

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 12. Who me?

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Mark 1:14-20

“As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said.



**LOOKING FURTHER:** John 13:31-38, John 18:15-27, John 21:15-19

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

The time has come for Jesus to begin to share the Good News that God is calling everyone into a relationship with Him and He begins by gathering His 12 disciples. These are people who will spend the next three years living alongside Jesus, developing close relationships with Him and learning from Him so that when He leaves them, they will know enough and have experienced enough to continue spreading the news of Jesus throughout the world.

Simon (whom Jesus renames Peter), Andrew, James and John are the first of the disciples He chooses to call to follow Him. Just ordinary people, as were all of Jesus' disciples. People who constantly slipped up and made mistakes. Jesus knew they would, but He still chose them. Peter is my favourite disciple. So many times he thinks he's really understood Jesus but then he goes and does or says something silly, showing he doesn't really understand. Once, Jesus even called Peter 'Satan' because Peter had said Jesus should not have to suffer and die. Later, Jesus predicted Peter would deny ever knowing Him when he was arrested and faced trial and death. Peter is horrified and says he wouldn't but then we read that out of fear for his own life Peter said he didn't know Jesus and he even repeats it two more times.

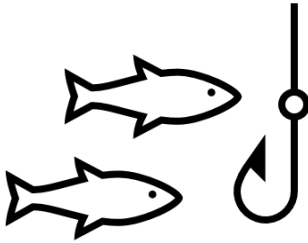
However, Peter goes on to become Saint Peter, to establish the Christian church throughout the world and was himself crucified as he wouldn't deny his faith.

There is hope for us all. We too are ordinary people, who are far from perfect and make mistakes. And yet Jesus calls us to follow Him, to get to know Him and be changed by Him.

### Reflections:

- Jesus is indeed Good News. Why not challenge yourself to read a bit of Mark's Gospel each day and see what Good News He has for you.
- We all need to take some time each day to pray, asking God to forgive us for our wrongdoing. He will forgive you, so why not say sorry now and live today knowing you have been forgiven.
- We all make mistakes; we learn from them but we should not allow them to define who we are.
- God knows who you are and He calls you His precious child and to follow Him. How do you feel about that?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

