

FISHERS OF MEN

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¹One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, ²he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **“Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”**

⁵Simon answered, “Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large

number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, **“Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men.”** ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Simon doubt that they would be able to catch fish?
5		2.) Who were Simon's two partners?
5		3.) What helped Simon realize that he was a sinful man?
5		4.) Why do you think the disciples left everything behind and followed Jesus?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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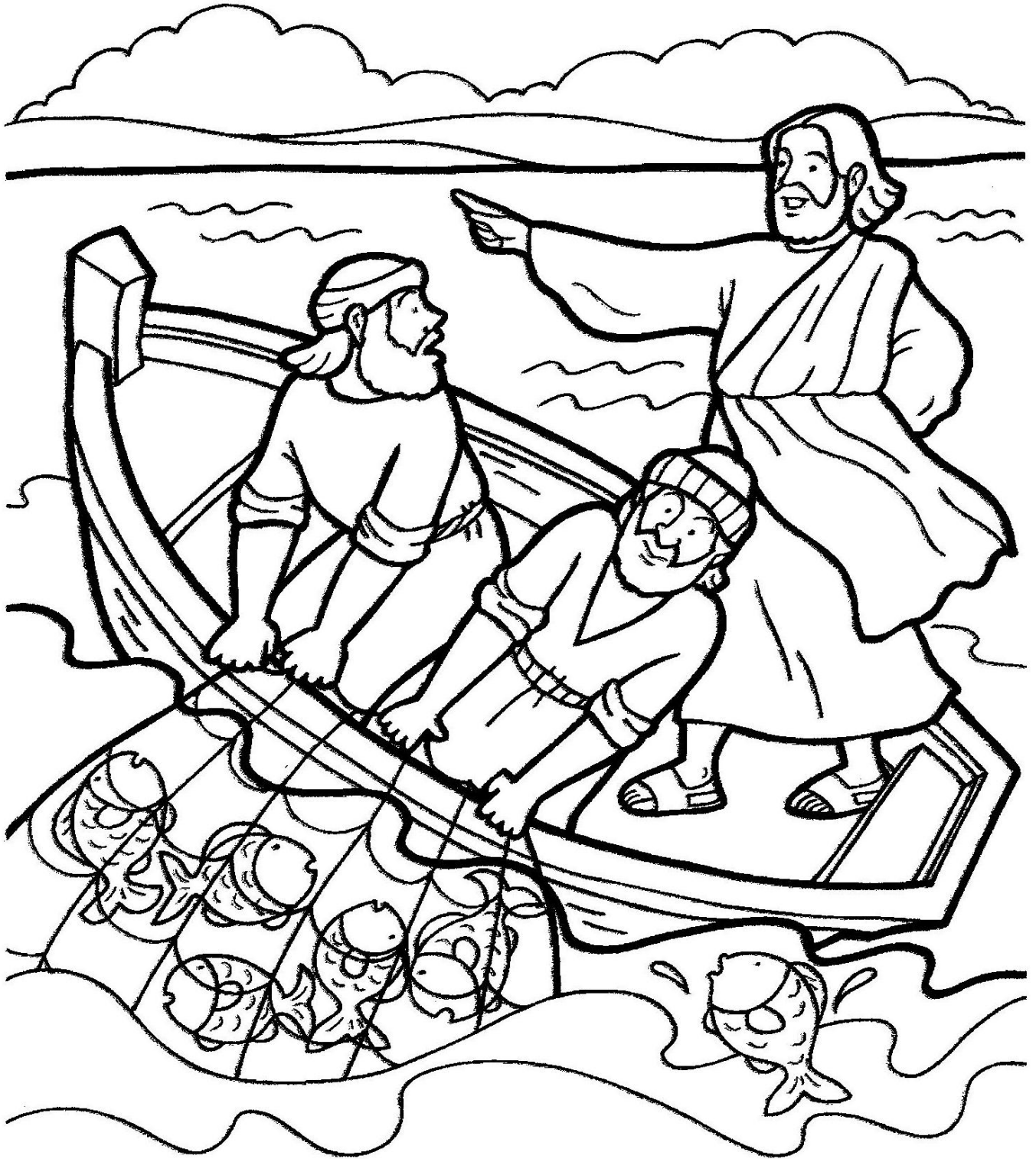
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Simon caught many fish after Jesus told him where to put his net

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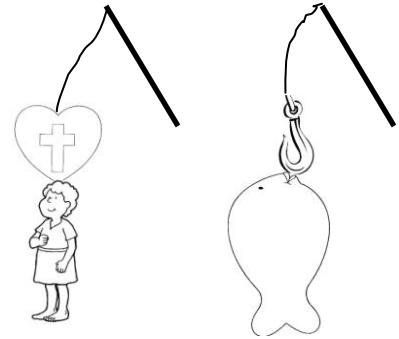
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: FISHING FOR MEN

Students will make two fishing poles to remind them that Simon fished for fish and then for men.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Fishing Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
5. Yarn
6. Drinking Straws
7. Tape



DIRECTIONS

1. Have students color the fishing pattern.
2. Instruct students to color and cut out the heart, child, hook, and fish.
3. Cut two pieces of yarn for each student (approximately 12 inches each piece)
4. Pass out two drinking straws to each student.
5. Help students tape a piece of yarn to the end of a drinking straw (fishing pole).
6. Tape the heart to the other end of the yarn.
7. Tape the child to the bottom of the heart.
8. Tape the other piece of yarn to another drinking straw.
9. Tape the hook to the other end of the yarn.
10. Tape the fish to the end of the hook.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their fishing patterns, remind them that Simon's job was as a fisherman. When Jesus called him to be a disciple, he told Simon that he would now catch men. Help students understand that "catching men" meant sharing the Gospel message with others. Explain that one of the fishing poles represents Simon's job before being called by Jesus. The second fishing pole represents "fishing for men". Encourage students to "fish for men" this week by sharing the Gospel message with others.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 20 minutes

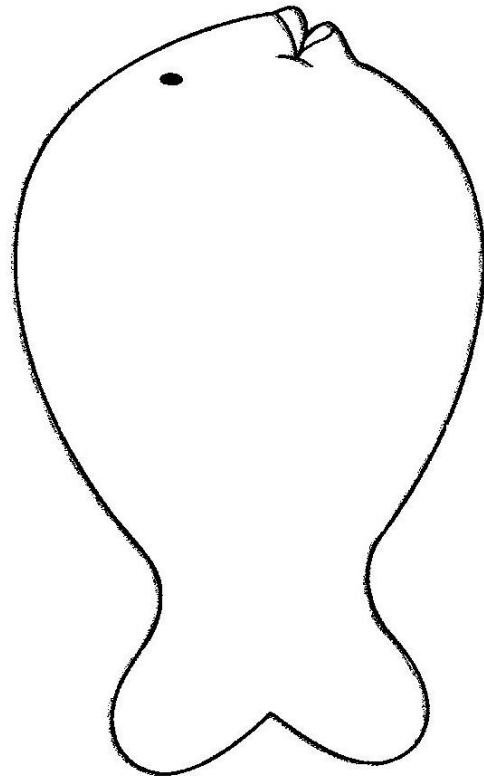
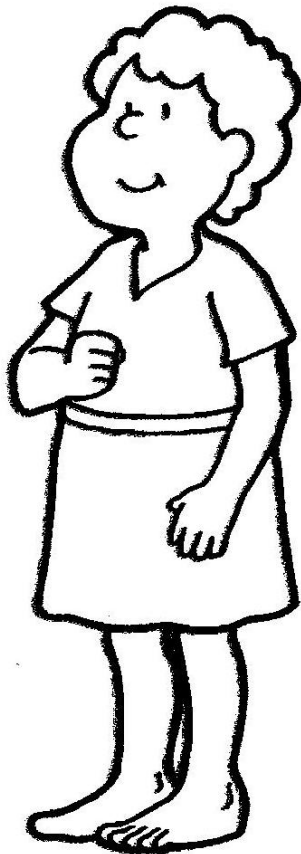
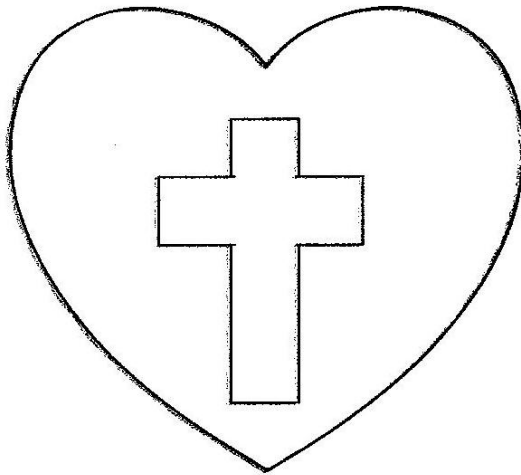
MEMORY VERSE

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19

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FISHING PATTERN



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When Jesus chose some of his followers he said to them, "Come and follow me. I will make you fishermen for men." Follow the paths to find the four men Jesus found by Lake Galilee. When you reach each name, unscramble the letters. All four paths begin at START.

Start

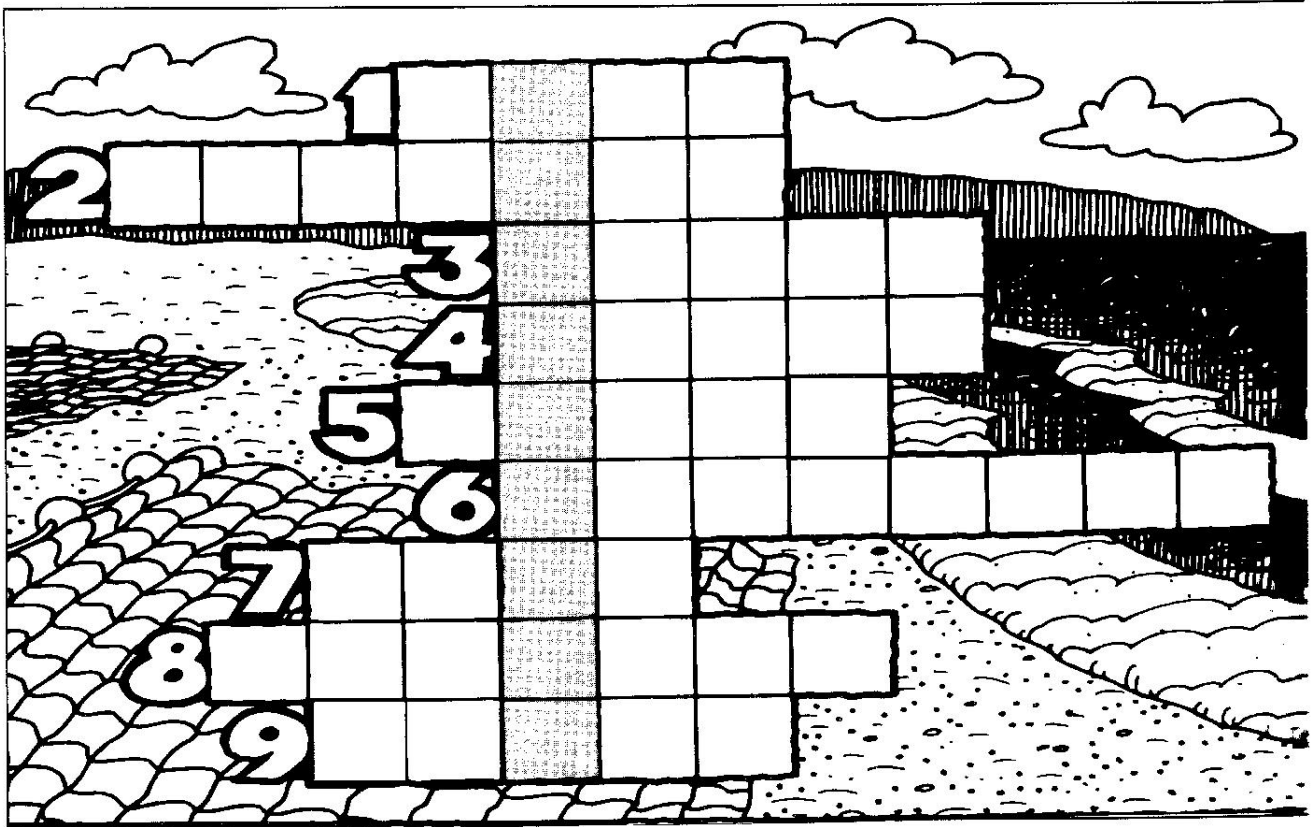
TANALENAH DWEARN MISNO TEREP PPLIIH

The maze is a square grid with a complex path system. At the top left, there is a cartoon illustration of Jesus with a beard and long hair, looking to the right. Above him is the word "Start". Four small downward-pointing arrows are positioned at the top of the maze, indicating the starting points for four different paths. The paths lead to four scrambled names at the bottom of the maze: "TANALENAH", "DWEARN", "MISNO TEREP", and "PPLIIH".

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Read the Bible story from Luke 5:1-11 which tells the exciting story of Jesus calling his first disciples. Then fill in the puzzle using the clues given.

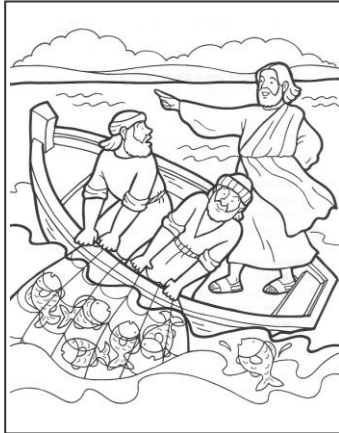


1. Two boats were at the water's _____ (v. 2).
2. The fishermen were _____ their nets (v. 2).
3. One of the boats belonged to _____ (v. 3).
4. Jesus wanted them to put down their nets for a _____ (v. 4).
5. The fishermen had worked all _____ (v. 5).
6. They caught so many fish that they signaled for their _____ (v. 7).
7. Simon _____ at Jesus' knees (v. 8).
8. James and John were sons of _____ (v. 10).
9. _____ told Simon he would catch men (v. 10).

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON LUKE 5:1-11

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One day Jesus was teaching the people the word of God by a lake. When Jesus looked at the shore, he saw two boats. The fishermen had left the boats there while they washed their nets.

Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon. Jesus asked Simon to push the boat away from the shore. Then Jesus taught the people from the boat.

When Jesus had finished teaching, he told Simon to let down the nets into deep water.

Simon said to Jesus, "We've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they let the nets down, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. Their partners came to help. They filled both boats so full of fish that they began to sink!

When Simon saw this miracle, he realized he was a sinful man.

Simon, James, and John were all amazed at what Jesus had done!

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats on shore and left them behind to follow Jesus. These men, or disciples, would spread the good news of Jesus to everyone who would listen to them.

To find out more details about this story, read Luke 5:1-11 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Simon doubt that they would be able to catch fish?
2. What were the names of Simon's two partners?
3. What helped Simon realize that he was a sinful man?
4. Why do you think the disciples left everything behind and followed Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

WORD SCRAMBLE

SIMON	JESUS	FISH
JAMES	JOHN	BOATS

SBAOT _____

HSFI _____

SSUEJ _____

HNOJ _____

AMJSE _____

NOMIS _____

Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus called his disciples into service.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Explain that a “fisher of men” is someone who shares the gospel message with others.

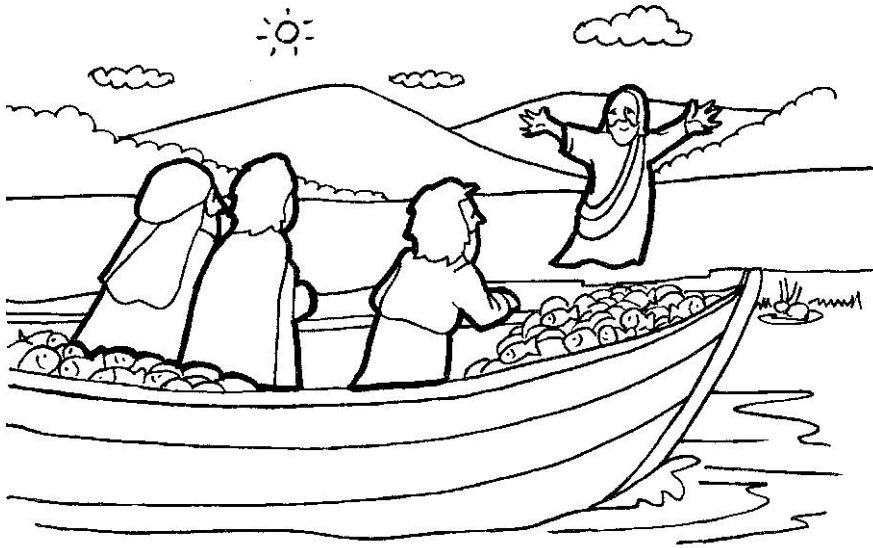
Bible Story Mini Book

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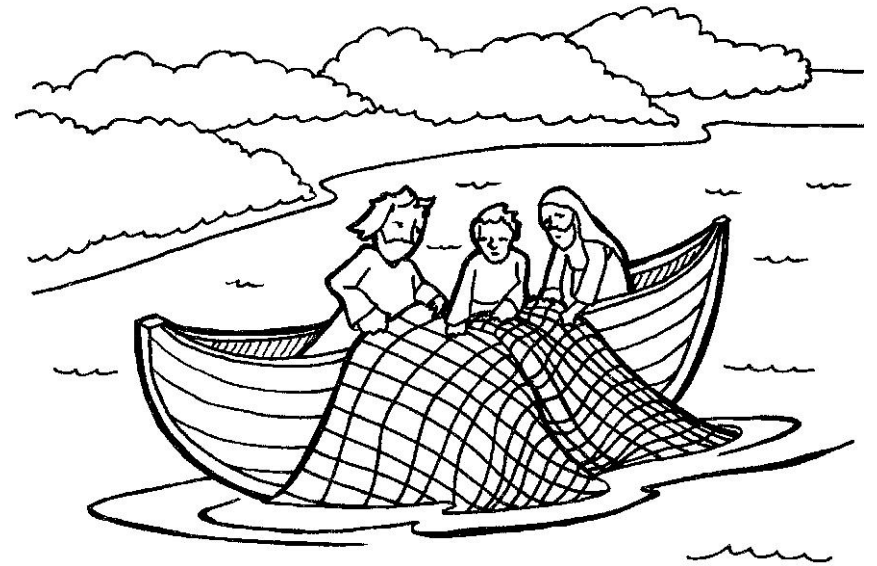


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Colored by: _____



Jesus told them to follow him.
He wanted the fishermen to
be his disciples and catch men
instead of fish.



Jesus saw some
fishermen fishing. They
were not catching any
fish.

Memory Verse

“...I will make you fishers of men.”
Matthew 4:19

Bible Story Rhyme

Jesus had 12 close friends,
(Hook pointer fingers together)

Most stuck with him ‘til the end.
(Point down with both index fingers)

They helped Jesus spread good news,
(Cup hands around mouth)

Of God’s love for me and you.
(Point to self and then others)



Jesus told them to put
the net on the other
side of the boat.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



They listened to Jesus
and caught a bunch of
fish.

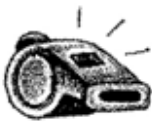
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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: None

Reinforce the story of how Jesus chose his disciples by playing this choosing game.



**Coach's
Comment**

A word of warning when you're playing this game with older children: you may have to warn them not to move so rapidly that someone gets pulled to the ground.

Say: Remember how Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee asking people to become his disciples? Today we're going to pretend that we are being chosen, too. Help the children form a circle. Have them stand as if they were marching in a circle. Have each child put his or her outside hand out. Choose one child to be Jesus. Say: **When you are Jesus, walk around the circle and choose someone by taking his or her hand. That child will walk with you and catch the hand of someone else. We'll keep on choosing people until everyone has been chosen. Then we'll have a new circle, and we'll pick a new Jesus to start the next game.**

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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