

# SUBSCRIBE NOW

WEEK 4

## BIG IDEA

Jesus wants us to follow him.

## BIBLE

Jesus Calls Andrew and Peter: Mark 1:14-20; Luke 5:1-11; (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

## LARGE GROUP TIME

## WHAT?

### MUSIC | YouTube Praise ▲

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play worship songs that the kids can sing along with. Here are some suggestions:*

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- ["I Will Follow"](#) by Chris Tomlin
- ["We Go Deep"](#) from Mission: Deep Sea
- ["I Will Follow"](#) by Summit Kids

### ACTIVITY | Who's the Leader? ▲

• The goal of the game is for the person who is guessing to figure out who the leader is!

• **INSTRUCTIONS:** *One kid turns around while the others stand in a circle and choose a secret leader quietly. The leader will start with a repetitive motion that the others follow and the leader will slowly change the motion while the others follow without missing a beat. The kid will turn and face everyone else and try to figure out who the leader is. The kid will only get two or three chances to guess. If your kids are confused, you can show them this [video](#).*

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- **What is easy or difficult to find out who the leader was? What clues did you look for to find the leader?**
  - **What are some things that help you identify leaders in general?**
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## VIDEO | Draw with Mo on YouTube ▲



- As most of you might know already, YouTube is an online video sharing platform that hosts five billion videos that people watch every day! That's a lot of videos!
- The best way for a YouTube channel to get popular is by having a lot of followers or subscribers. A lot of people are getting really famous by posting fun videos.
- Let's watch one of our well-known children's book illustrators, Mo, on YouTube and learn to draw by following the leader! Listen to his instructions carefully and follow along.
- **INSTRUCTION:** Play "[Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems](#)" from 16:45 to 19:41.
- **Do you have any pro tips on following that you'd like to share?**
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## QUESTION | If Jesus Had a YouTube Channel . . . ▲

- In today's Bible story, we're going to hear about one of the amazing ways Jesus got followers, otherwise known as disciples.
- **If Jesus had a YouTube Channel . . .**
  - **What would it be called?**
  - **What kinds of videos would you see on there?**
  - **What might the comments say?**

## SO WHAT?

## SCRIPTURE | Mark 1:14-20; Luke 5:1-11 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read or summarize today's Bible verses. Here is one way you could tell the story.
- The phrase, "Follow me" seems like an easy request. Yet in today's Bible story, Simon Peter did not know his life would change forever with that one phrase.

- Simon Peter and his brother, Andrew, were fishermen, and fishing was a good job because it gave them money and food. But that day, Simon Peter wasn't catching any fish.
- Jesus got onto Simon Peter's boat and told Simon Peter to head out to deeper water and put their nets in the water there.
  - **Has this ever happened to you? Like, when something isn't working and someone tells you to try something you already tried?**
- That's happened to me a lot. I have to be honest. . . I get annoyed when that happens! Simon Peter told Jesus he already tried that, but he would try again. And when he did, a miracle happened!
- They caught so many fish that they had to ask for help from a nearby boat. The nets got so heavy that they began to break, and both boats started to sink!
- Peter knew this was impossible! Only someone who controls the seas can make something like this happen! **Who could that be?** That's right! God!
  - **What would you do if you saw a miracle happen in front of your eyes? Do you think you would drop everything and do as the person performing the miracle says?**
- That is exactly what Simon Peter did. He knew this was someone very special he had to follow. So, when Jesus said, "Come, follow me. I will make you fishers of people," Peter and Andrew dropped everything and followed Jesus.
  - **Do you think they knew what "fishing for people" meant? What do you think it means?**
- Whether or not they knew, the one thing they knew for sure is that Jesus was someone worth following.

**THE BIG IDEA | Jesus wants us to follow him.** ▲

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## VIDEO | Subscribe Now, Episode 4



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's [teaching video](#).

## POLL | Sink or Float?



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare a clear bucket or bin filled with water and the following items: coin, stick, plastic spoon, marble, can of coke, can of diet coke, and any other items you'd like. Ask kids to sit down if they think the item will sink or stand up if they think it will float. Test it in the water to find out!
- **How many fish do you think it took to sink the disciples' boats?**

## VIDEO | Follow Mama Duck



- Soon after ducklings hatch, they follow the first object they see! Scientists call this, "imprinting."
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play the "Ducklings" [video](#).*
- As we saw in the video, ducklings are able to know the difference between their mom and other ducks that look the same.
- Jesus did not need the disciples to fulfill Jesus' mission, but Jesus invited ordinary people like Simon Peter to follow and learn from Jesus.
- Just like the ducklings' mama wants the best life for her babies, **Jesus wants us to follow him** and have a new life.

## NOW WHAT?

### RESPONSE | Like and Subscribe

- **If Jesus is God and can do anything, why do you think Jesus invited people to become disciples?**
- Jesus told Simon Peter to become a disciple for Simon Peter's benefit, not Jesus'. When Simon Peter made the decision to follow Jesus, Jesus gave him a new life where he got to know, love, and serve God!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Make a large poster that says, "JESUS" in large print across the top and two columns under it labeled, "like" and "subscribe." Give each kid a 'Like and Subscribe' printable and something to write with. Tell the kids to write their names on both objects, then cut them out. Attach them to the poster to show all the likes and subscribes!*
- Just like when you subscribe to something, you get access to view some cool things. So, when we subscribe to Jesus, we get access to God! That's why **Jesus wants us to follow him.**

### PRAYER

- Dear God, thank You so much for asking us to follow You. Help us follow You with more of our time and energy, even if it means we need to give up

something we like to do. We know that it will be worth it if it means following You and getting to know You better. Amen.

## SMALL GROUP TIME

### DISCUSSION ▲

- What did Jesus say to Simon Peter as he got into the boat?
- What did Simon Peter say to that?
- When Simon Peter finally realized who Jesus was, what did Jesus ask of him?
- Read Mark 1:17. What did it mean when Jesus asked these men to follow Jesus and "fish for people?"
- How can we follow Jesus?
- What is different about your life because you follow Jesus?
- What is Jesus asking you to "let go of" in your life?

### ACTIVITY | Searching for Fish ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print the word search printable for each kid, and give them pens, crayons, or highlighters. Tell them to search and find the words.*
- Look at all the words you have found. **How do each of these words remind you of today's Bible Story and Big Idea?**
- **What is one thing you can do this week to follow Jesus?**