

# Follow me!

Mark 1:16-20

## Materials:

- Sea of Galilee green and blue felt underlay
- wooden boat
- 2 fishing nets
- wooden figure of Jesus
- wooden figures of poor woman, sick man, girl, and boy
- wooden figures of James, John, Peter, and Andrew
- wooden figures of seated father and servant

Take the green and blue felt underlay and lay it out in front of you, with the green closest to you. Smooth it. Then point to the place where the green and blue meet at your right.

Trace all around its edge, moving counterclockwise.

Move your hands over the sea, portraying the actions, with your voice full of wonder and amazement, and then with calmness as you end.

**This is the Sea of Galilee.**

**So many important things happen by the sea that we need a small piece of it to help us tell the stories.**

**The sea is a wonderful and strange place.**

**When the wind blows, the sea becomes very rough and wild. And when the wind is calm, the sea is peaceful and still.**

**Many different people live by the Sea of Galilee.**

Place the poor woman to your right.

**Some are poor.**

Place the sick man a little to the right of the woman.

**Some are sick.**

Place the boy and girl near the poor woman.

**Some are children.**

Place Peter on the shore to the left of the poor woman.

**Some are in the fishing business.**

Place Andrew beside Peter.

**This is Peter. This is Andrew.**

**They're in the fishing business.**

Place one of the nets and toss it into the sea in front of Peter and Andrew, with part of the net remaining on the shore.

Place the boat in the water by the shore to the left of Peter and Andrew.

Place the other net in the boat.

Place James and John, their father, and the servant in the boat.

**Here are James and John. And this is their father and his servant. They're in the fishing business, too.**

Place Jesus on the underlay to the right of the sick man.

**Once there was someone who came to the Sea of Galilee.**

**He said many amazing things and did such wonderful things that people followed him.**

Move Jesus to the sick man.

**He came close to the sick.**

Move Jesus to the poor woman.

**He encouraged the poor.**

Move Jesus to the children.

**And he enjoyed the children.**

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Move Jesus to the left of Peter and Andrew.

Move Jesus ahead until he is almost to the boat.

Move Peter behind Jesus, leaving room for James and John to leave the boat in front of Peter.

Move Andrew beside Peter.

**This is the way God wants us to care for one another," he said. "This is the way of the Kingdom of God."**

**But they did not understand, so he said, "Come. Follow me. I will show you the way. I will show you the Kingdom of God."**

**"Come. Follow me."**

**Peter followed.**

**Andrew, Peter's brother, followed.**

#### **Wonderings:**

**I wonder how the poor and sick feel near this person?**

**I wonder what they are saying to each other?**

**I wonder why Peter and Andrew would leave their nets and follow this person?**

**I wonder what type of leader this person is?**

**I wonder what the kingdom of Heaven is like that he is showing them?**

**I wonder if it's safe to follow him?**

