



JANUARY 25, 2026  
FAMILY DEVOTION

## JESUS CALLS US TO FOLLOW!

**Matthew 4:13–23; Ephesians 5:1–2 - Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

This week, we'll see how Jesus invited ordinary people to be his first disciples, following him and doing extraordinary things alongside him. Their story shows us the amazing things that can happen in our lives because Jesus calls us to follow.

### GROW AT HOME



#### WORSHIP TIME

Gather your family, press play on our Little Lakers or Pinelake Kids [Spotify playlist](#), and worship together at home. Sing, listen, and take a few moments to focus your hearts on God as a family.



#### STORY TIME

Watch this week's Bible Story Video as a family at [pinelake.ch/jan-week-4](http://pinelake.ch/jan-week-4). To go deeper, read Matthew 4:13–23 and Ephesians 5:1–2 together using a kid-friendly Bible.



#### SHARE TIME

Share about the time you chose to follow Jesus. This is a great opportunity to talk through your life before Christ, the story of when you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and your life after trusting Christ. Use age appropriate words and examples when sharing with kids!



#### BIBLE TIME

Use the **Examine & Apply** questions to guide a short family conversation and apply the Bible story to everyday life.

**Examine:**

- What were the men in our story doing before they followed Jesus?
- What were the names of the fishermen who followed Jesus?
- What did Jesus tell them they would do once they started to follow Him?

**Apply:**

- Read Ephesians 5:1–2. How did Jesus walk in the way of love? How can others know you follow Jesus?
- Which people in your life can help you follow Jesus?
- In what ways is following Jesus hard or easy?

**Pray:**

- God, thank you for Jesus and for calling us to follow. When we follow Jesus, we know that we are on the extraordinary path that leads to you! Teach us how to fish for people by loving them the way you do. Amen.

### MEMORY VERSE - Philippians 2:9 (NIV)

**"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name."**

