

Come Follow Me

NEW TESTAMENT 2019

FISHERS OF MEN ACTIVITY

Matthew 4; Luke 4-5

In Matthew 4:18-20, Jesus approaches Simon Peter and Andrew and says, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” There are many things Jesus can teach us to help us reach our divine potential. It is through him that we become the best we can be. Here is a fun fishing activity to learn of the different ways Christ helps us grow and learn:

Materials: paper fish with quotes (found below), 8-10 paper clips, magnet, string, pencil/pen

Print and cut out the paper fish found below. Each has a general conference quote talking about how Jesus helps us grow. Two of the fish are blank, giving you the option to write down your own favorite quotes on this topic. (Note: You may print them out on colored paper or have your kids help you color them, if you would like.)

Put a paper clip on each fish.

Make a fishing rod by tying a pen or pencil to one end of a piece of string and tying a magnet to the other end of the string.

Spread out the fish on the floor or another surface.

As a family, read Matthew 4:18-20. Discuss what it means to be “fishers of men.” Explain that Jesus helps us grow and learn in many ways.

Let each child take a turn “fishing.” Once they have caught and reeled in a paper fish, read the quote as a family and discuss it if you would like.

When all the fish have been “caught,” consider discussing a few questions found in the Come, Follow Me—For Individuals and Families book:

When have you felt the Savior calling you to follow Him?

How can you show the Lord that you are willing to “[forsake] all” (Luke 5:11) to follow Him?

* Feel free to alter this activity depending on the ages and attention spans of your kids.

“Jesus Christ can... strengthen our capacity to bear loss and heartache, bringing us peace to help us endure the trials of our lives.”
- Elder Matthew L. Carpenter

“The Atonement of Jesus Christ provides the cleanser necessary to be made pure and clean.”
- Elder David A. Bednar

“The power of the Atonement... strengthens us to see, do, and become good in ways that we could never recognize or accomplish with our limited mortal capacity.”
- Elder David A. Bednar

“As we exercise God-given agency and engage all our faculties in humility and faith, our Savior, Jesus Christ, can help us meet life’s challenges and joys.”
- Elder Gerrit W. Gong

“He is the way—the only way—we can overcome mortal challenges, be healed, and return back to our heavenly home.”
- Sister Carole M. Stephens

“As we follow the example of the Savior, ours will be the opportunity to be a light in the lives of others.”
- President Thomas S. Monson

“What does the Savior do continually? He nurtures. He creates. He encourages growth and goodness. We can do these things!”
- Sister Neill F. Marriott

“The pure love of Christ is expressed as we give selfless service. Helping one another is a sanctifying experience which exalts the receiver and humbles the giver. It helps us become true disciples of Christ.”
- Sister Silvia H. Allred

