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Chapter 30
A Read-to-Me Story

Saint John the Evangelist
Feast Day: December 27

John was a fisherman. One day, Jesus was walking by the seashore. He said to John, "Follow me." John left his fishing nets to become Jesus' disciple. A disciple is a follower of Jesus.

John listened to Jesus teaching the crowds of people. He saw Jesus work miracles. Jesus made blind men see. He healed the sick. Jesus worked miracles to help people believe in God.

John's brother James was also a disciple. One day, the two brothers asked Jesus to give them a special place in Heaven. They wanted to be Jesus' favorite disciples. Jesus said to them, "If you want to be great, you must be a servant to others" (Based on Mark 10:44).

Jesus helped John understand that true disciples try to live as Jesus lived. John was the only disciple who stayed with Jesus on Good Friday, the day Jesus died on the cross. Jesus asked John to care for his mother, Mary.

After Jesus returned to be with his Father in Heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples. The Holy Spirit helped John and the other disciples to continue Jesus' work.

John taught others about Jesus. Jesus gave him the power to work miracles. Many people became followers of Jesus because of John.

We call John an "evangelist." The story of his friendship with Jesus is written in the Gospel of John. We also honor John as a saint. We can be like Saint John. We can decide to always follow Jesus.