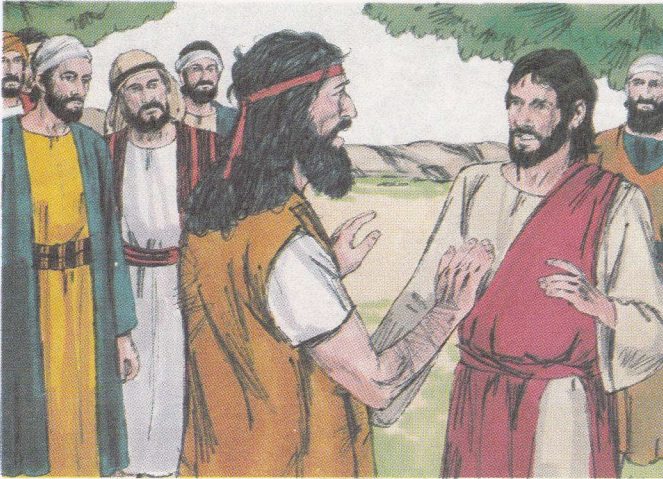
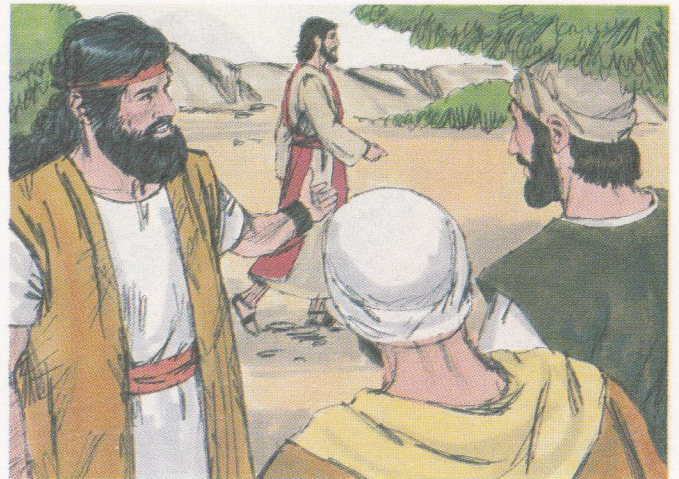


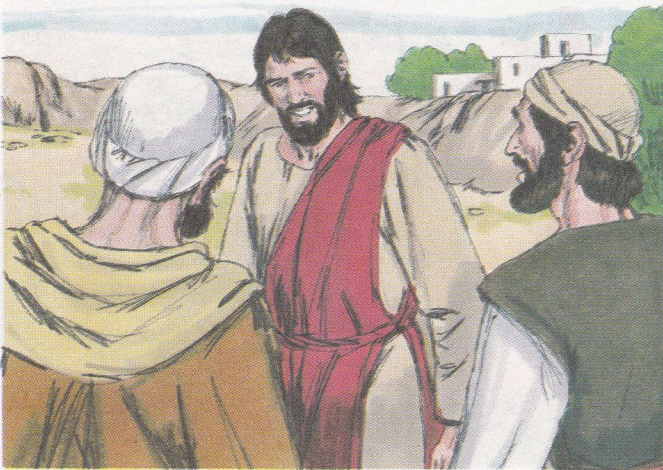
Jesus' First Disciples



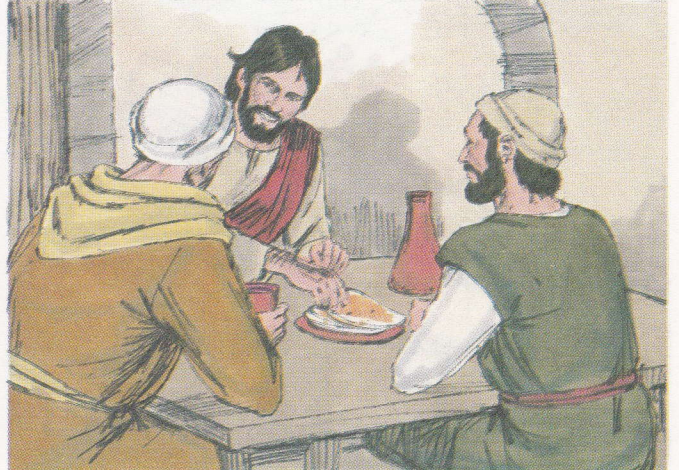
1 John had been surprised to see Jesus among the crowds of people who came to be baptized. At first he had not wanted to baptize Jesus, but Jesus told him that was what God wanted.



2 Later, John was standing with two of his disciples (followers) when he saw Jesus walking by. He said to them, "Look, the Lamb of God."



3 Hearing these words the two men started to follow Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them, he asked, "What do you want?" "Teacher, where are you staying?" they replied.



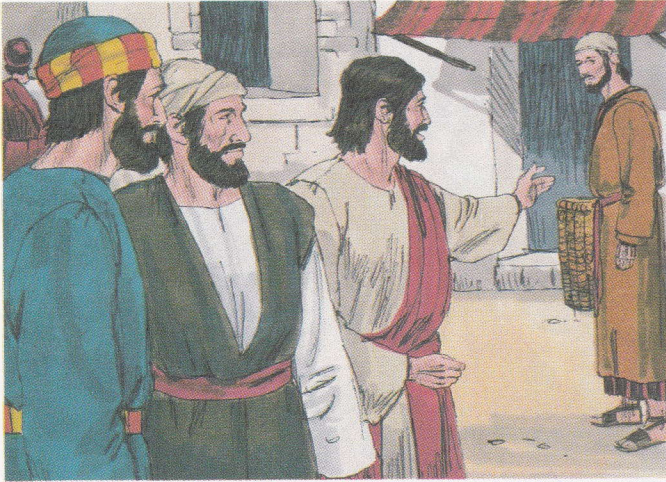
4 "Come and see," Jesus said. So they went with him to see where he was living. This was about four o'clock in the afternoon. They spent the rest of the day with Jesus.



5 One of these men was Andrew. He had a brother named Simon Peter. The first thing Andrew did after he left Jesus was to find Simon and say, "We have found the Messiah (the Christ)!"



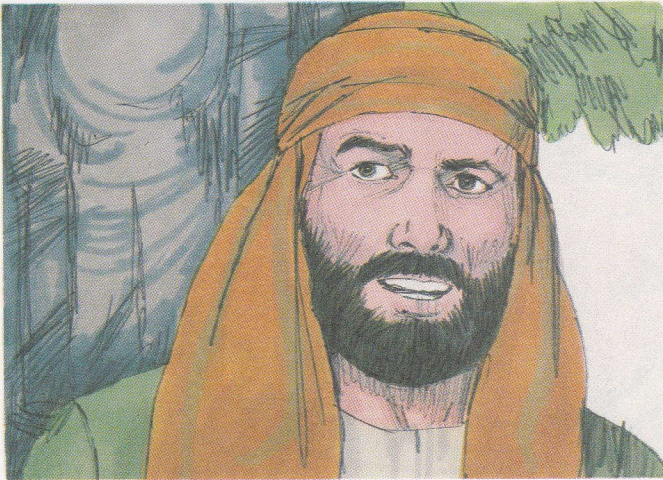
6 Then he took Simon to where Jesus was. Jesus looked at Simon and said, "You are Simon, the son of John. You will be called Peter."



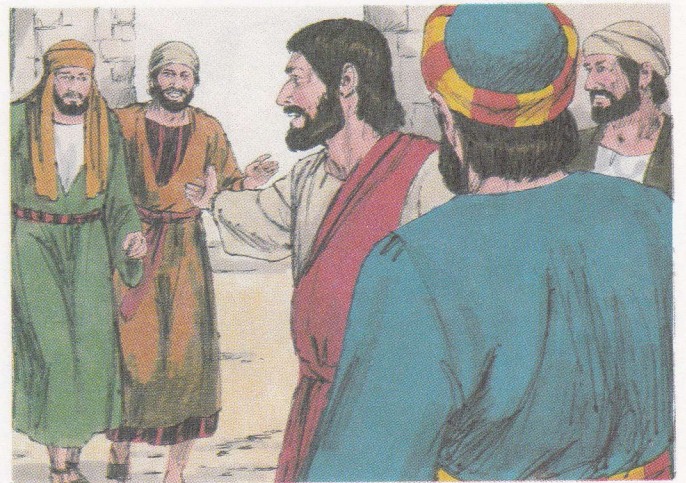
7 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Then he found a young man named Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Like Andrew and Peter, Philip was from the town of Bethsaida.



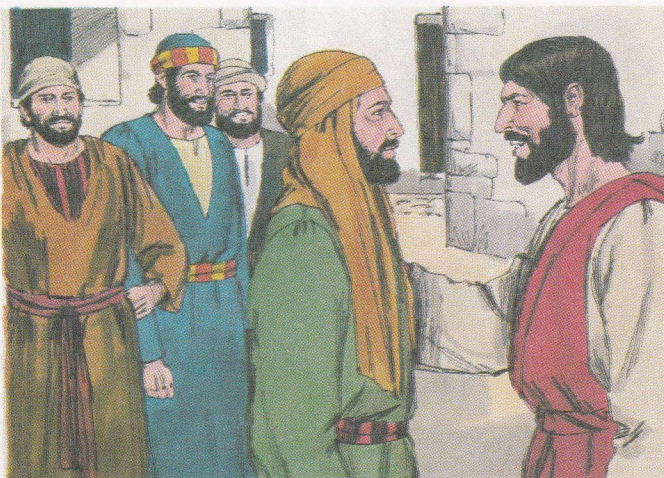
8 Philip went to look for Nathanael. He told him, "We have found the man about whom Moses and the prophets wrote! He is Jesus of Nazareth."



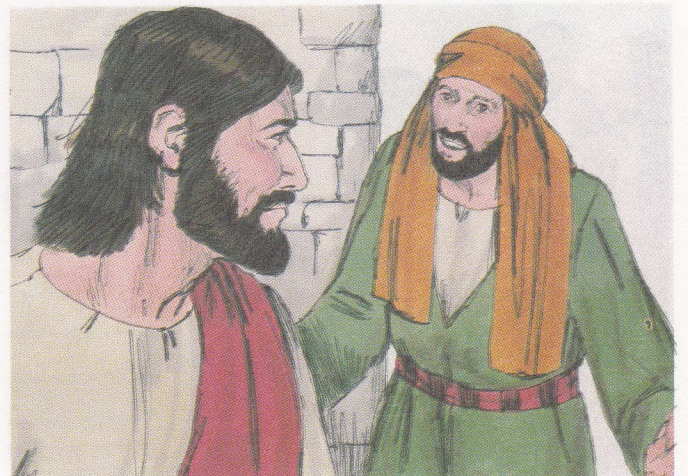
9 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from there?" "Come and see," Philip replied.



10 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming with Philip, he said, "Here is a true Israelite. There is nothing false in him."



11 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree, before Philip called you."



12 Amazed, Nathanael said, "Teacher, you are the Son of God, the King of Israel!" Jesus replied, "You believe because I said I saw you under the fig tree? You shall see greater things than that!"