

# Fishers of Men

5+ lesson pack



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# Introduction

This week we will begin to learn about the apostles whom Jesus called to follow Him. Our text is found in Luke 5:1-11. Some of the key points we will study are--

- Introduction to Peter and Andrew.
- We should trust Jesus even when we think we know better – Peter trusted Jesus.
- Jesus wants us to follow Him.
- Jesus calls us to tell others about Him.

## Lesson Guide

Ask the child if they know what an apostle and / or a disciple is. Explain that Jesus selected twelve men to teach who would in turn take His message to others. Explain Jesus later changed Simon's name to Peter (For ease, you may choose to use either of the names or Simon Peter).

Talk about Peter and Andrew and explain that they were fishermen. Explain that they earned their living by going out on boats, throwing nets into the water, and catching fish. If you wish, you may select a video online to show the child what fishermen do.

Ask the child if they have ever tried and failed to do something. Talk about how the fishermen had tried all night to catch some fish. Think about how tired and discouraged they must have been. Either reflect on or select a task at your child's level that they have not yet learned how to do. Ask them to do it. As they try, point out that they are getting tired and discouraged just like the fishermen. Point out that they might stop after failing. Speak about a time you were frustrated and wanted to give up. Ask them if they would want to try again because a stranger told them to do so.

Point out that even though Peter was tired and thought he knew better, he chose to trust Jesus. Talk about how we should always trust Jesus, no matter how we may feel.

Explain that to follow means to go after someone and do as they do. Play a game of follow the leader. If you wish to reinforce the lesson of following when one doesn't understand, you may do the following. Before the game begins, select a chore your child does not enjoy. Hide a small toy or surprise e.g. a small surprise in the closet where your child puts away their clothes. Have the child copy your example in completing the task while leading them closer to the surprise. Point out that they would not have gotten the surprise if they had not followed the leader and done the task they disliked. Explain that you knew better and they had to trust you, follow your example, and complete the task. In the same way, we must trust Jesus, follow Him, and do as He commands.

Talk to your child about good news. You may use the surprise they just received as an example or select something else about which your child is excited. Think about how people always want to share good news with others. You may even think about ways people do so such as wedding announcements or photos of new babies. Ask the child if they would like to keep something exciting a secret, and if it would be hard to do so.

You may reinforce this by creating a surprise for someone your child loves, such as making their parent's favorite cake or grandparent's favorite pudding. Talk about how excited their loved one will be by the surprise. Then create the cake, pudding, or other surprise.

Ask your child if it's better to tell the person about the surprise so they can enjoy it or whether they should hide it, so the person never finds out about it.

Point out that we are in possession of very good news. We know that Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Remind your child that we should be telling everyone this exciting news.

Pray and thank Jesus that we can trust Him. Ask Him to help you always follow Him.

# Fishers of Men



Simon and Andrew worked as fishermen in the Sea of Galilee. After a long night working, they had caught nothing. They began to wash their nets on the shore of the sea.

Jesus stood by the sea with many people around Him. They were pushing to get close to Him. Jesus saw the two empty boats on shore and stepped into the one owned by Simon. “Could you push it a little away from the land?” He asked Simon.

Simon did so. Jesus sat down in the boat on the sea, and He began to teach all the people who had gathered. When He had finished speaking, He turned to Simon. “Push the boat into the deep water. Let down your nets to catch some fish.”

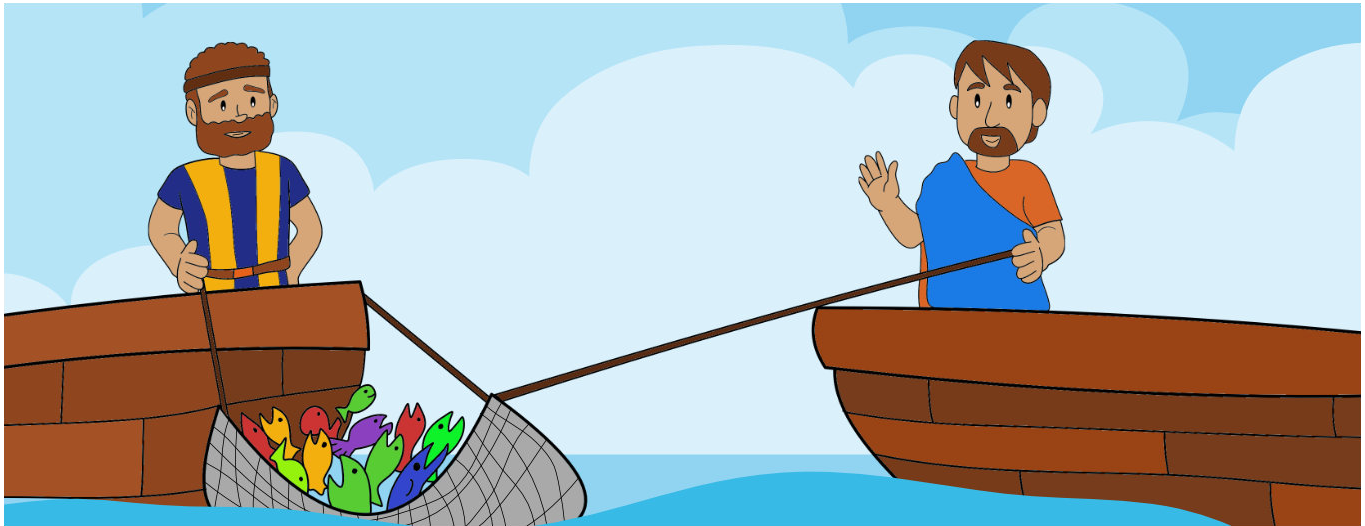
“Teacher,” Simon said. “We have worked all night long and we haven’t caught a single fish. But, because You are telling me to do so, I will do it.”



The fishermen cast the net into the water.

The net filled with fish. In fact, there were so many fish in the net that it began to break!

“Come and help us.” Simon and Andrew called to their fellow fishermen.



The other fishermen, James and John, came out in their boat. They all worked to get the fish into their boats, and the boats were so filled with fish that they began to sink from the weight of all the fish! All the fishermen were surprised and wondered at the spectacular catch.

When Simon saw the miracle, he knelt at Jesus’s feet. “Lord, go away from me. I am a sinful man.”

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on, you will be a fisher of men.”

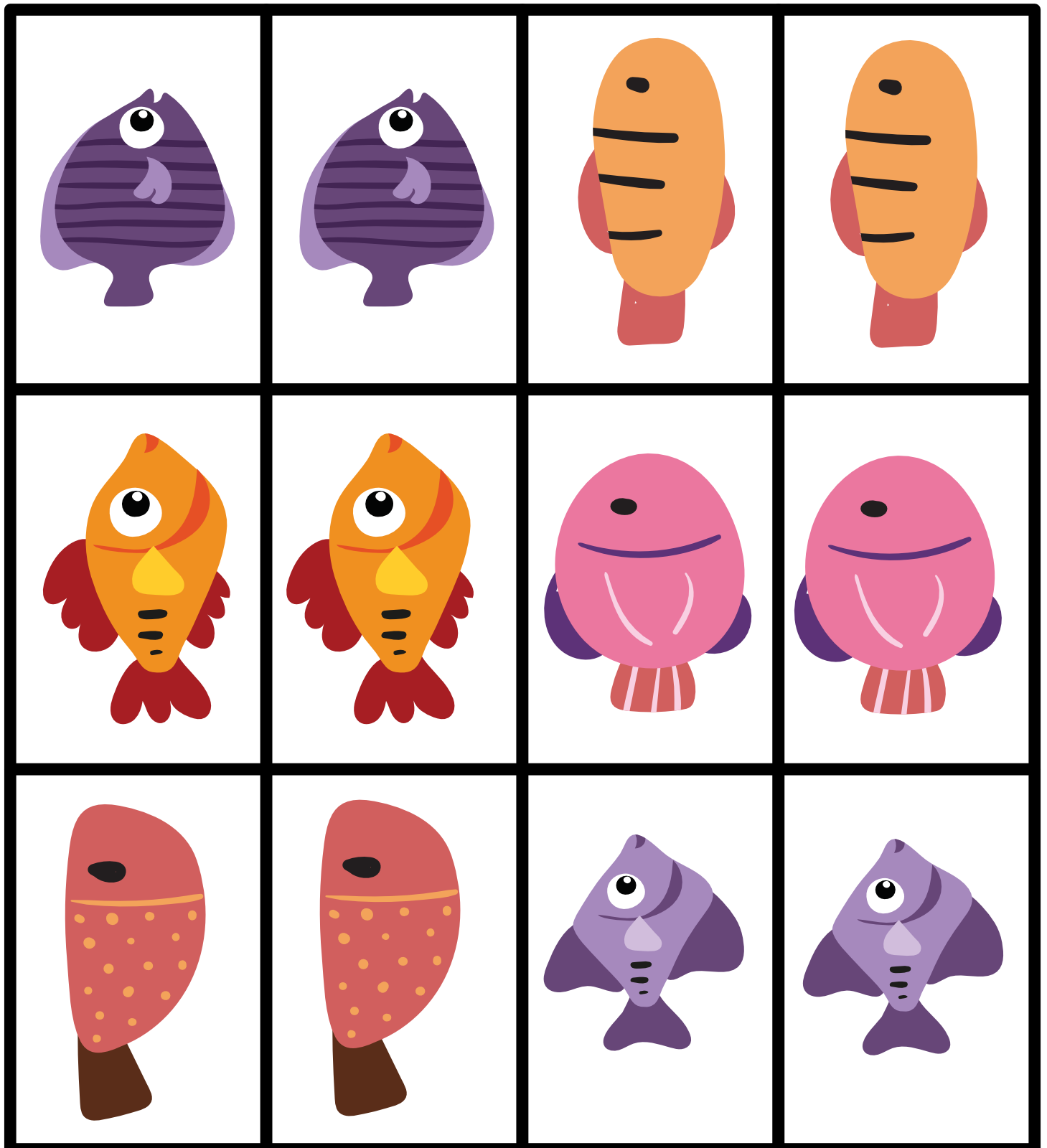
As soon as they arrived on shore, Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandoned everything to follow Jesus.



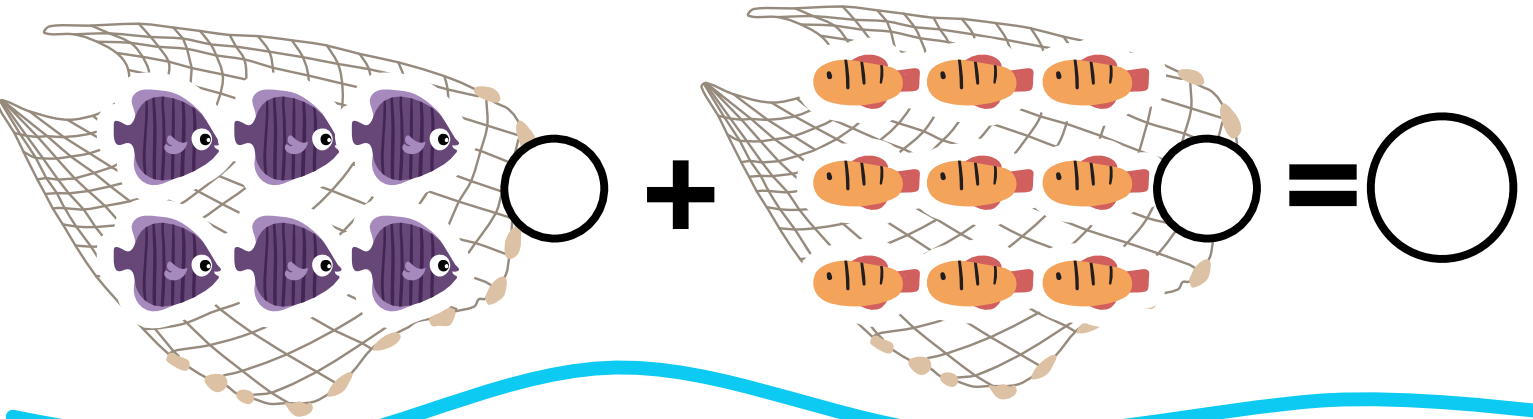
# Matching pairs game

For best results, glue some coloured paper onto the back before cutting so that you cannot see through the card / paper. Turn cards upside down. Take turns to turn two cards over at a time. If the cards match, the player gets to keep them.

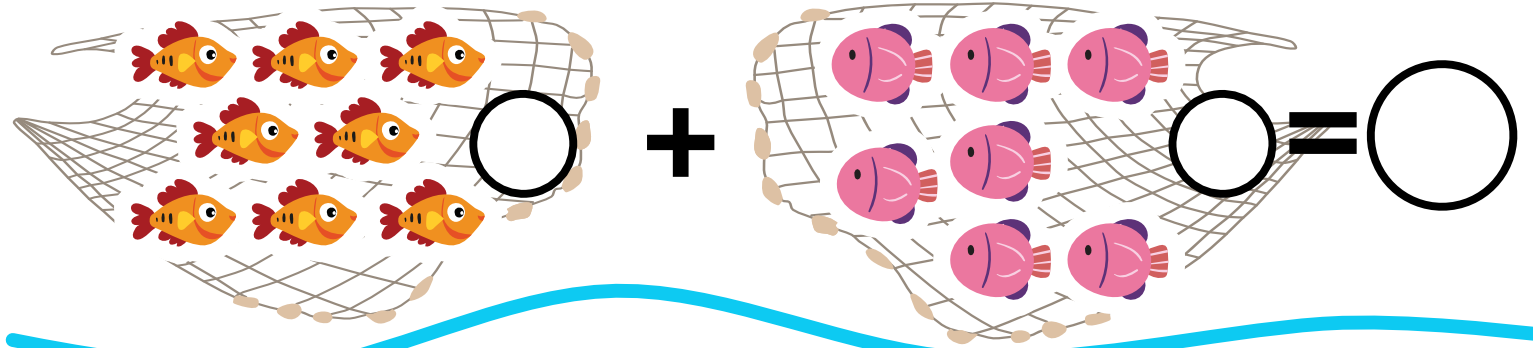
For older children, you could print two copies and play , 'Go Fish' search online for instructions



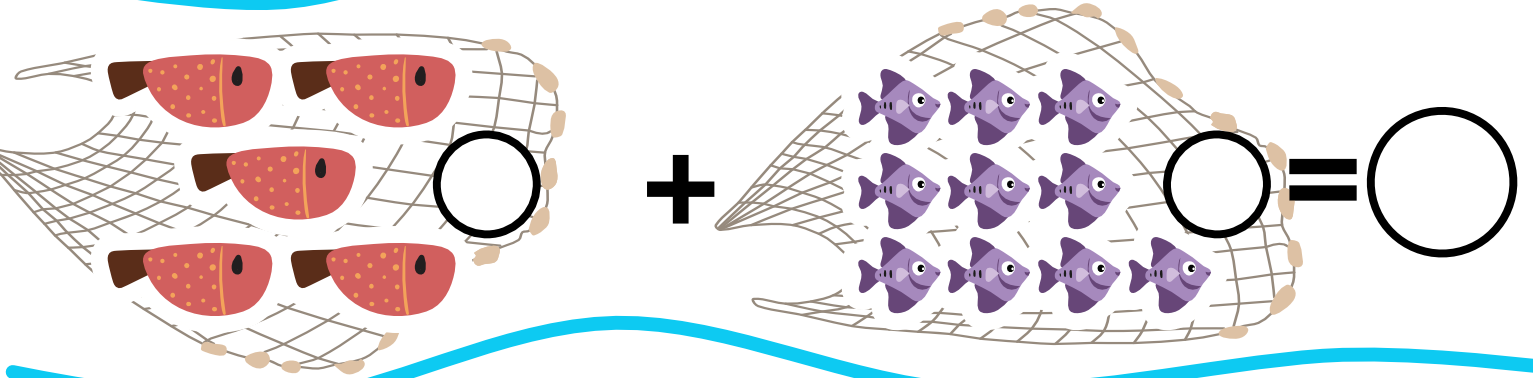
# How many fish are in each catch?



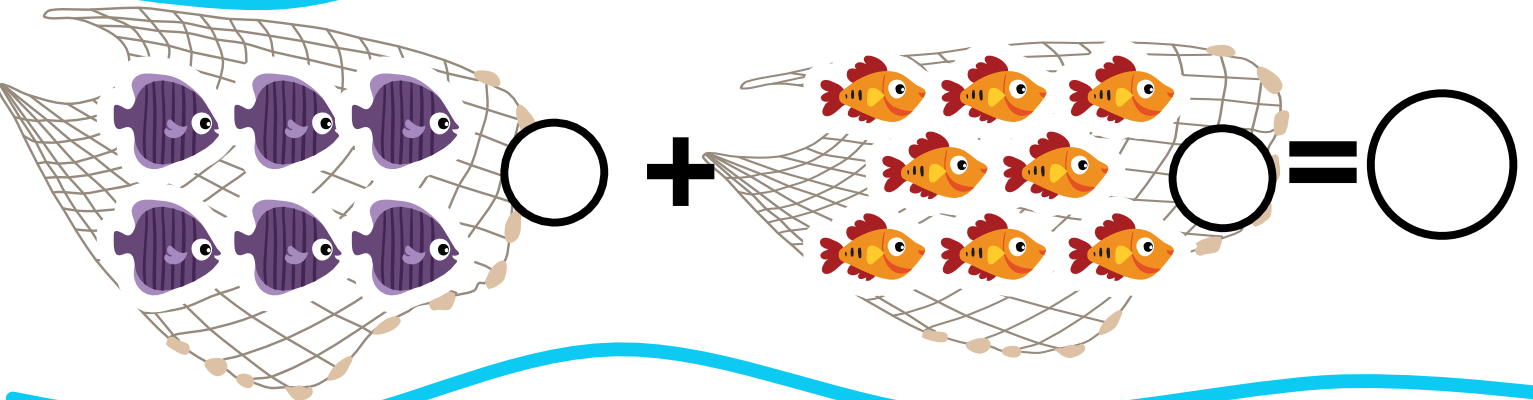
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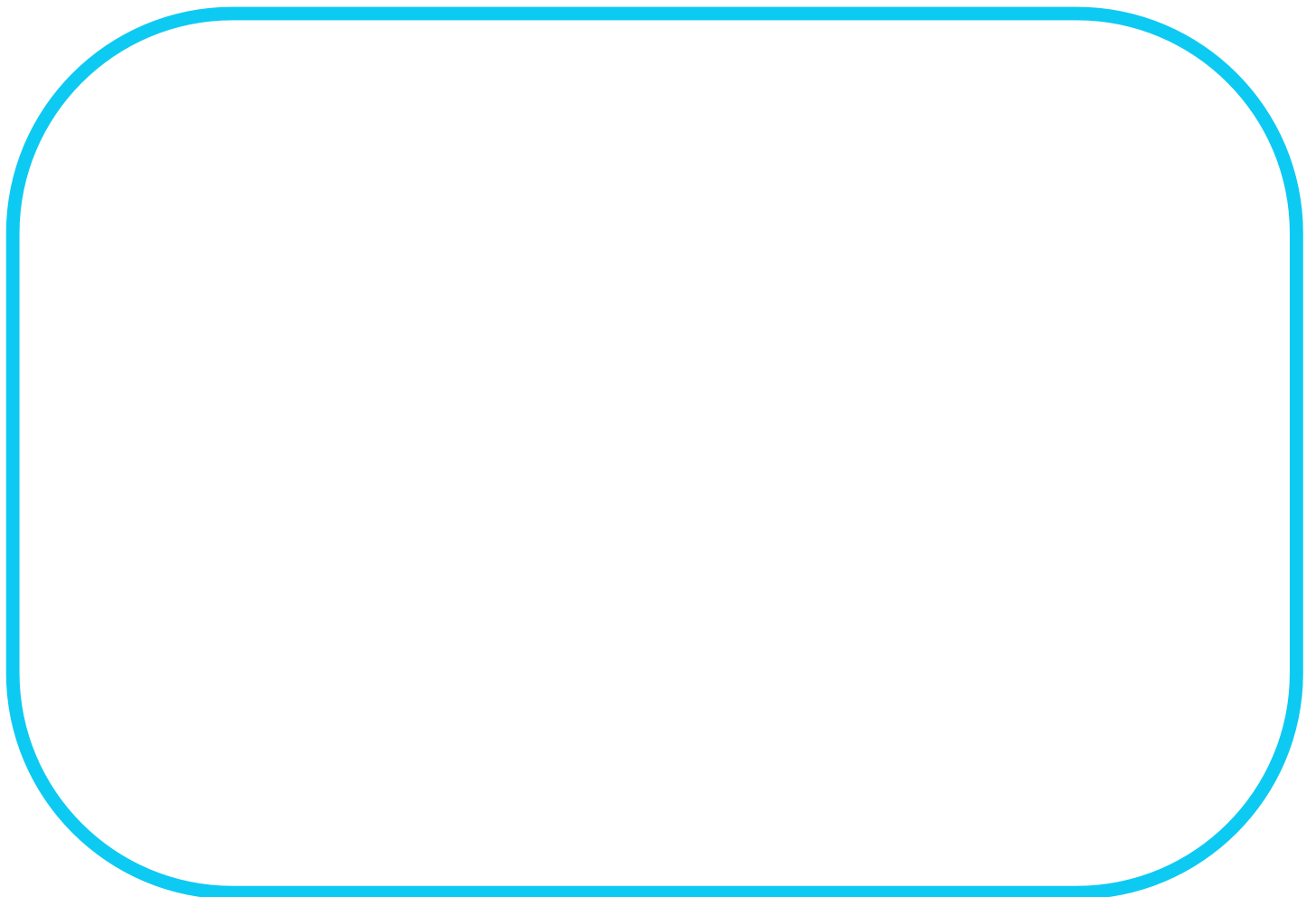
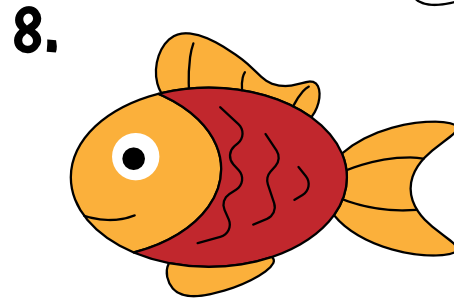
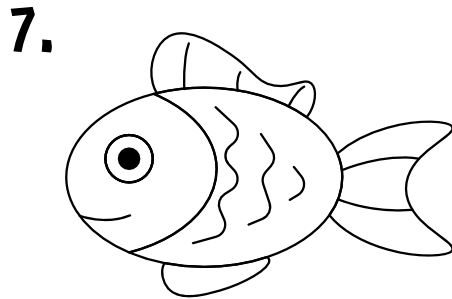
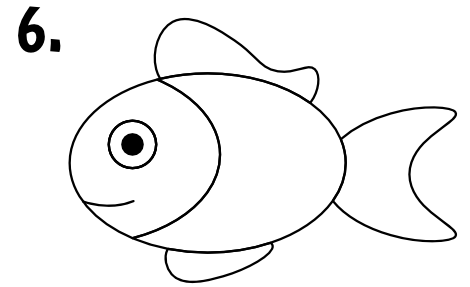
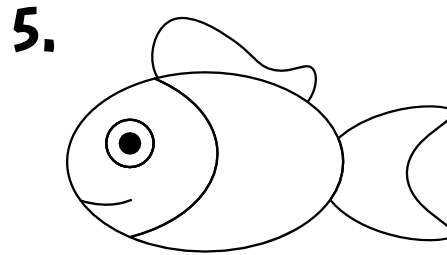
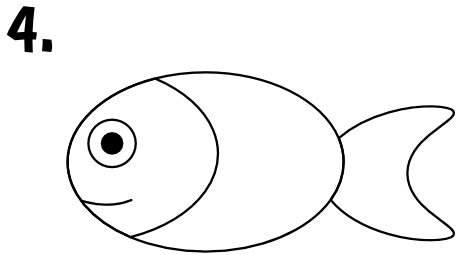
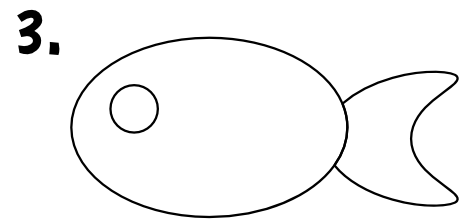
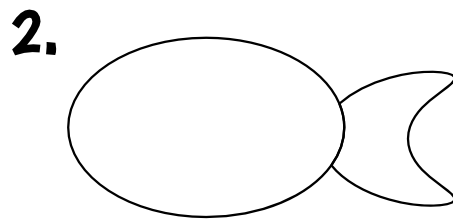
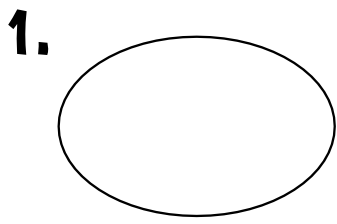
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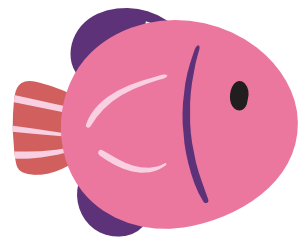
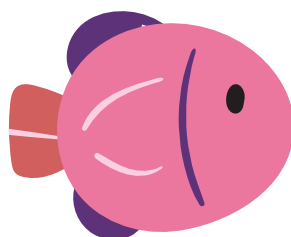
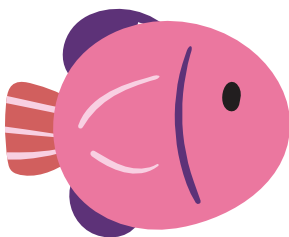
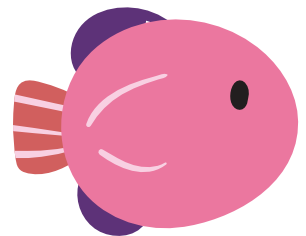
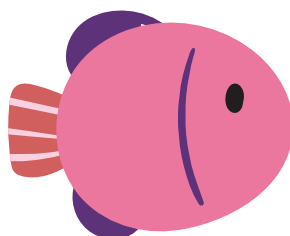
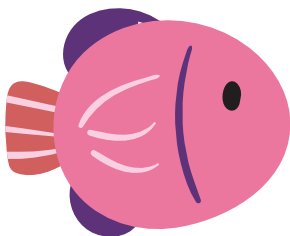
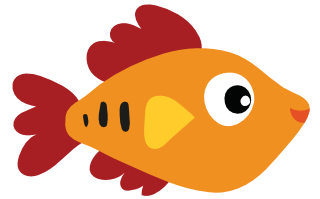
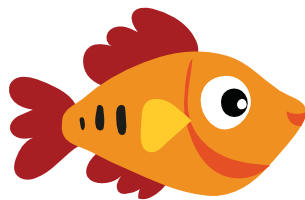
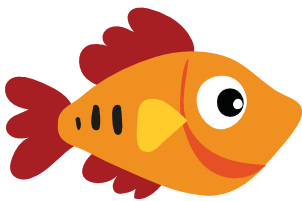
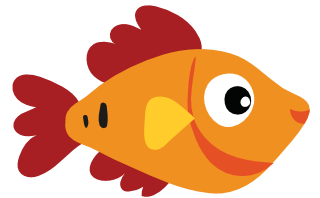
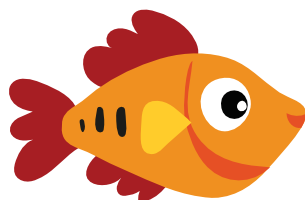
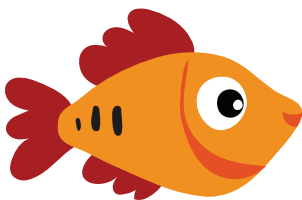
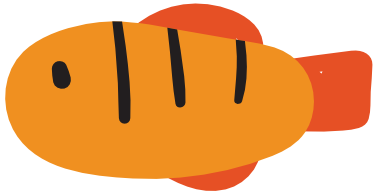
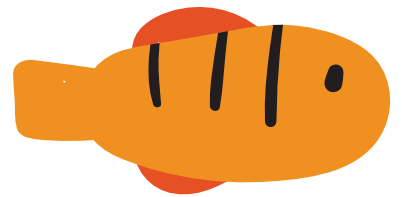
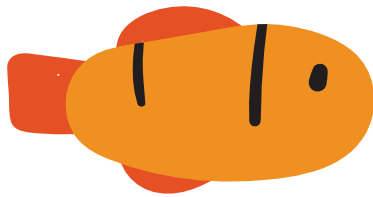
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What is the total number of fish caught? \_\_\_\_\_

# Design your own fish



# Find two fish the same



# Fill in the missing words

Simon and Andrew worked as \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sea of \_\_\_\_\_.

After a long \_\_\_\_\_ working, they had caught nothing. They began to wash their \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus stepped into Simon's \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to the people.

Jesus told to Simon. "Let down your nets to catch some \_\_\_\_\_."

The fishermen cast the net into the \_\_\_\_\_.

Their nets were \_\_\_\_\_ of fish.

James and John, came in their boat to help.

The boats were so full of fish that they began to \_\_\_\_\_.

When Simon saw the miracle, he knelt at Jesus's feet.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on, you will be a fisher of \_\_\_\_\_."

Simon, Andrew, James, and John left \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus.

Galilee    everything    full    night    nets    sink

men    fishermen    boat    fish    water

# Games and Activities

## Fishing game Challenges

Cut out some paper fish and attach some paper clips to the fish. (You may also use the template included in this lesson.)

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

Write a number on each of the fish. Each number will relate to a challenge.

For example: 1 – Sing the first verse of your favourite hymn. 2 – Stand on one leg for 30 seconds



## Follow the Leader

Reflect on Jesus invitation to follow Him by playing a game of follow the leader. Choose one person to be the leader and then all other people must copy that person.

Speak about how we must leave where we are to follow Jesus wherever He leads us and do what He does.

## Don't let it sink

The Fishermen caught so many fish their boats were going to sink

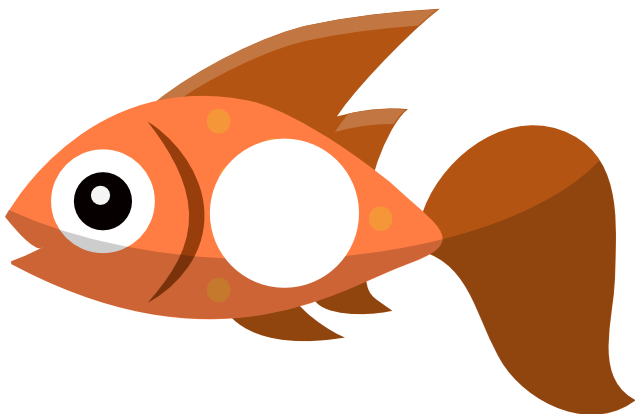
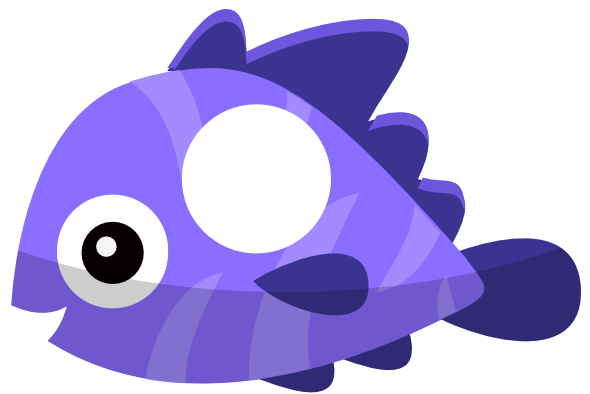
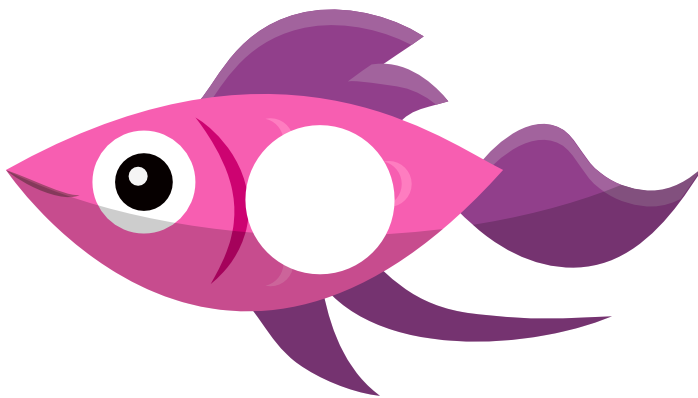
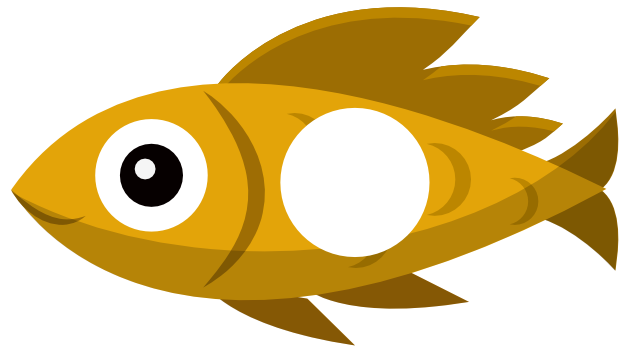
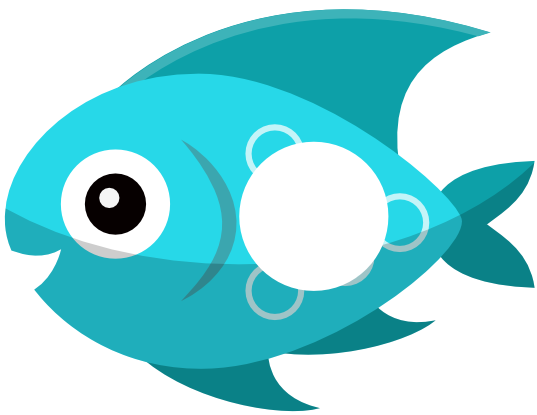
In this challenge children should build a boat from recycled objects to hold a weight.

When the boats are complete, begin to add weights to see which boat can hold the most weight without breaking, capsizing, or sinking.

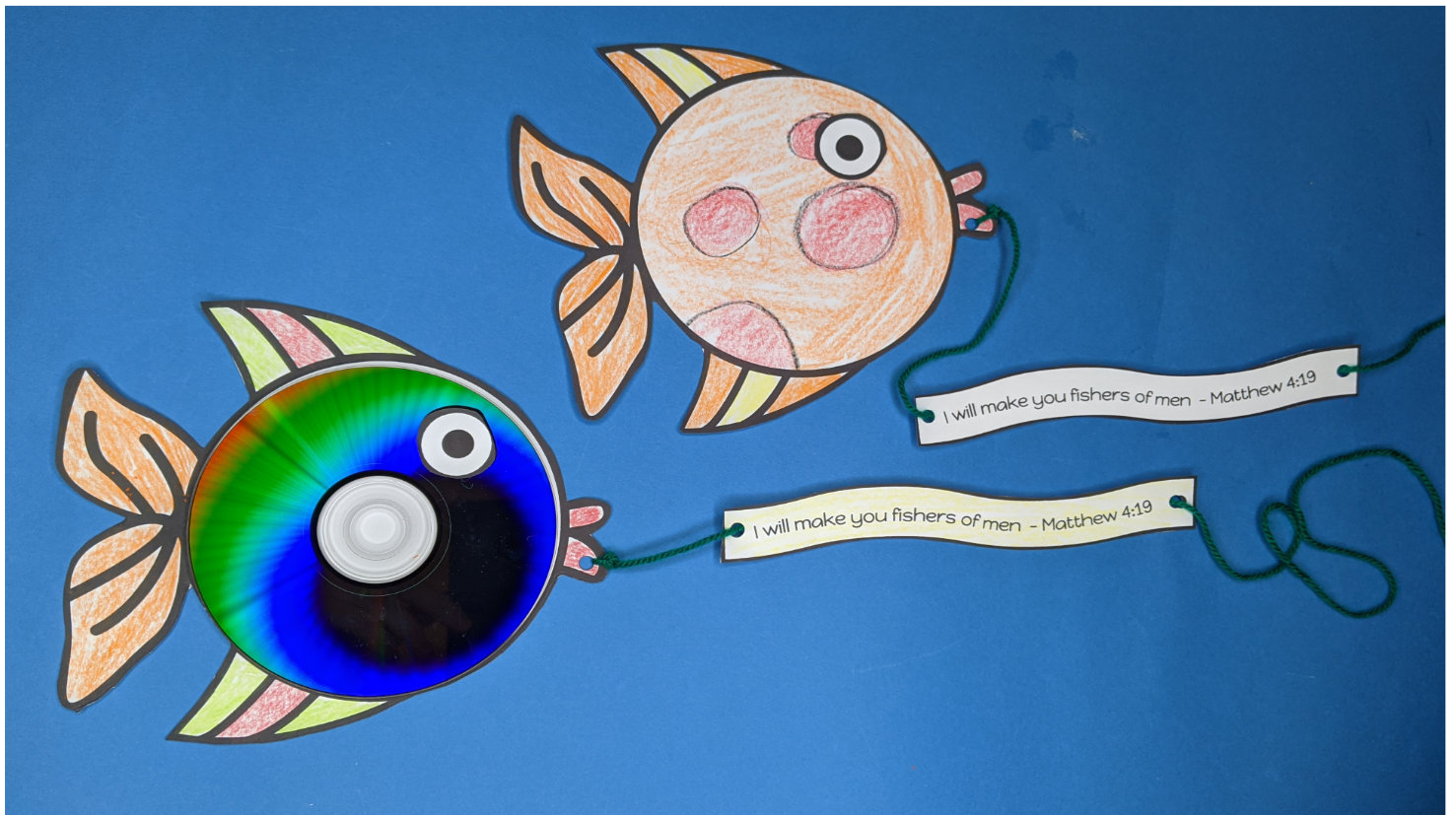


# Magnetic Fish

Print out the fish below and cut out. All you will need is a piece of string and a magnet and 6 paper clips.



# Fishers of Men craft



## What you need:

Template page on card  
Coloring pencils  
Scissors  
Glue  
Wool  
(Optional) CD

## What to do:



Colour in the template pages.

Leave circle blank if using cd.



Cut out the fish, eye and Bible verse.

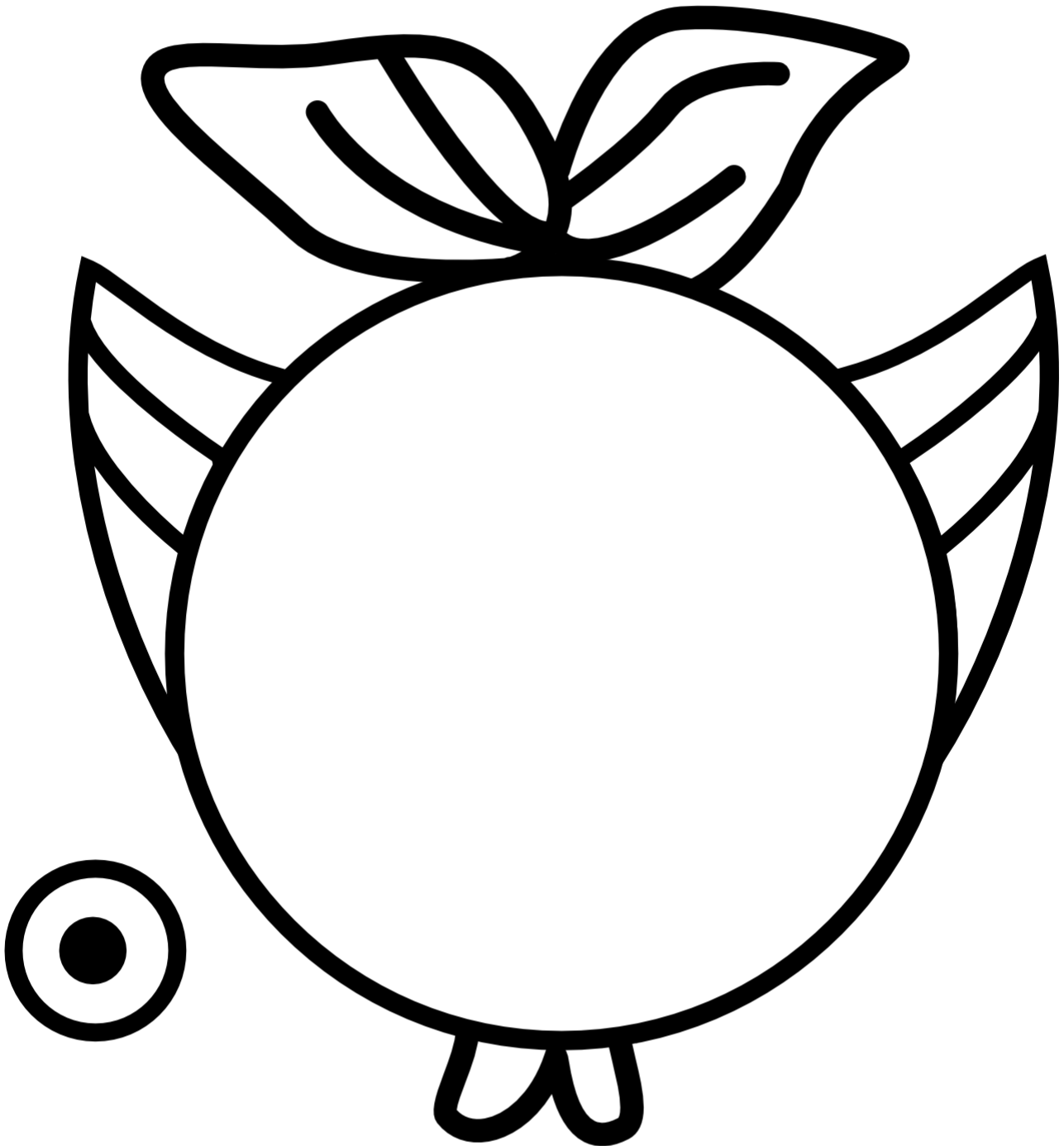
If using a cd glue onto fish



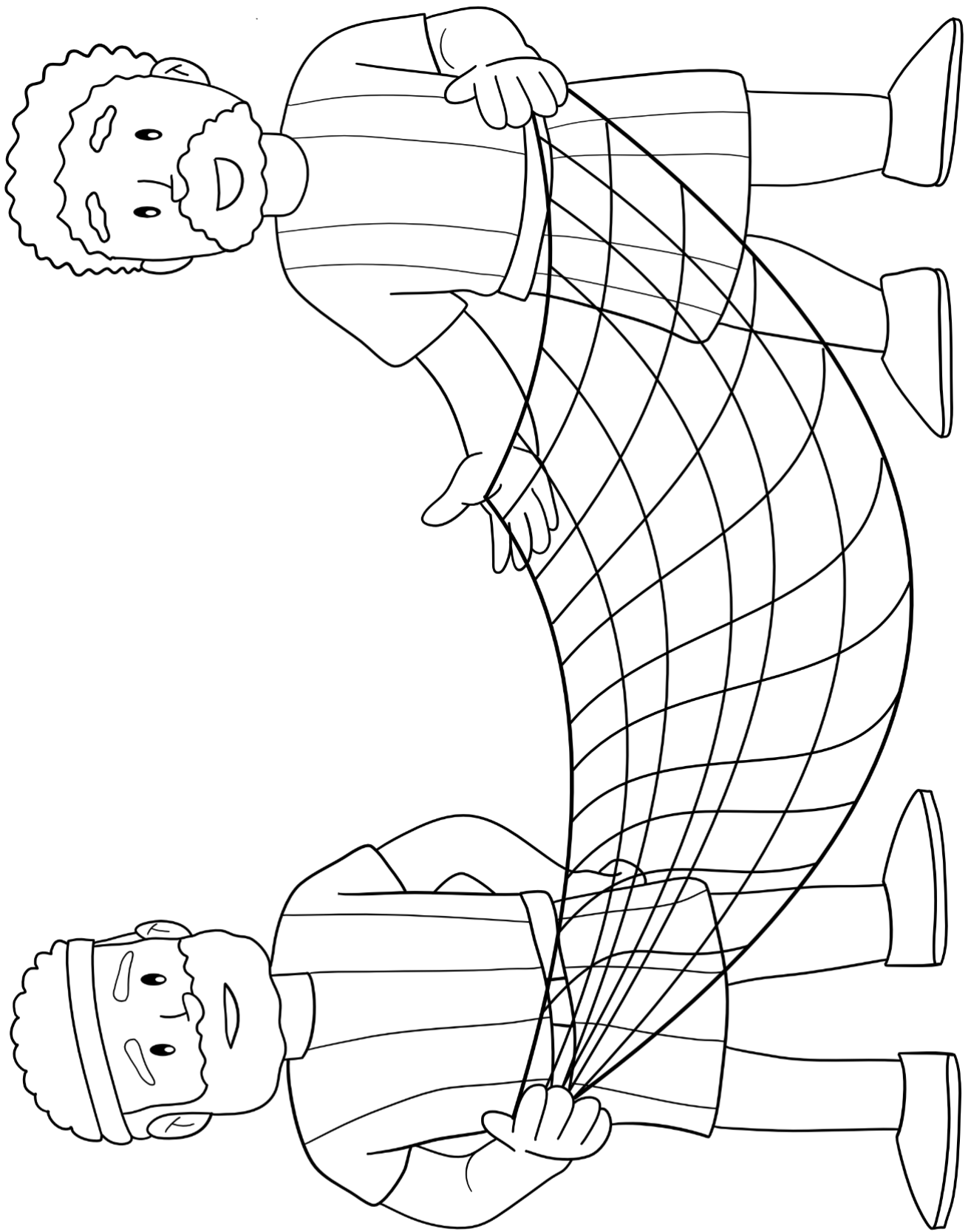
Make some holes on either side of Bible verse and on mouth.

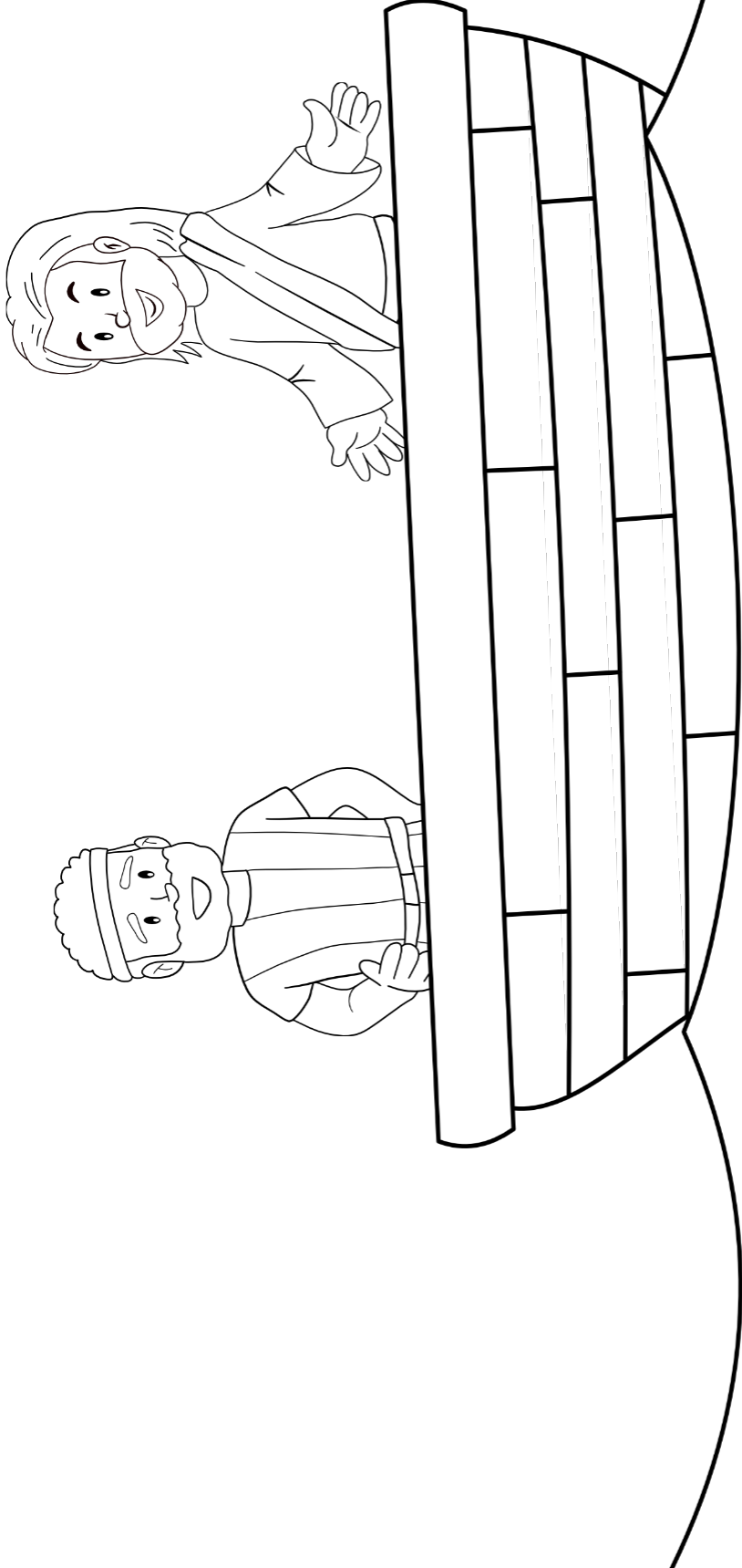
Thread Bible verse onto wool and tie to mouth.

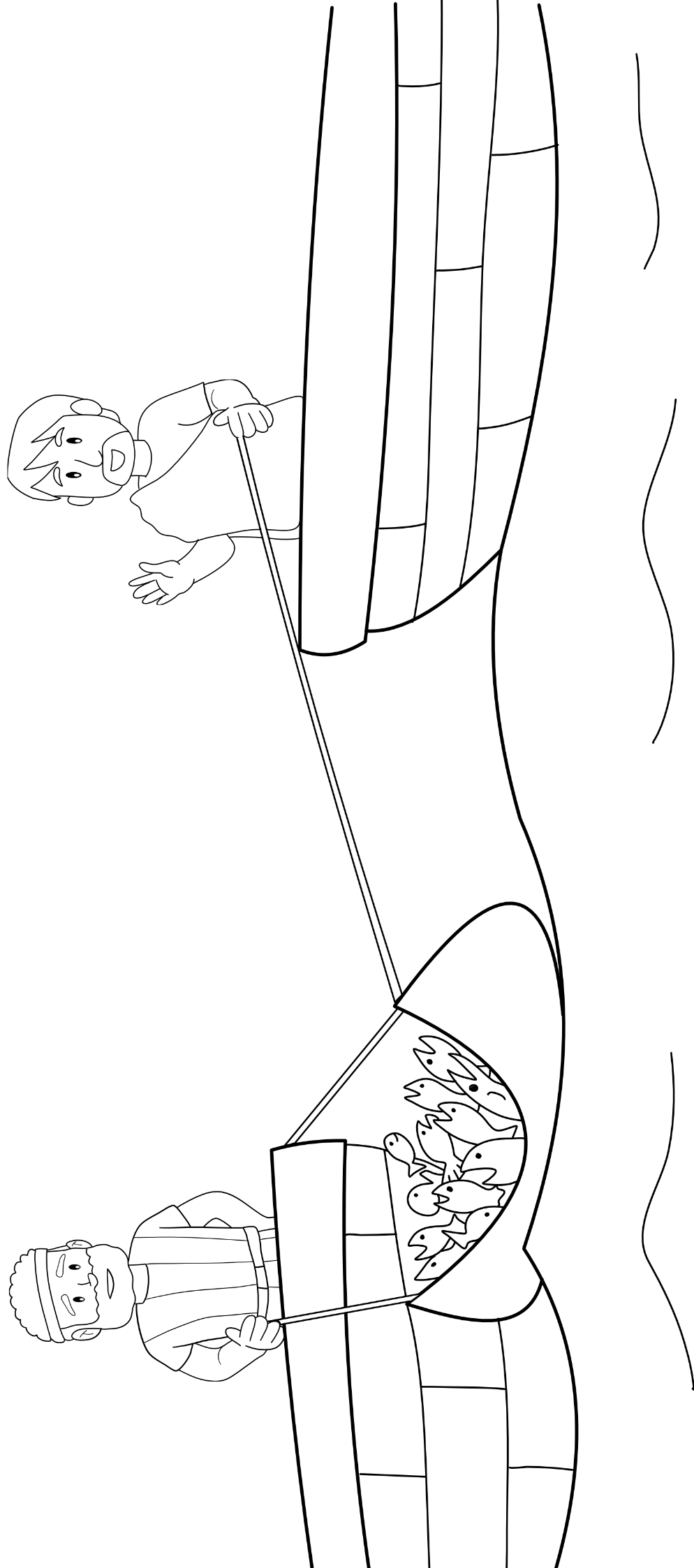
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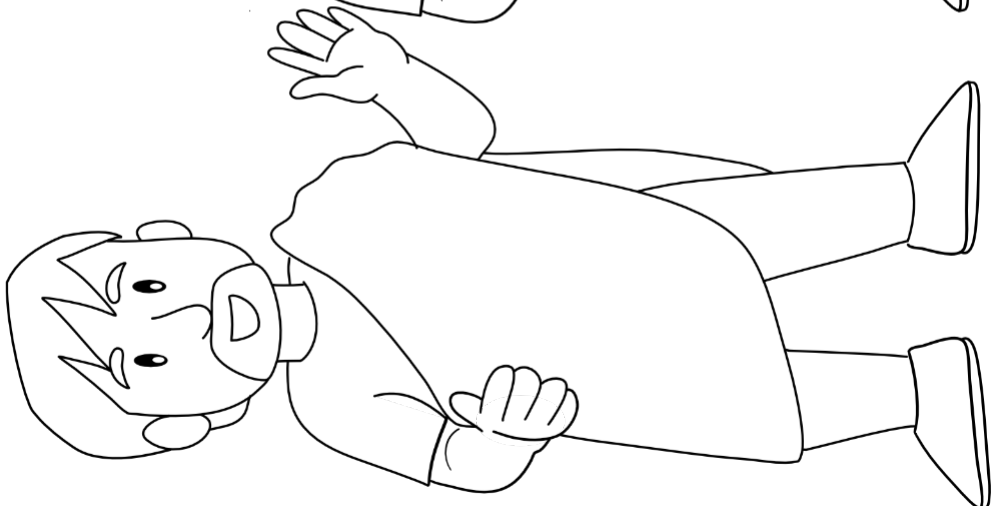
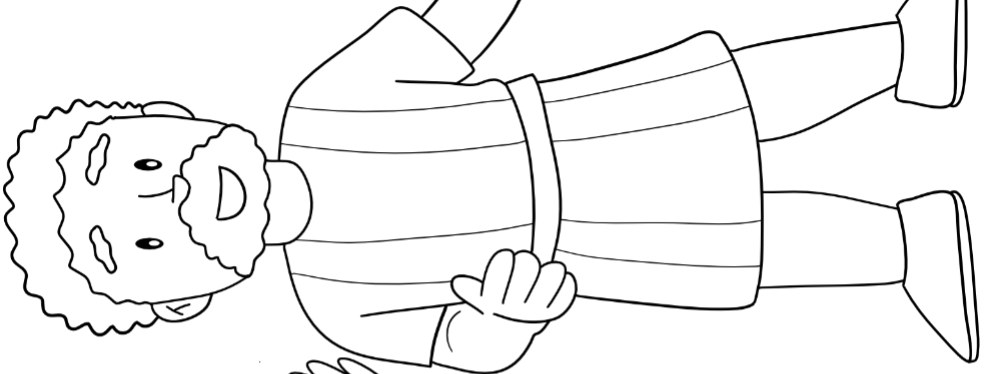
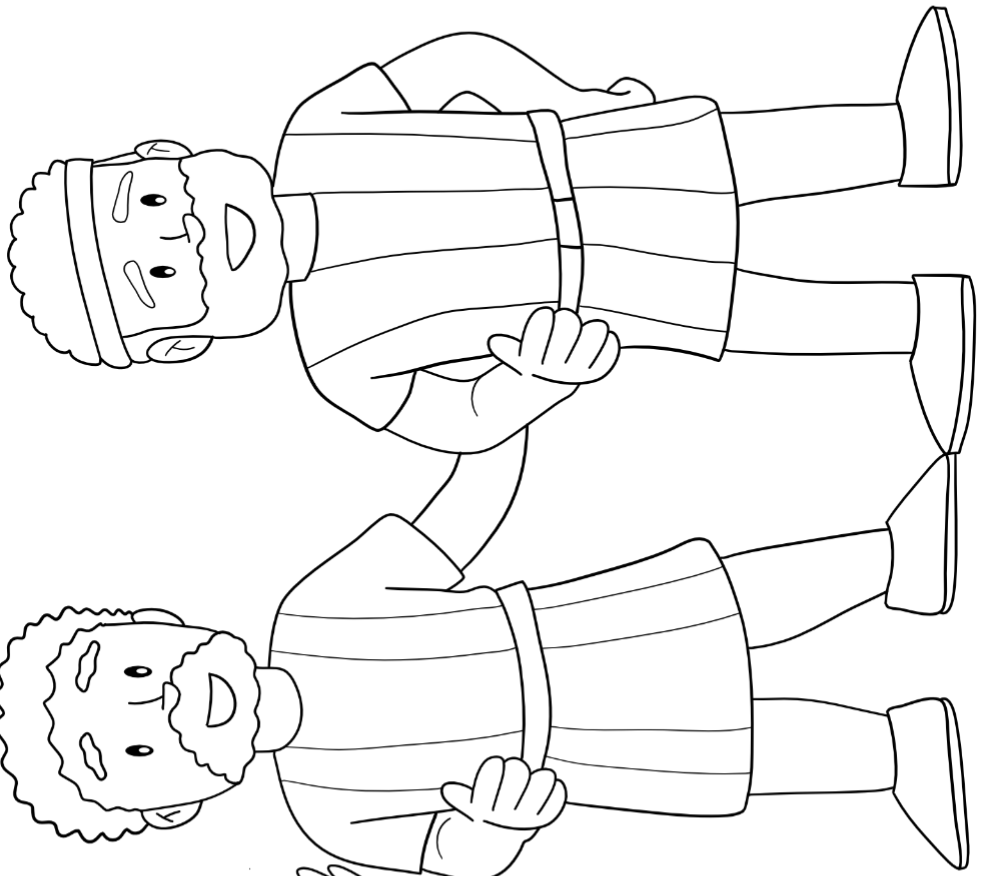
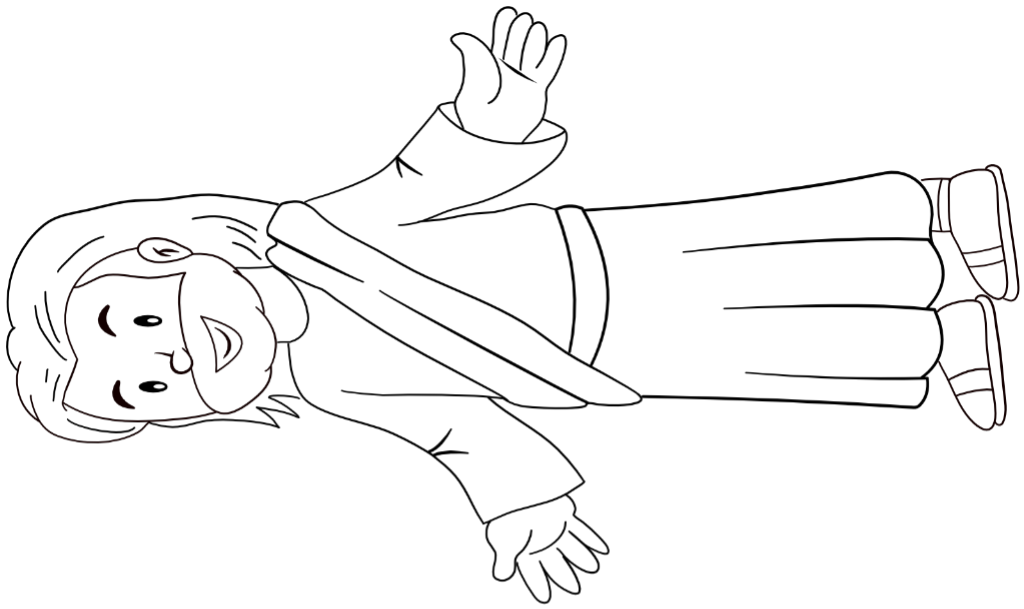


● I will make you fishers of men - Matthew 4:19 ●









# Worship Time

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

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<https://youtu.be/w-c31M7nECI>

I Will Make You Fishers Of Men

<https://youtu.be/Zg76lEuNN0I>

I Have Decided

<https://youtu.be/sEL0WpeH088>



## Prayer Time

Ask God to help you trust Him even when we think we know best.

Ask God to help you share His wonderful news with people.

Next Week  
Jesus heals and forgives

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