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Andrew & Peter;
John & James

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LUKE 5:1-11

BOTTOM LINE

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friends with Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

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The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your toddler classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Show It

CRAFT TIME:

- Jesus with Love
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STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible, “Story Pictures” Activity Pages copied on white cardstock

LEADER: “Hello, friends. I’m so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about some fishermen named Andrew and Peter. (*Hold up picture of Andrew and Peter.*) They were brothers. There were two other fishermen named James and John. (*Hold up picture of James and John.*) They were brothers, too.

“One day when they were out fishing, Jesus walked by. (*Hold up picture of Jesus on the shore.*) He said, ‘Come follow me!’ Jesus, God’s Son, wanted them to follow Him. These four fishermen became some of Jesus’ really good friends called the disciples. (*Hold up picture of Andrew, Peter, James, and John following Jesus.*) Jesus wants to be friends with you, too! Jesus wants to be friends with everyone! **Everyone can be friends with Jesus.**”



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: “Jesus with Love” Activity Page, cardstock, heart stamps, red washable inkpads, hand wipes, and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy “Jesus with Love” Activity Page on cardstock, one per child. Write child’s name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help children ink their heart stamp and press down all over their paper. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: “Look on your paper. It’s Jesus! Jesus wants to be friends with you and me—with everyone. Jesus loves you. Cover your paper with heart stamps. (Pause.) Nice job of covering your paper with all that love. Jesus loved Peter, Andrew, John, and James and wanted to be their friend. They became some of Jesus’ really good friends called the disciples. Jesus wants to be friends with you, too! Jesus wants to be friends with everyone! **Everyone can be friends with Jesus.**”