

Teaching Plan - People Jesus met - Simon Peter

Aim - To show that Jesus wants people to follow him



Welcome



Game

Play a game where leader does some actions and group has to copy (follow) - explain that it is good to copy good examples and Jesus wants us to copy him.

Invite someone who goes fishing to bring along their gear and talk about fishing - let people look and touch at fishing rod/nets etc and ask questions about fishing (perhaps a good opportunity to invite someone who does not normally come to your group)



Mark 1: 16 -18



Drama

Simon was a fisherman - he was often out in his boat with his brother Andrew. They were doing well and catching a lot of fish in their nets - the fish were all different sizes and smelt really good. It was just an ordinary day really.

Simon knew about a man called Jesus who had been living in the area for a wee while - people said he was a very special man.

Simon saw Jesus walking along the beach towards him. He just got on

with his work - he did not think Jesus would want to talk to him - he was just a fisherman and there were plenty of people doing the same thing.

Jesus seemed really friendly - he waved Simon over so that he could speak to him.

Jesus said to Simon and Andrew "follow me" - he was asking them to come with him.

Jesus said he had another job for Simon - it was to tell people about God and how much he loves and cares for everyone.

Simon and Andrew left their fishing and went with Jesus - they became great friends with Jesus.

Jesus gave Simon a new name - he said "your new name is Peter". Peter means strong like a rock.



Talk

Simon was just an ordinary everyday guy - nothing special. He was good at fishing but that was about it (Ask people what they are good at noticing that we all have different gifts and skills)

- How do you think Simon felt when Jesus waved him over? (could have cards with different faces/emotions on them)
- Jesus asked Simon to come with him. He had to choose. Simon went with Jesus - do you think he made the right choice?
- What would you have done?

Talk a bit about what following Jesus means today - it means

- Talking to God in prayer
- Learning more about what Jesus said and did.
- Helping other people - how could you do that?

Telling other people about Jesus - how could you do that?



Prayer Time

Prayer time: The following prayer should be said as an echo prayer - leader says a line and then the group repeats it. You may be able to say a whole line at a time or may need to say only a few words depending on the needs of the group members.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for sending your son Jesus into the world. (Echo)

Thank you Jesus for telling us about God.(Echo)

Thank you Jesus for asking us to be your friends. (Echo)

Help us to follow you and do things your way. (Echo)

Amen.



Possible Craft

Cut out footprints. Everyone puts their name (with help where needed) on the footprint then comes and sticks it on a long piece of paper (roll of lining paper on the floor)



Possible Songs

- I have decided to follow Jesus. (choose one or 2 verses)
- Will you be a follower? (Prospects)
- I will make you fishers of men