

Epiphany 2A: Andrew brings his brother to Jesus

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said:

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! He is the one I told you about when I said, "Someone else will come. He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born." I didn't know who he was. But I came to baptize you with water, so that everyone in Israel would see him.

I was there and saw the Spirit come down on him like a dove from heaven. And the Spirit stayed on him. Before this I didn't know who he was. But the one who sent me to baptize with water had told me, "You will see the Spirit come down and stay on someone. Then you will know that he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." I saw this happen, and I tell you that he is the Son of God.

The next day, John was there again, and two of his followers were with him. When he saw Jesus walking by, he said, "Here is the Lamb of God!" John's two followers heard him, and they went with Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them, he asked, "What do you want?"

They answered, "Rabbi, where do you live?" The Hebrew word "Rabbi" means "Teacher."

Jesus replied, "Come and see!" It was already about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him and saw where he lived. So they stayed on for the rest of the day.

One of the two men who had heard John and had gone with Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother and tell him, "We have found the Messiah!" The Hebrew word "Messiah" means the same as the Greek word "Christ."

Andrew brought his brother to Jesus. And when Jesus saw him, he said, "Simon son of John, you will be called Cephas." This name can be translated as "Peter."

Storyteller: Hold out the John the Baptist doll: John the Baptizer taught people to get ready for Jesus. Set the doll down in front of you in a sitting position.

Some people came to learn from him over and over. They were John's disciples. *Set the James and Andrew dolls down in a sitting position facing John.*

One day John saw Jesus coming toward him. *Set the Jesus doll a short distance away as if walking past.* John said "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World. He is the one I told you about when I said "Someone else will come who is greater than I was. I saw the Spirit come down on him like a dove from Heaven. I tell you that he is the Son of God."

Two of John's disciples heard him say this. They left John and followed Jesus. *Stand up the Andrew and James dolls. Move the Jesus doll a few steps, then move Andrew and James after him.*

Jesus turned and saw them. *Turn Jesus to face Andrew and James.* Jesus asked "What do you want?" They answered "Teacher, where do you live?" Jesus replied "Come and see." So they went with him and saw where he lived. *Move Jesus, Andrew and James along together a few steps. Sit Jesus and James down together but leave Andrew standing.*

One of the two disciples was Andrew. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother, Simon. *Put Peter down in a stand a short distance away. Move Andrew over to him.* Andrew told him "We have found the Messiah!"

Andrew brought his brother to Jesus. *Move Andrew and Peter back close to Jesus and James.* When Jesus saw him, he said "Simon, son of John, you will be called Peter" -- which means, Rock.

Story Materials

- wire-frame dolls:
 - John the Baptist
 - Andrew
 - James
 - Jesus (in stand)
 - Peter (in stand)

Tray, basket or shallow open box to hold the story