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Wednesday	Jeremiah 1:4-10,17-19	God calls Jeremiah
Thursday	Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints the twelve
Friday	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Live the life assigned to you
Saturday	Psalms 46	We will not fear
Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus casts out an evil spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Jesus said to them, "Come with me! I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish." **Mark 1:17 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we want to follow you. Make us fishers of people. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Spirit of God, and make this food sweet.
Give strength to our hands and guide our feet. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be your King and help you to follow his Son. Amen.



CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you given up something to follow Jesus? Share your story.
- What did Simon, Andrew, James and John give up to follow Jesus? How do you think they felt?
- What does it mean to be a "fisher of people"?

DEVOTIONS:

In your home devotional times this week, pray for people who do not know Jesus. Make a list of names (perhaps in the shape of a fish!) and pray for each of the people in turn. Reproduce the list for each household member to carry with them during the week.

SERVICE:

St. Francis of Assisi is credited as having said, "Preach the gospel always; if necessary, use words." Our acts of loving service to others are part of what it means to "fish for people." Is there a non-Christian in your circle of relationships that you could serve in some way this week? Discuss together and plan an act of service (e.g. invite them into your home for a meal; offer to help with childcare; surprise them with a gift of baked goods).

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

For many centuries the fish has been an important Christian symbol. In times of the early church, it was dangerous to be known as a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire; so believers developed a code language to reveal their faith to others who were Christian. A Christian would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other person were a Christian, they would recognize this and add a second curved line to complete the drawing of a fish.

- Place the fish symbol in different parts of your home to symbolize your faith in Jesus.
- Go on a "chalk walk" in your local community. Use chalk to draw the fish symbol on footpaths in your neighborhood. When you do so, pray for the people who work or live nearby, that they may live with faith in Jesus.
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