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Calling the Disciples



This story is an invitation to choose discipleship of acceptance and inclusion. We often consider Jesus' calling of the disciples as a command rather than as a question.

However, the end of the Scripture actually says, "Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him." The men were called, but they had a choice to answer and accept that calling. They chose to leave what they knew and to become followers of Jesus.

The story also says that Jesus fishes for people. To fish for people is Jesus calling each of us to truly follow him. This is a calling for everyone. When we accept this calling, we are invited to be disciples and to share this message with the world.

Followers of Christ help others discover and come to know God through the example of Jesus. Everyone is invited to be part of this message and to share this invitation with others.

Everyone is called. Regardless of how similar or different, we are from each other, anyone can be a follower of Jesus Christ. When we choose to be a disciple, we get to help build a community in which everyone is included, bringing all of God's children together.

Spiritual Practice

Jesus was forming a community when he called his disciples. Jesus' disciples would include many different kinds of people. What kind of people would Jesus invite into his community today?

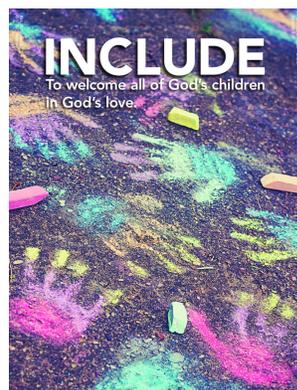
Draw a picture of the community Jesus would want today. Hang in on your wall as a reminder that God loves and welcomes all people. God wants us to do the same.



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Faith Word



Wonder Question

What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I'll show you how to fish for people"?



*Although we can't gather together
we can still gather with Christ.
We do miss our church family but
the church is WHERE WE ARE!*



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Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.

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Matthew 4:18-22

One day Jesus was walking along the sea when he saw two fishermen. The fishermen were the brothers, Peter and Andrew. The brothers were out fishing on the water.

Jesus called out to Peter and Andrew, "Come, follow me! I will teach you how to fish for people." Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed Jesus.

I wonder: When was a time you followed Jesus?



Jesus walked farther down the shore where he saw two more brothers, James and John, who were mending their nets with their father.

Jesus said to the men, "Come and follow me!" James and John left the boat and their father, and followed Jesus.



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Fishing

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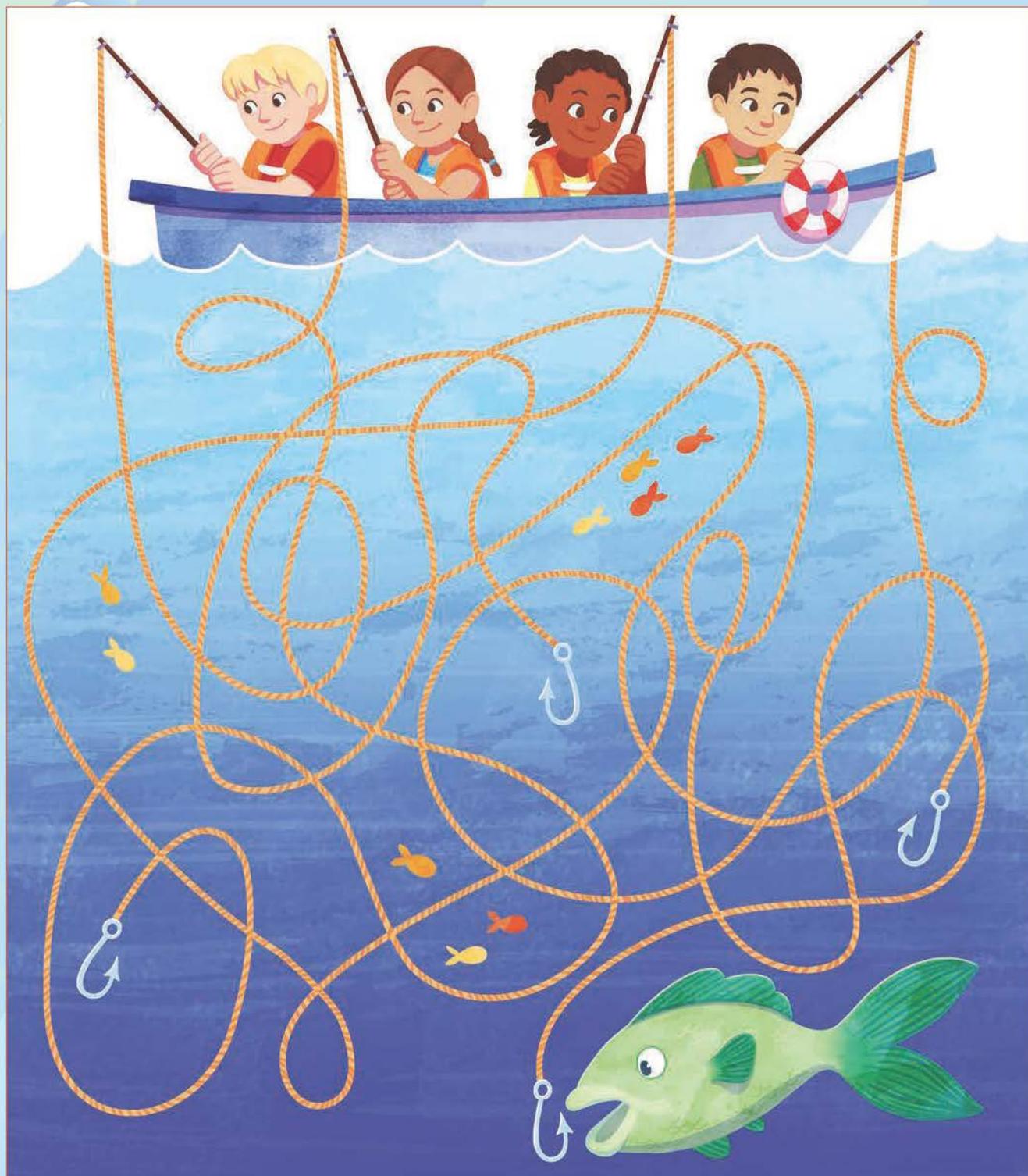
Instructions:

1. Cut out the fish, front and back, on the outer solid line.
2. Fold the two halves of the fish along the dotted line.
3. Tape three sides of the fish closed.
4. Stuff the open side of the fish with cotton balls.
5. Complete taping the fish closed.
6. Punch a hole in the top of the fish and string fishing line through the hole.

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Follow the Fish

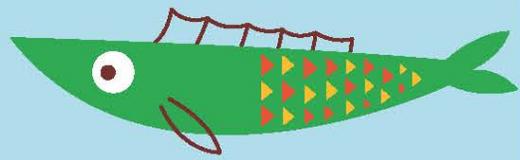
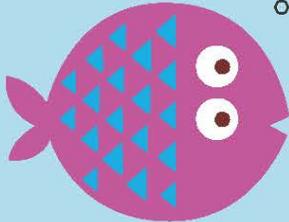
Follow the fishing lines to catch a fish.



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Fish Facts

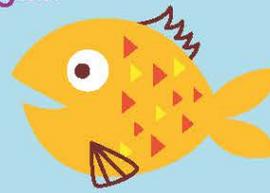
Fish breathe through an organ called **gills**.



A person who studies fish is called an **ichthyologist**.

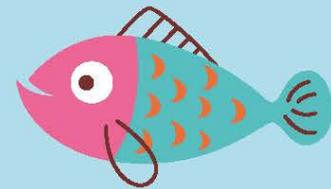
Fish have a **good** sense of sight, touch, and taste.

Some fish are **camouflaged** to hide from prey.

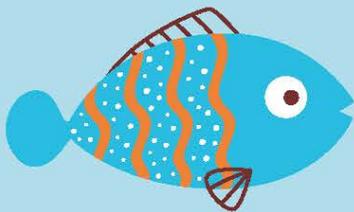


Fish are found all over the **world**.

Fish see in the dark with a special organ called the **lateral line**, which is like a radar and helps them to navigate.



There are over **30,000** known species of fish.



About half of the species of fish live in the **ocean**, while the other half live in freshwater environments like **lakes, rivers, and streams**.



Although **jellyfish** and **crayfish** have the word "fish" in their name, they aren't actually fish.



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Disciple Reflection

Instructions

Respond to the journaling questions.

What makes a good disciple?

When I grow up, I imagine that I will be a good disciple by doing...



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Chart Your Discipleship

Instructions

Make a timeline below of ways you've grown in discipleship over the years.

The chart consists of five horizontal, rounded rectangular boxes stacked vertically. Each box is outlined with a thick, vibrant border and has a small circle of the same color on its left side. The boxes are colored from top to bottom: blue, teal, orange, purple, and red. Each box is currently empty, intended for the user to write their own experiences and growth in discipleship.

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Favorite things to do:

1. 2. 3.

Draw Yourself:

Name:

Age:

Favorite quote:

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CELEBRATE WONDER WINTER EDITION



As you make space for God in your home this winter season, Grace will provide you with the resources you need to foster your child's spiritual formation. Each week we provide a children's newsletter with lesson activities from December 2020 - February 2021 to share God's truths with your child at your pace.

Here are some upcoming lessons for January

January 3

The Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

January 10

Jesus' Baptism

Matthew 3:13-17

January 17

Calling the Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22

January 24

Showing Love

Matthew 5:43-48

January 31

God's Kingdom

Luke 13:18-21

From Church to Home

Deuteronomy 6:4-8 is a key text in thinking about what making disciples at home look like. How do you help your children love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength? Deuteronomy 6:7 says, "Talk about it when you sit down in your house, and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

In other words, as you go throughout each day and week, talk about the Lord with your children. Talk about it on the ride home from school, on the way to practice, around the kitchen table, as you get ready in the morning, or before you go to bed each night. These conversations don't have to be formal or equate to a Bible study. Ask them questions and listen to the struggles and problems they face. Think through gospel truths your student needs to hear. Find ways to connect those truths to their life.

While your child might now want to hear it from you or may appear not to listen, these words and moments can have a lasting impact long after the awkwardness or silence of these conversations. The beauty of a church committed to making disciples is that parents and pastors have the opportunity to echo the same truths into the lives of children and teenagers through a mosaic of relationships. Think of your parenting as having a cumulative impact on the direction of your child's life. It most likely won't be one particular conversation that changes everything, but it will be the every day, as you go, ordinary moments that shape and mold who your child is in Christ.

Spiritual Practice for Adults

Have you ever felt called to do something, but you didn't feel equipped or qualified? What did you do? How did you respond? It's a choice to answer a calling, and it can be hard. This week find a rock or a stone. Hold it tight and consider where you are being called. Say the following prayer: "God, who calls us all, it can be hard to follow you. Help me remember I can choose to be included in your vision to share your love with the whole world. Amen."