

## FOLLOWING JESUS

### PREFACE

*Arrange chairs to form a couple of "boats."*

*Choose one person to be Jesus (not in either boat).*

*Have the rest of the students sit inside the "boats."*

*Have students act out fishing all night and catching no fish.*

*Then have them act out rowing to shore, getting out of boats, and washing nets.*

*Read Luke 5:1-3 and act out.*

*Jesus gets in one of the boats.*

*Student-fishermen get in the boats and "row out from land."*

*Jesus teaches.*

*Read Luke 5:4-5 and act out.*

*Students in one boat row out deeper.*

*Jesus instructs Simon Peter (choose a student) to let down the nets.*

*Peter objects because they have been fishing all night and caught nothing (imagine how tired they are).*

*Read Luke 5:6-7 and act out.*

*Heavy nets!*

*Other boat rows over to help.*

**Simon Peter then fell at Jesus' knees and said** *(have student repeat one line at a time):*

**"Go away from me  
for I am sinful, O Lord."**

**Peter knew that catching all those fish was a miracle that only God could do!**

**Jesus said** *(have student representing Jesus repeat one line at a time):*

**"Don't be afraid.  
From now on  
you will catch men."**

**The fishermen—Peter, his brother Andrew, and their partners James and John—then left everything and followed Jesus.**

- **Are you a follower of Jesus?**
- **Do you love Him?**

*Read John 14:15 from your Bible.*

**Jesus said if we love Him, we will keep His commandments. The disciples were amazed by Jesus, and they believed in Him enough to trust their entire future to Him. Let's pray right now that we will always love, trust, and obey Jesus. We can trust Him with our future too!**

*Pray together.*