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Jesus lived at his home in Nazareth until he was about thirty years old. Then he decided that the time had come for him to do the Messiah's work. He was baptized, and he went out to the desert to pray. When he came back, he began to go from town to town, telling people that God's Kingdom was coming at last!

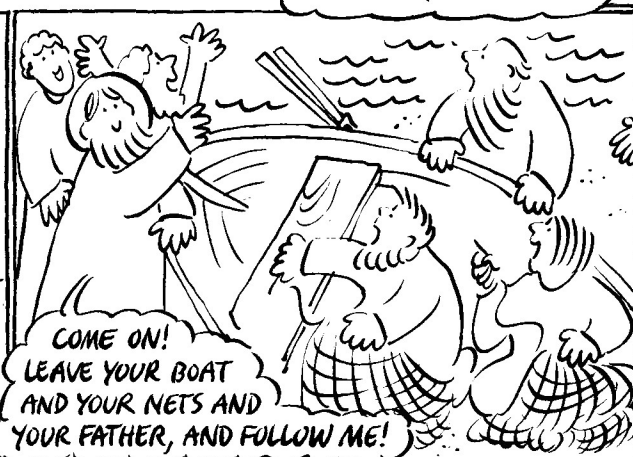
## JESUS BEGINS HIS WORK

Matthew 4:12-23

JESUS BEGAN TO GO FROM TOWN TO TOWN IN GALILEE, NEAR WHERE HE HAD GROWN UP!



THE TWO BROTHERS, SIMON AND ANDREW, LEFT THEIR WORK AND FOLLOWED JESUS! THEN HE MET TWO MORE BROTHERS, JAMES AND JOHN!



THEY CAME WITH JESUS, AND WONDERFUL THINGS BEGAN TO HAPPEN!



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Jesus came to bring us God's Kingdom. But God's Kingdom can't happen unless people join it. Jesus needed people to come with him, and he needed helpers to spread the Good News of God's love. That is God's way. God does not just do things all by himself. He asks us to do his work with him, to follow him and be his friends and helpers!

**ISAIAH 9:1-2**  
"In the land of Galilee, the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light"

**PSALM 27:1,5**  
"The Lord is my light and my salvation; I want to be near him always"

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:17** "Paul was sent to tell you the Good News—how Jesus died to save you"