

# Fishing <sup>with</sup> Jesus

Peter and his brother Andrew were fishermen. They would stand in the water, with a net. When they saw fish swimming along, they would throw the net into the water and catch the fish.

One day, they saw a man walking along the beach, there were crowds of people around him.

Andrew nudged Peter 'that must be Jesus' he said.

Everyone in the area had heard about Jesus. He said and did amazing things.

Jesus walked up to the brothers. 'Hello', he said 'I want to teach all these people, but the crowds are too big...unless we get into your boat and push out into the water a little bit.'



Peter put the boat out a little from shore and Jesus taught the people from the boat. Peter was glad to help Jesus, but he was also very tired. He and Andrew had spent the whole night fishing and had not caught a thing.

When he had finished speaking to the crowds, Jesus said to Peter, 'Let's go fishing. Put the boat out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

Peter and Andrew looked at each other. The last thing they wanted to do was go fishing again. They were so tired. Peter answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'

Peter and Andrew threw their nets into the water and straight away they were so full of fish that the nets began to break. Other fishermen jumped into a boat and came out to help them with the catch.

There were so many fish that they filled up both boats and they began to sink! The fishermen very quickly brought the bumper catch into land.

Peter and Andrew were amazed at Jesus. They were astonished at the catch.

'Come with me' called Jesus 'instead of catching fish, come and help me do my work.'

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Peter and Andrew were very happy they had met Jesus, and their adventures with him were only just beginning.



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Today's Story at Messy church is from the Bible, in the book of Luke, chapter 5, verses 1-11.