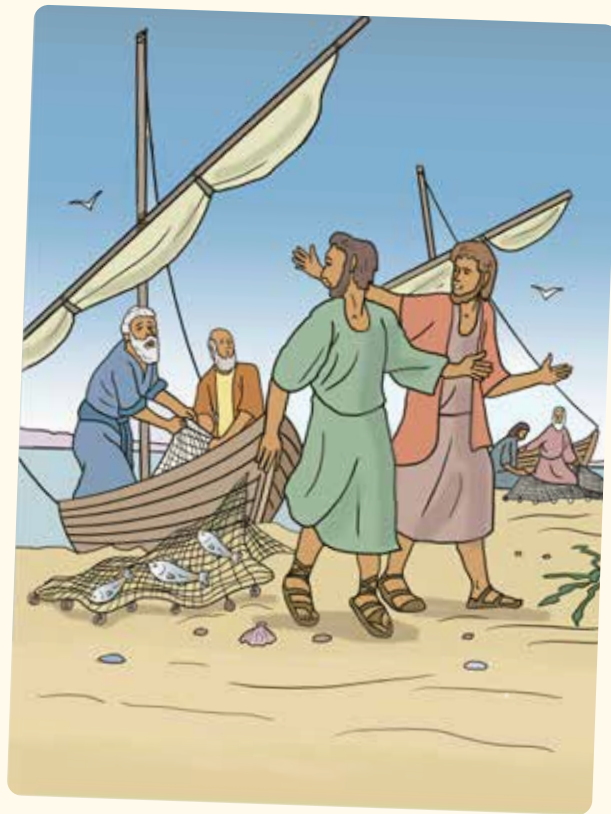


**J**ohn the Baptist was in prison, so now it was up to Jesus to tell people the good news of God. \* He came to Galilee, saying, 'The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.' \*

As Jesus walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two fishermen. They were brothers, Simon and Andrew. He watched as they cast a net into the lake and waited. After a while, the net seemed to get heavy; it was full of fish, wriggling and jumping. The two men began to drag the net ashore. As they did so, they looked up and saw a man standing watching them. 'Who is that?' Andrew asked Simon, puzzled. Jesus drew nearer and looked straight at them. 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people,' he said. Immediately, they left their nets and followed Jesus. \*

As they walked along the shore together, Jesus saw two more fishermen in a boat, mending their nets. They were James and his brother John, working with their father, Zebedee. Immediately Jesus called to them, 'Follow me.' They left their father in the boat with the hired men, and just like Andrew and Simon, James and John followed Jesus.

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\* See *Share the Word*.