

Story Time - Read the story to the children

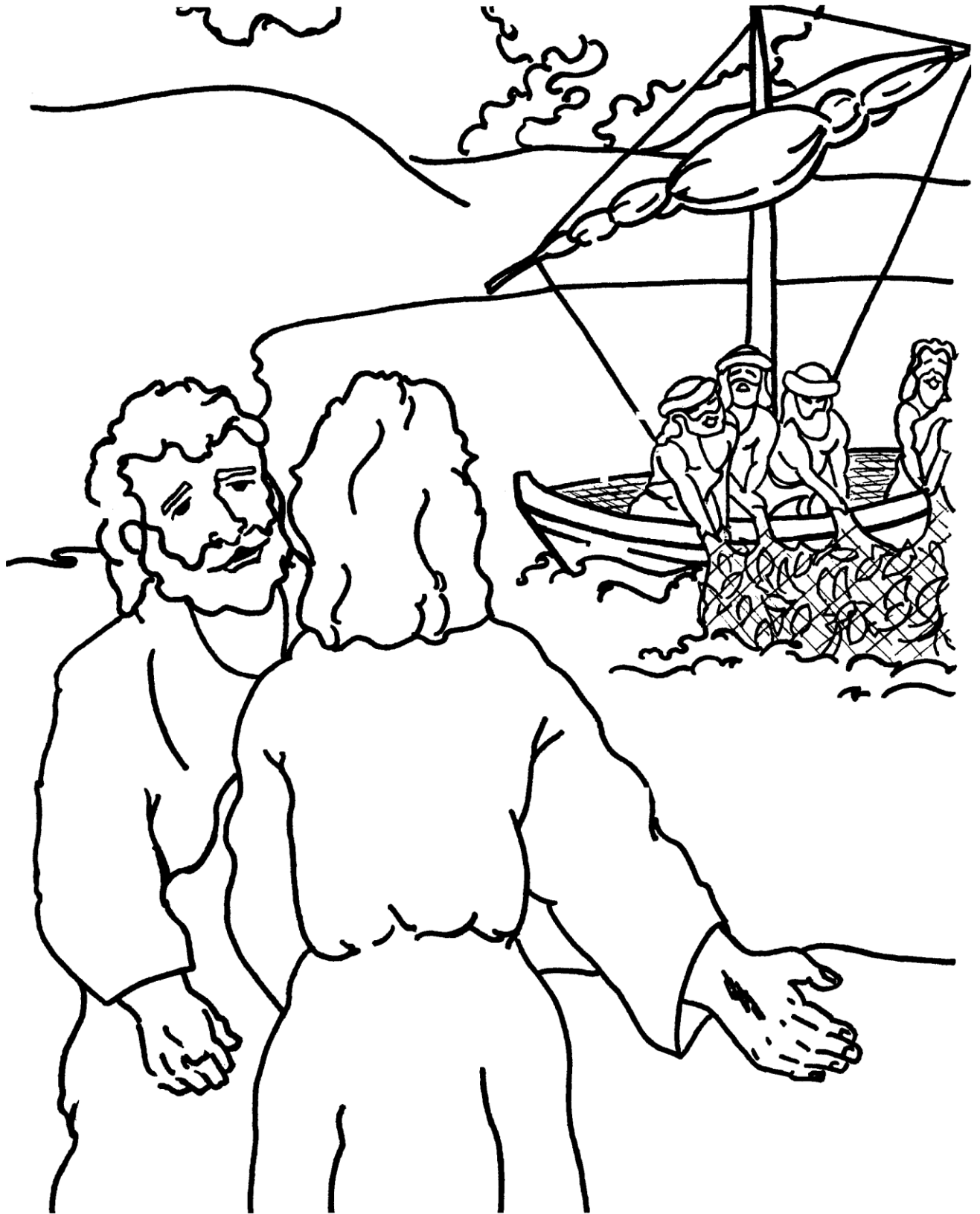
Lesson 179: THE FISHERS OF MEN

LUKE 5:1-11, 6:12-16

As Jesus stood beside Lake Galilee, a crowd of people pushed to get closer to him and to hear the teachings of God. Jesus saw two boats at the shore of the lake but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon. He asked Simon to push off a little from the shore. Then he sat down in the boat and taught the people on the shore. When Jesus finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Take the boat into the deep water. If all of you will put your nets into the water, you will catch some fish." Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night trying to catch fish and caught nothing. But you say I should put the nets into the water, so I will." The fishermen put their nets into the water. Their nets were filled with so many fish that they began to break. They called to their friends in the other boat to come and help them. The friends came, and both boats were filled so full of fish that they were almost sinking. The fishermen were all amazed at the many fish they caught. When Simon Peter saw this, he bowed down before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!" James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were amazed too. (James and John worked together with Simon.) Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on your work will be to bring in people, not fish!" The men brought their boats to the shore. They left everything and followed Jesus.

A few days later, Jesus went out to a mountain to pray. He stayed there all night praying to God. The next morning he called his followers. He chose twelve of them and called them apostles. These are the ones he chose: Simon (Jesus named him Peter), Andrew, brother of Peter, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, the son of Alphaeus, Simon, called the Zealot, Judas, the son of James, Judas Iscariot (the one who turned against Jesus).

179. THE FISHERS OF MEN
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"Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him." *Matthew 4:19 – 20*

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MEMORY VERSE:

"And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" MATTHEW 4:19

Review Questions

True or False

1. As Jesus stood beside lake Galilee a multitude of people pushed closer to hear the teachings of God.
2. He saw two sharks by the lake, but the fishermen were washing their nets.
3. He got into Simon's boat and asked him to push out a little away from the shore.
4. And He sat down and began fishing.
5. When He stopped teaching He told Simon to go to the deep water and put out their nets again to catch some fish.

Questions

1. Who's boat did Jesus get into?
2. What did Jesus tell Simon to do after He finished teaching?
3. Did Simon do what Jesus told him to do?
4. Did he think that they would catch some more fish? Why not?
5. What did Simon do after they caught all those fish?
6. What did Jesus tell Simon about fishing?
7. How many disciples did Jesus choose?

Lesson 179 Activity

"Fishers of Men" Skit

Have the children act out the "Fishers of Men" Story. Choose one or two groups of children to play the parts of Jesus, Simon Peter, James, and John. Have the groups perform their reenactments for the class. Make sure the class responds to each group with enthusiastic applause.

PRAYER Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to follow Jesus and live for Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.

Color & Paste Fish Into the Net



