



SPIRITUALITY

FOCUS:

Why do people follow Jesus?

We can learn about this through the stories we read in the Bible.

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

OPENING PRAYER:

O Lord, bless our home so that,
in working together
and playing together,
we may learn to serve you
and to serve one another.

Keep us safe and happy.

Amen



Before we begin today, I'd like you to have a little think about what Jesus was like when he was out there making friends:

Why do you think people wanted to be with him?

I bet they thought he was really nice!

What kind of a person do you think he was?

Today's story tells about people who dropped everything to be with Jesus.

I wonder why – do you?

When you read, have a good think:

Why was Jesus so special that the people in the story would change their whole life just to be his friend?

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew (Mt 4:18 - 22)



Jesus left
Nazareth and
went to live in
Capernaum
on the shore
of Lake
Galilee.

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (later called Peter) and his brother Andrew.





They both
worked as
fishermen and
were casting a
net into the
lake.

“Come, follow
me,” Jesus
said, “and I will
send you out
to fish for
people.”





Immediately
they left
their nets and
followed
him.

Going further
along the
shore Jesus
saw two other
brothers,
James
and John.

They too were
fishermen,
working in their
boat.





James and
John were
with their father
Zebedee,
preparing their
nets.

Jesus called
them leave their
jobs to follow him.

Immediately they
both left the boat
and their father
to be with Jesus.

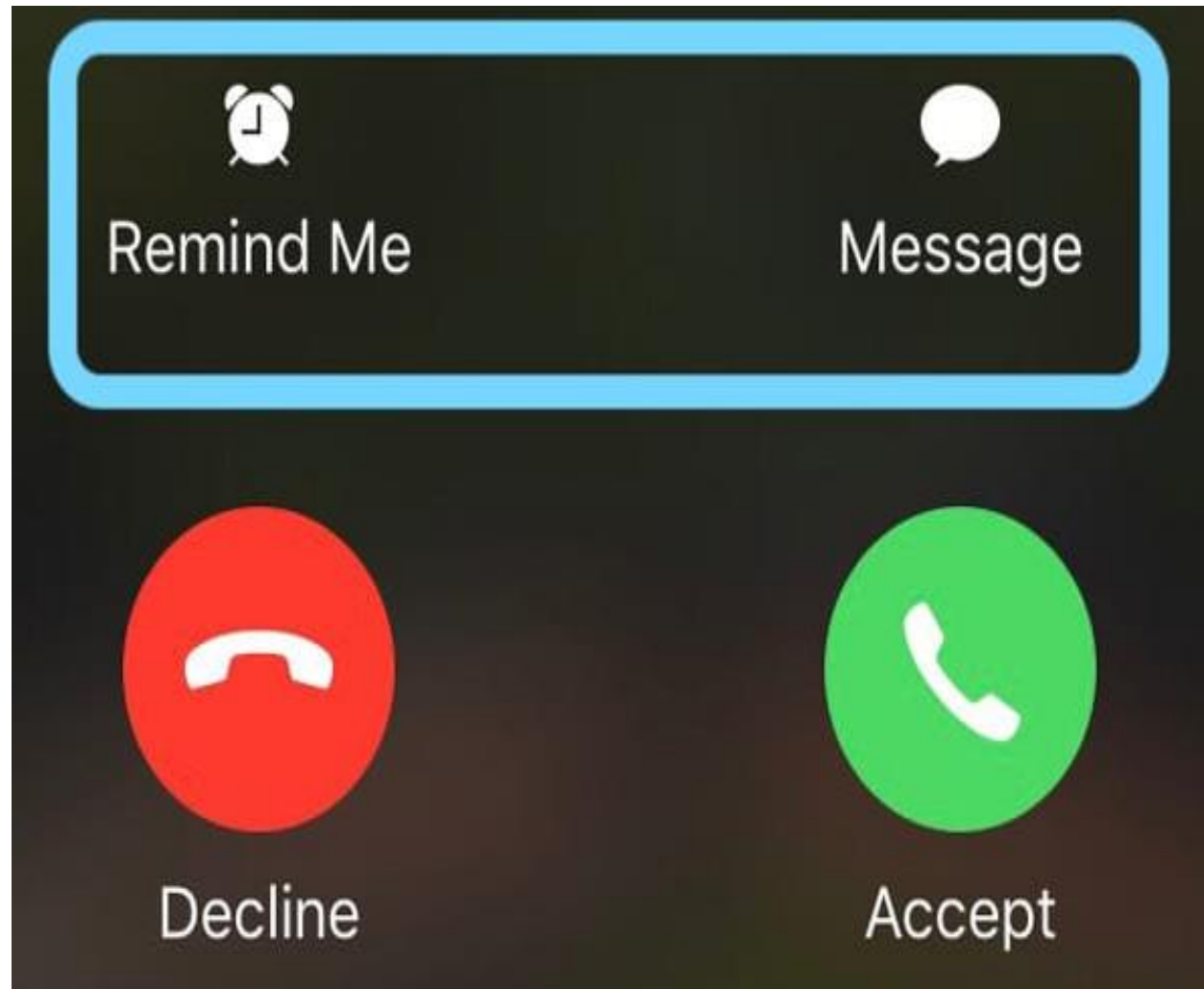




The four
fishermen
followed Jesus as
he set off to tour
Galilee, teaching
in synagogues,
proclaiming the
good news of the
kingdom of God,
and healing
people of every
disease and
sickness.

The fishermen in the story answered a call.

When we get a 'call', we are used to these four options.



These days, Jesus doesn't use a phone to call us, but we still get options.

The option we choose depends on how we know Jesus, sort of like how we know a person calling us on our phone.

It can depend on:

- whether we like them or not,
- whether we 'get' them or not,
- whether we understand them or not
- or whether we want a bit more information to decide at a later date.

Sit quietly for a minute, and try to think about
the kind of guy Jesus was.

Do you want to go travelling with him, or do you
want to wait for a bit?

Do you want to get to know him more, or do you
know what kind of person he is already?

Do you need help to decide how he might change
your life?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Lord,

You know it can be hard work to accept your call, especially when we don't quite 'get it'.

Help us to know you,
to see what you are like
and to understand how your
way can bring heaven to Earth.

**In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**



Print and stick in if you can. Otherwise, spend a few moments writing what you are thinking in your home learning books.

What kind of person do you think Jesus was?

How do you think Jesus wants you to live your life? *(Think about home, school and your friends)*

