

Sola Publishing Children's Message 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany – Year A		SOLA 
Jesus' First Disciples		
Readings	1) Isaiah 9:1-4 2) 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 3) Matthew 4:12-25	
Scripture Focus	Matthew 4:18-22	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Illustrations from Free Bible Images: https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/wdv-four-fishermen/	
Message Good morning, disciples! Jesus was still living in Nazareth, Joseph and Mary's hometown. After he heard that his cousin John the Baptist had been arrested, he decided to move to Capernaum and live by the Sea of Galilee. One day, while walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers. They were Simon Peter and Andrew. They were fishermen, but they didn't use fishing poles. They would go out in a boat and throw a net into the water to catch fish. While they were doing that, Jesus said, "Follow me, and you can fish for men." They didn't know what He meant by fishing for men, but they put down their nets and followed Him. They walked along for a bit and saw two other brothers, James and John. They were also fishermen, in their boat with their dad, fixing their nets with holes in them. Jesus said to them, "Follow me." And they put their nets down and went with them. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were Jesus' first four disciples. They didn't know what kind of adventures they would have, but they trusted Jesus. Do you know what a disciple is? It's someone who learns about the Bible, loves Jesus, and tries to do what He says. [To the congregation: Raise your hand if you're a disciple.] [To the kids.] Do you learn about the Bible? (In Sunday School) Do you love Jesus? (Hopefully, they say, yes) What are some things Jesus wants us to do? (Be nice to people, love our family and friends, do what our parents tell us to do, go to Sunday School, go to church, etc.) Do you try to do those kinds of things? Well, there you go! Are you a disciple? YES!! (Ask the congregation: Are you a disciple? YES!)		
Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, We want to be disciples, too. Teach us how to do / what you think is right. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	







