



Week 1



Day 1: Jesus Sees You

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-3

Devotional:

Crowds of people were gathering around Jesus because they wanted to hear Him teach. Jesus stepped into Simon Peter's boat and asked him to push out a little from the shore so He could teach the people. Peter was just a fisherman doing his normal job, but Jesus noticed him. Out of all the boats on the shore, Jesus chose Peter's boat. Sometimes we may feel ordinary or unnoticed, but Jesus sees us just like He saw Peter. Jesus knows your name, your thoughts, and the things that matter to you. He cares about your life and wants you to follow Him. Following Jesus starts with spending time with Him and listening to His voice. Peter probably did not know yet how much his life was about to change, but it all started with being willing to let Jesus into his boat. Jesus wants to be part of our everyday lives too.

Discussion:

1. Why do you think Jesus chose Peter's boat?
2. What are some ways we can listen to Jesus in our everyday lives?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for seeing me and loving me. Help me listen to Your voice and follow You every day. Amen!

Welcome to our week 1 devo for Dive In! For two months, we are taking a look at the life of Peter, and what it means to follow Jesus everyday. This week, we are learning to Follow Jesus through the story of Jesus calling the disciples to follow him. Let's *Dive In* and we hope you will learn so much!

Day 2: Obeying Even When it Doesn't Make Sense

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:4-7

Devotional:

Peter and the other fishermen had worked hard all night and caught nothing. They were tired and probably frustrated. Then Jesus told Peter to go out deeper and let down the nets again. This probably did not make sense to Peter. He was an experienced fisherman, and Jesus was a teacher. But Peter chose to obey anyway. When Peter obeyed Jesus, something amazing happened! The nets became so full of fish that they began to break! Sometimes Jesus asks us to obey even when we do not fully understand. Maybe it is being kind to someone who is hard to love, telling the truth when it is difficult, or trusting God when we feel afraid.

Following Jesus means trusting Him more than our own understanding. Jesus knows things we cannot see, and His way is always best.

Discussion:

1. Do you think Peter wanted to obey Jesus after he had been fishing all night?
2. What is one way you can obey God this week?

Prayer:

Lord, help me trust You even when I do not understand. Give me a heart that obeys You quickly and gladly. Amen!

Day 3: Jesus Changes Hearts

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:8-10

Devotional:

When Peter saw the huge catch of fish, he realized Jesus was no ordinary man. Peter fell at Jesus' feet because he understood how powerful and holy Jesus was. At the same time, Peter was struggling with shame, because he did not feel worthy. But Jesus did not push Peter away. Instead, Jesus called Peter to something greater. He told Peter that from now on he would "fish for people." Instead of catching fish, Peter would help people learn about God. Jesus changes hearts and gives people new purpose. Following Jesus is not only about believing in Him. It means letting Him change the way we live. Jesus helps us become more loving, brave, forgiving, and kind. Peter was not perfect. He made mistakes many times. But Jesus still chose him and used his life in powerful ways. Jesus can use your life too. You can help others know Jesus by showing kindness, inviting friends to church, praying for others, and sharing God's love.

Discussion:

1. What do you think Jesus meant when He told Peter that he would "fish for people"?
2. How can you help others learn about Jesus?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for loving me and giving my life purpose. Help me show others Your love and point people to You. Amen!

Day 4: Leaving Everything to Follow Jesus

Scripture Reading: Luke 5: 11

Devotional:

After everything that happened, Peter, James, and John made a big decision. They left their jobs of fishing, and chose to follow Jesus. Following Jesus means putting Him first in our lives. It does not mean we stop going to school or doing normal things, but it does mean we choose Jesus above everything else.

Sometimes following Jesus means making hard choices. It may mean doing the right thing when others are not, choosing kindness instead of anger, or making time to pray and read the Bible. Peter's life changed forever because he chose to follow Jesus. God used Peter to help many people come to know Him.

When we choose to follow Jesus daily, He helps us grow closer to Him and use our lives for His purpose.

Activity: "Follow the Leader" Challenge

Take turns being the "leader" in a short obstacle course or path around the house or yard. The other person must carefully follow wherever the leader goes and copy what they do. After the game, sit together and talk about how following Jesus is similar. Then, as a family, write down one way each person wants to put Jesus first this week.

Prayer:

Jesus, I want to follow You with my whole heart. Help me trust You, obey You, and put You first every day. Amen!

Memory Verse

**"Come and follow me', Jesus said.
I will send you out to fish for people."**

Mark 1:17

