



**URBAN
SAINTS**

**Pick 'n' Mix
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Children's Takeaway

**Faith not Fear
Session 2**

Standing in faith - reliant on Jesus

Story



A huge catch of fish

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.



When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me - I'm such a sinful man." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"



Luke 5:1-10

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Questions to discuss

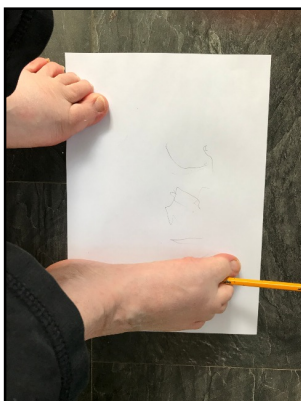


1. Why do you think Peter did what Jesus asked him to do when he clearly thought it was a bad idea?
2. Have you ever been asked to do something that you thought was a bad idea? Or something you didn't want to do? How did that work out?
3. What do you think Jesus would like you to do that is different?

Challenge

Doing it unusually!

In the story, Peter had difficulty fishing. Try a variety of ordinary tasks but try to do it in a way that is difficult. For example, try writing your name using the pencil in your mouth or paint a picture with the paintbrush between your toes

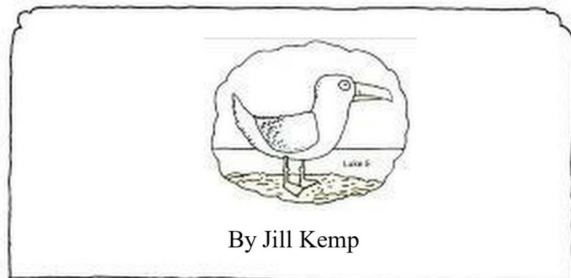


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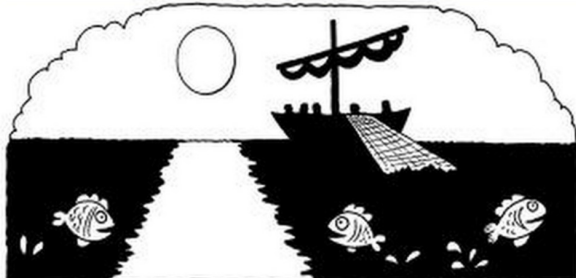
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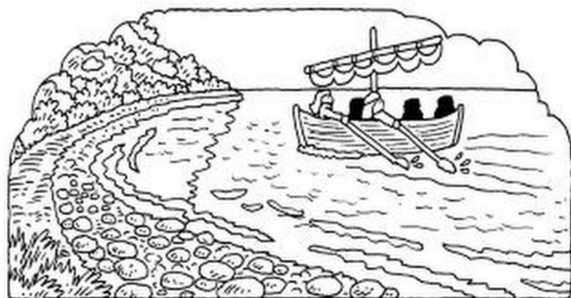
Peter loved to go fishing in his boat. Sometimes he fished all night and didn't catch any fish.



It was a good night to go fishing. Peter and his friends put their nets into Peter's boat and rowed out to their favourite fishing place.



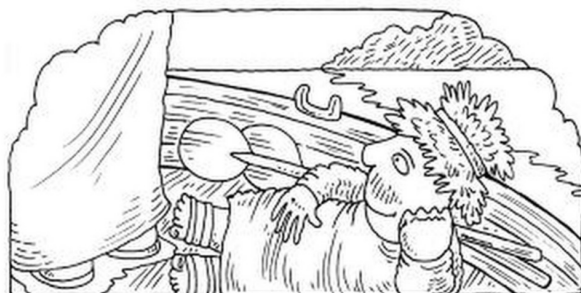
They put their nets over the side and waited. After a long time they pulled the heavy net in, but there wasn't even one tiny fish! They would have to try another place.



They tried all night but caught no fish! Fishing was hard work. They were hungry and tired. They rowed slowly back home.



There were lots of people on the beach with Jesus. They wanted Jesus to tell them a story. "Can I sit in your boat?" Jesus asked Peter. Jesus stood up in the boat, so everyone could see.



Jesus told stories about God's love. He told people to love God, to be honest, kind to each other and work hard. And Jesus was so wise.



He said to Peter, "Put your net on the other side." "We fished all night and caught nothing, but I will do what you say," Peter said. The net was so full of fish he needed help.



It was a miracle! Jesus said, "Follow me. I will show you something better than fishing! You can tell people about God's love." So, Peter followed Jesus.

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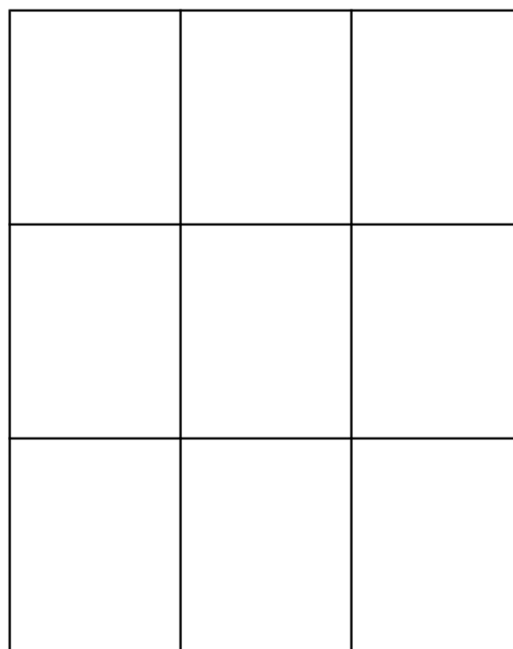
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FISHERMEN
PEOPLE

Jumbled picture

Someone has mixed up all the squares of this picture.
Can you unjumble them and draw them in the right place on the grid?

Puzzle



Creative Prayer

Fish in the net

You will need:

- A pack of Hula Hoops or pretzels or cherry laces to represent a net.
- Carrots for fish or 'fish & chip' shaped snacks.
- Soft cheese.

What to do:

Cut a slice of carrot to represent a fish.

Put a scoop of soft cheese on top of the 'fish'

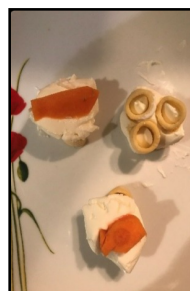
Stick the net (hoops or similar) on the top.



In the story Peter was having difficulty catching fish but Jesus helped him to do this really well.

Think about things that you find difficult.

- As you eat your 'fish in a net' ask God to help you.
- Jesus also invited Peter to be his friend and gave him a very important job to do.
- Eat another one and talk to God about what it means for you to be His friend.



Sing

By the Sea of Galilee, a local fishing family, it's all we knew;
backbreaking boat cleaning,
time spending net mending's what we do;
along came a preacher, an extraordinary teacher and climbed into our boat -
'Push out on the water so the crowd can hear me speak, I'll preach as we float!'

'Hear the call! Leave it all!' Jesus said 'Come, follow me'
brand new start, a cleaned up heart; Jesus said 'Believe in me'
We can talk, as we walk, Jesus said 'You can be free,
now, follow me; come, follow me.'

Jesus was this preacher, and extraordinary teacher, who we'd just met.
When He finished speaking He said
'Sail to where its deeper, and let down your net.'
'We didn't catch a thing' we said, 'all though we fished all night', we said,
'but at Your word we will';
the biggest catch we'd ever seen, amazed, we fell down on our knees,
then we heard Him say: 'Hear the call....'

The invitation Jesus gives is there for all because He is the same today;
His love for you, His love for me is deeper than the deepest sea. It's just His way;
If we choose Him as a friend, life with Him will never end He's with us every day
a step of faith and we will find He has our very best in mind
when we hear Him say:



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Home Games



Verse fishing race

Jesus said to Peter, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5 verse 10

You will need:

- Cardboard (such as a cereal box)
- Fish template
- 10 card fish - from the cereal box
- 11 paper clips
- Timer - watch or phone
- Thin string or thread
- Small twigs about 20cm long
- Scissors
- A hole punch

Prepare to play

Use the fish template to make 15 fish shapes.

Write the verse (in pieces) on each fish as follows:

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| 1. Jesus said | 2. to Peter | 3. "Don't | 4. be afraid! |
| 5. From now on | 6. you'll be | 7. fishing | 8. for people. |
| 9. Luke 5 | 10. verse 10 | | |

Punch a hole in each fish's nose and put a paper clip through the hole. Make a fishing rod like this:

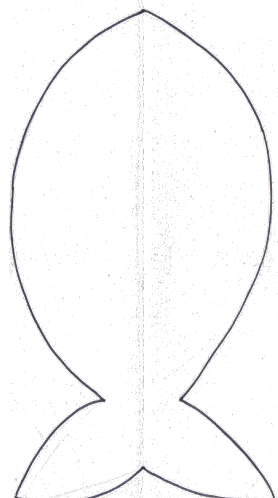
- Tie a string (or wool) to one end of the twig.
- Tie a paper clip at the other end of the string or wool.
- Open the paper clip slightly so that it is like a hook.

How to play

All competitors take turns to catch fish for 3 minutes.

The competitors must put the fish in verse order.

How many fish had the disciples caught before Jesus told them to try again?



Move the fish

You will need:

- Paper - around A4 size
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Something to colour with
- Newspaper or magazine

Preparing to play:

Cut a fish shape out of paper (about A4 size).

If you want to, why not decorate the fish.

How to play:

Use a newspaper or magazine to create a wind to blow the fish along the floor but without touching the fish.

Have a race with someone else in the family.

Who was the best fisherman in our story - Jesus or Peter?

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