets out there.



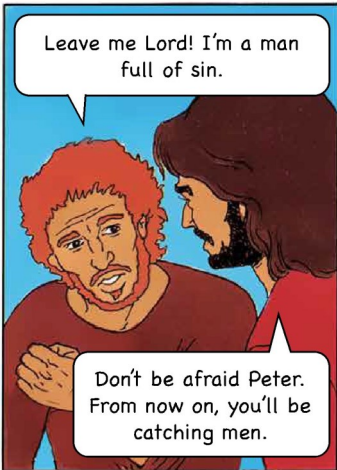
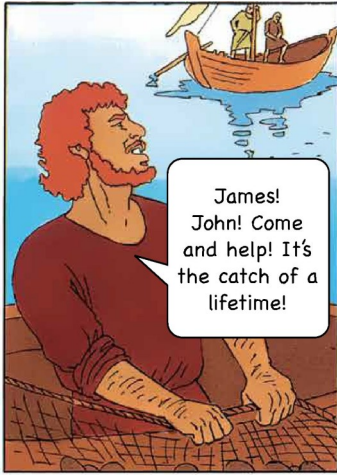
Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything.



But if you say so...



What! I can't believe it!





## "FOLLOW ME!"

A few fishing villages lie around the Sea of Galilee. One of them is Capernaum, where Jesus lives after He leaves His parental home in Nazareth.

The fishermen work from the harbour. Just like Peter and Andrew, two brothers, James and John, also brothers, work for their father. All four were present at the Jordan river when John the Baptist pointed out that Jesus is the Messiah.

The fishermen are quite surprised when Jesus tells them what to do to get a big catch. What does Jesus know about fishing? But when they catch so many fish, they are convinced. Jesus should stay around. Then fishing will go well. Success will be guaranteed.

Jesus shows with this miracle that He can intervene in the daily lives of people. It is like the story when He worked a wine miracle at the wedding in Cana. These miracles are not meant to make our lives easier. However Jesus has a better plan. He wants people to follow Him. Keep trusting Him even when it becomes difficult. "Follow Me!" That means following Jesus. He leads you on the only good way. He is the Way Himself. Like the fishermen in this miracle God provides to you abundantly. Now you can share God's gift abundantly to others. You will become a fisher of men.

## QUIZ

When you follow Jesus, you love to do what Jesus would do. Therefore, what would you do?

- When someone says, "Let's steal something from that store"?
- When someone is being teased?
- When you can escape easily with just a little white lie?
- When someone is mean to you?
- When someone is better than you?
- When someone asks for help?

## MEMORY VERSE

*Jesus said to them:  
"Come with me, and I will  
teach you to catch peo-  
ple!"  
(Matthew 4:19)*

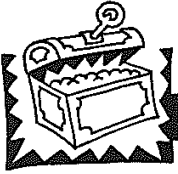
## WHO IS JESUS?

### The Way

*Jesus answered Him:  
"I am the Way, the Truth,  
and the Life; no one goes  
to the Father except by  
me." (John 14:6)*

Whoever follows Jesus will come to God. Jesus tells you the truth about what God thinks of you. The disciples could follow Jesus because they physically saw Him. We can follow Jesus because we believe in Him. Believing is holding on to what you cannot see. Hold on to Jesus who lives in you. Then you're on your way with Him. The Way.

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## OLD TREASURES

Galilee is the name of the northern part of Israel. Of the twelve tribes of Israel, the tribes of Zebulun, Naphtali and Asher settled there. In the days of Jesus, Galilee was a Roman province. The people of Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, looked down on this area. Nevertheless Jesus begins His public ministry there. That way an old prophecy is fulfilled:

*“There will be no way for them to escape from this time of trouble. The land of the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali was once disgraced, but the future will bring honour to this region, from the Mediterranean eastwards to the land on the other side of the Jordan, and even to Galilee itself, where the foreigners live. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them.”*  
(Isaiah 8:23 - 9:2).



## EXTRA INFORMATION

The Sea of Galilee is a fresh water lake. The river Jordan passes this lake. It is 20 km long and 11 km wide and is 60m deep at the deepest point .

The lake lies 212 metres below sea level (the other big lake in Israel, the Dead Sea, lies 393 metres below sea level and is the lowest point on earth).

The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by mountains, as high as 600 metres on the east side. Sometimes storms can suddenly burst out when the wind blows down from these mountains.

The lake is rich in fish resulting in lots of fishing boats coming from the seven towns along the shore. The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Lake of Tiberius, the Lake of Gennesaret, and the Sea of Kinneret.

## DO YOU FOLLOW JESUS?

When you follow Jesus, your life won't be ordinary any more.

Out of something ordinary Jesus makes something special . Like those common fishermen they become fishers of men.

They follow Jesus' footsteps and become on fire for Him.

Jesus says “Follow Me” to the people who love Him and want to be His followers.

How do you follow Jesus today:

Do you hear His voice?

Do you read His Word?

Do you follow His advice?

Is He your role model?

Is He the Way you follow?

When you love Him, you love to do this.

He can be fully trusted!



### DO YOU KNOW...?

1. What town is Jesus going to live?

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2. What is Galilee?

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3. Give two other names for the Sea of Galilee.

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4. Who is the brother of whom?

John - Andrew - James - Peter

5. What does Jesus want the 4 fishermen to catch?

- a) More fish
- b) Birds
- c) Men

6. What were the first words that Jesus preached in public? (Matthew 4:17)

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7. Where does Jesus, the Way, lead us to?

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### BIBLE READING

Sun	Matthew 4:19
Mon	Matthew 4:12-17
Tue	Matthew 4:18-22
Wed	Luke 5:4-11
Thu	John 14:1-7
Fri	Psalm 139
Sat	Isaiah 35:5-10



### ACTION POINT!

Fishers of men look for people to catch. How do you catch people for God?

Fishing steps:

1. Think of people you know who don't live with Jesus.
2. Write down the name of one of these people.
3. Pray a couple of days for him/her.
4. Give the person something that can help him or her to think about God. (for example a Bible verse you write down, a song, a gift or some help)

You may just tell how good God is for you. These are all ways to fish for men. God will do the rest.