

# Fishers of Men

Baby and Toddler Lesson



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# Story



**Simon and Andrew were brothers.**

**One night, they caught no fish.**

**In the morning while sorting their nets, they saw Jesus.  
Jesus asked Peter to use his boat to speak to the people.**

**When Jesus finished, He told Simon to go fishing.**

**Simon listened to Jesus.**

**Jesus told Simon to throw the net over the other side of the boat.  
He caught so many fish, He had to call his friends to come and help.**

**Jesus invited the fishermen to follow Him.**

**Jesus told them, it was time to fish for people and share God's love  
with them.**

**The fishermen left everything behind to follow Jesus.**

# Free the Fish from the Net

The Fishermen were busy repairing their nets when Jesus' first spoke to them.

## Skills learned:



Sensory  
development



Hand-Eye  
Coordination



Imagination

## Materials needed:

A box

Net with large holes, string, or tape.

Fish cut-outs

## Preparation:

Cover the box with the net or create a net with the string or tape on top of the box.

Cut out the fish and place in the box



## Steps:

### For Babies and Toddlers:

Show the child the box with the fish under the net.

Ask them to help you rescue the fish.

They should place their hands through the gaps to pick up the fish.

Further develop learning by asking the child to select a particular fish.

For example: Can you rescue the blue fish? Or can you rescue the fish with a number 1 on it.

# Fish Paper plates

This creative activity will remind children of the miraculous catch when the fisherman obeys Jesus

## Skills learned:



Creativity



Colours and  
Shapes



Vocabulary

## Materials needed:

A paper plate

Scissors

Glue

Paint and brushes

Optional: googly eye



[https://youtu.be/o\\_Wp1-TkrHE](https://youtu.be/o_Wp1-TkrHE)

## Preparation:

Cut a triangle from the fish to create a mouth. Glue cut-out to fish to create a tail.

## Steps:

### For Babies and Toddlers:

Give the child a paper plate fish.

Ask them to paint the fish any way they want.

Review the colours and shape with them as they paint through positive reinforcement.

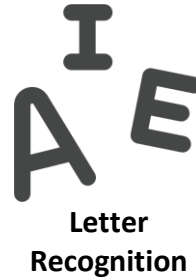
E.g. "I like that colour blue." "Wow, good spots".

Allow the fish to dry.

# Magnetic fishing

This is a great activity for reviewing numbers, shape and colour while using hand-eye coordination.

## Skills learned:



## Materials needed:

Fish  
Scissors  
Glue  
Wool  
Magnet  
Paperclips  
Pen



## Preparation:

Cut out some paper fish and attach some paper clips to the fish.

Make a fishing line with a piece of wool. Use either a magnet or paperclip hook to catch the fish.

## Steps:

### For Babies and Toddlers:

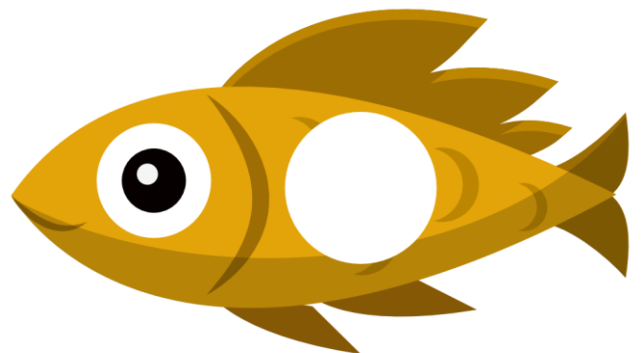
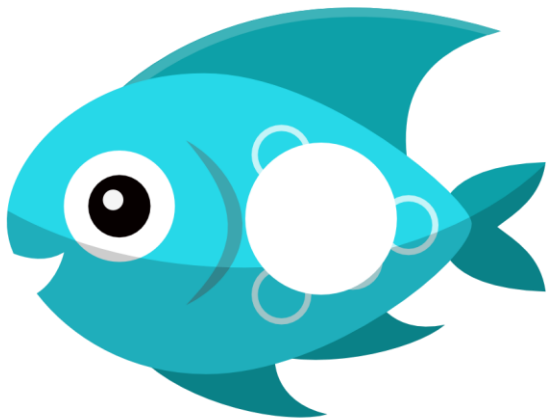
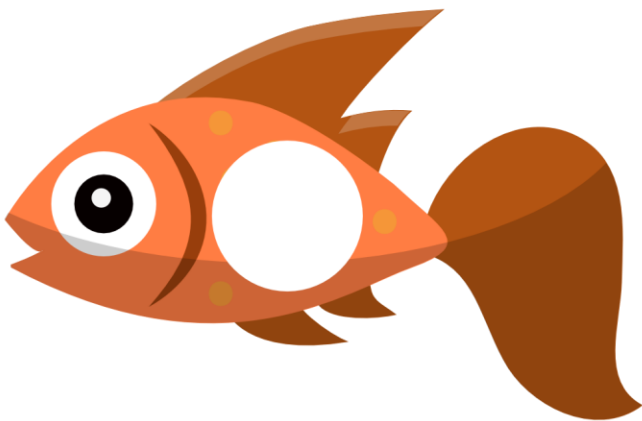
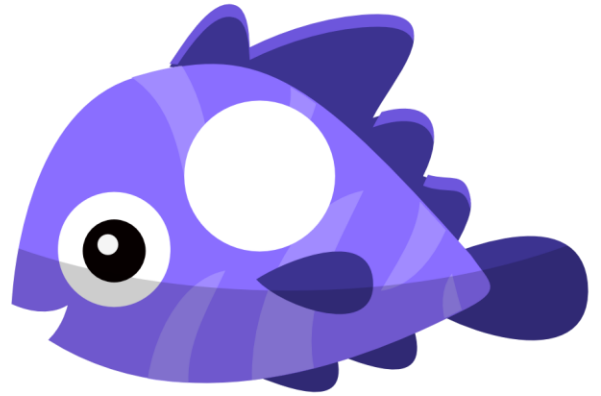
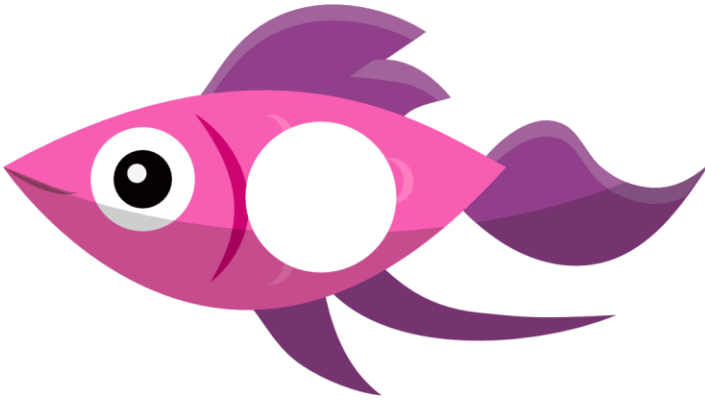
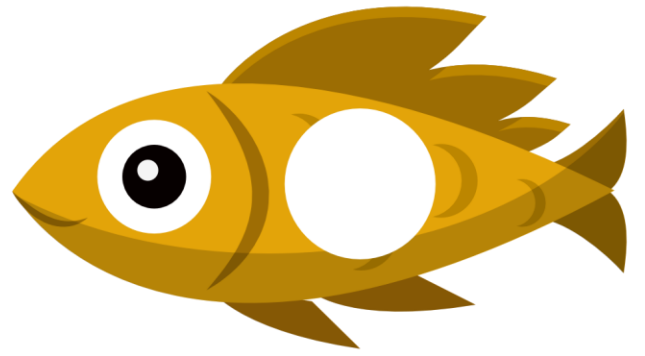
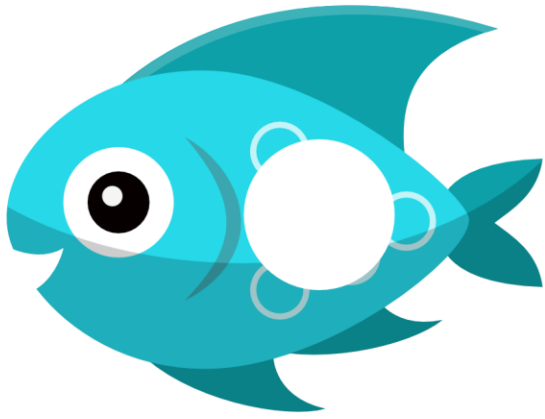
Demonstrate how to use the magnetic fishing line to pick up a fish

Allow the child to try and catch a fish.

When they get used to using the magnet introduce further challenges.

Can you fish a red fish? Can you fish the letter B? Can you fish a number 3?

For older toddlers you can combine fish to create simple maths challenges or spell easy words.



# Where is the fish?

In this activity children will try and find a fishing line which has a fish on it.

## Skills learned:



Sight



Logic

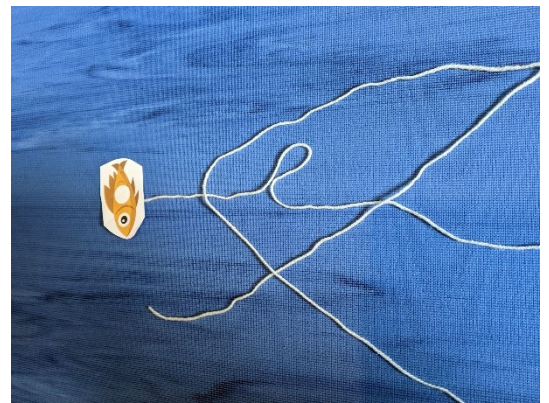


Concentration

## Materials needed:

Fish

Wool. (Different colours would be an advantage)



## Preparation:

Cut at least three lengths of wool. Tie a Fish cut-out to one piece only. Lay on the floor with the strings crossing each other.

## Steps:

### For Babies and Toddlers:

Ask the child to help you catch the fish.

They should guess which line has a fish attached.

Once they choose, have them follow or reel in the line.

If the fish is not attached repeat until they catch the fish.

Repeat as long as there is interest.

# Follow me

Jesus invited the fishermen to follow Him and become His disciples. This game of 'follow the leader' will reinforce what it means to follow someone.

## Skills learned:



## Materials needed:

None

## Preparation:

None

## Steps:

### For Babies and Toddlers:

Explain that you are going to play a copying game.

The child should copy you and follow your actions.

Show examples. Clap your hands once. They should also clap.

Stand up. They should stand up.

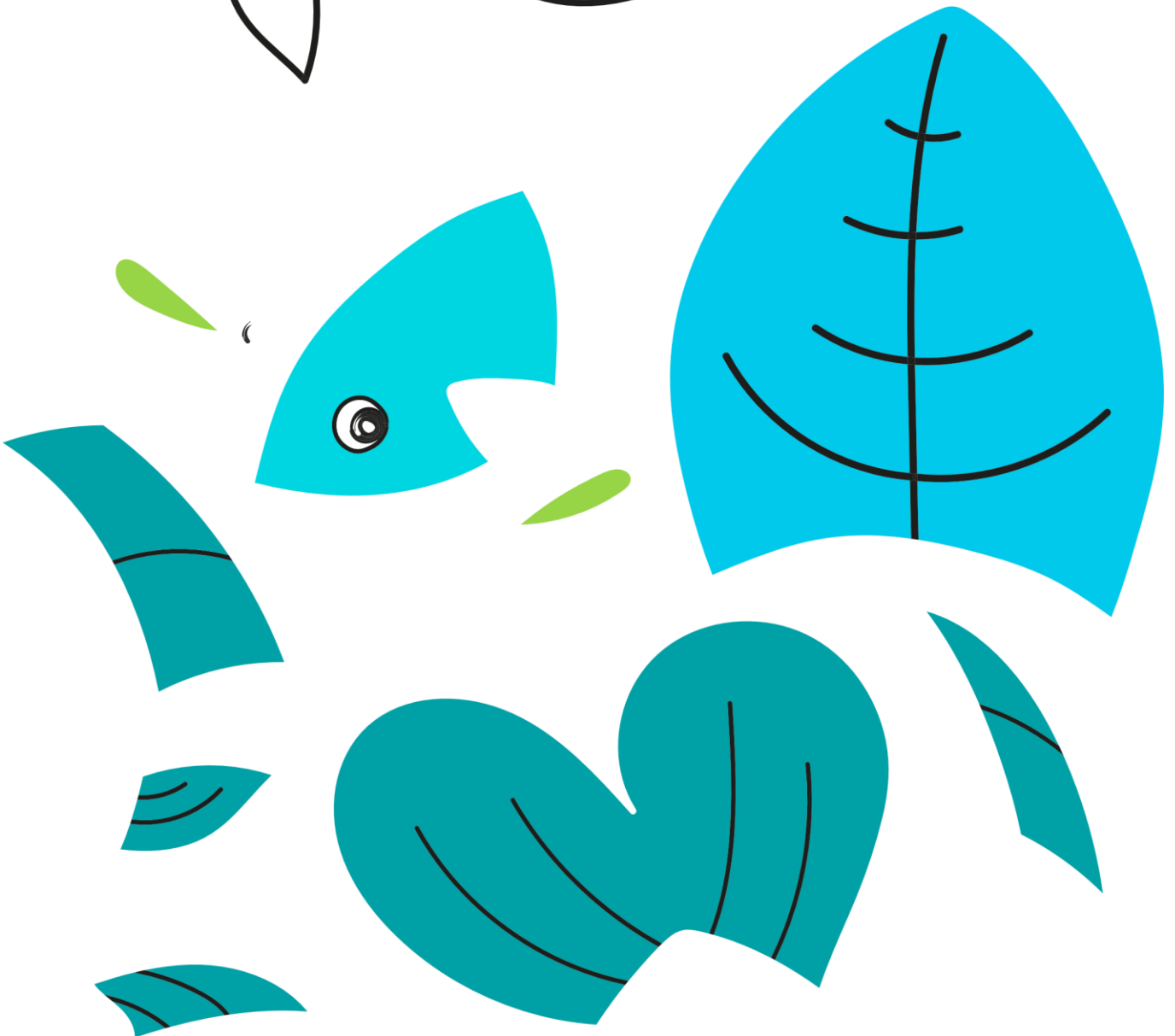
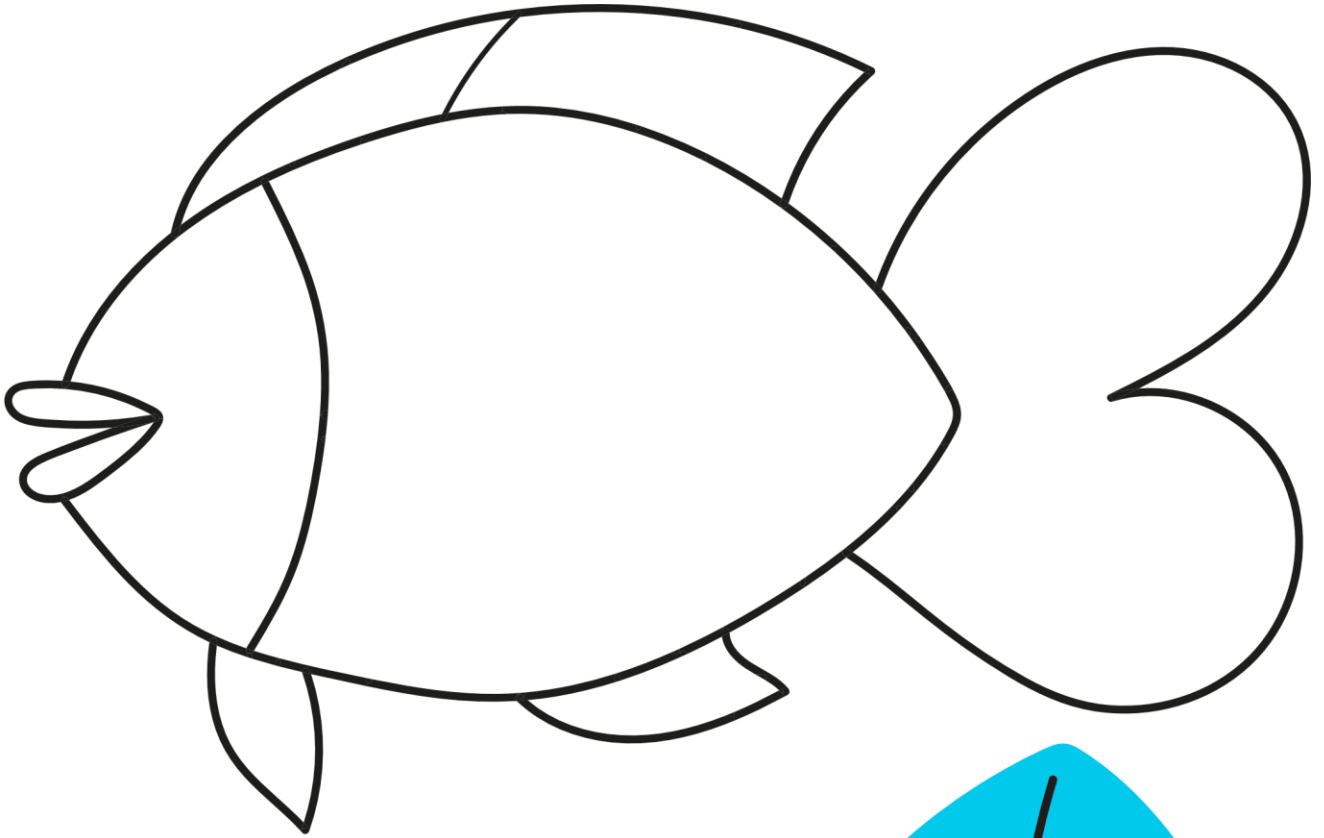
Once they understand the concept you can move around more and add challenges.

Allow the child a chance to be the leader.

Say that we should follow Jesus and try to live like Him.



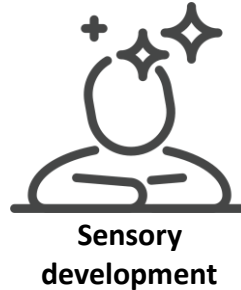
# Cut and glue Fish



# Puffer Fish Gloves

Here is another fun activity to help children think about all the different kinds of fish. Take some moments to think about how amazingly God made the world.

## Skills learned:



## Materials needed:

- Rubber gloves
- Elastic band
- Marker pen
- Hand Balloon pump

## Preparation:

- Draw some fish details onto the rubber glove
- Attach to the handpump with elastic band



## Steps:

### For Babies and Toddlers:

- Show children a video or pictures of a Puffer Fish, and how it can “inflate” and “deflate” itself.
- Show the glove attached to the pump. Pretend it is a fish.
- Ask the child to use the pump to blow air into the glove to make it inflate just like a puffer fish.
- Let them tap the fish to deflate.

**For babies,** inflate a glove, tie it in the end.

**Draw or make playdough fish for  
the bowl.**



# Songs



Recommended worship songs. Not produced by Trueway Kids. YouTube Videos to be used for personal use only.

## I Will Make You Fishers Of Men

<https://youtu.be/Zg76IEuNN0I>