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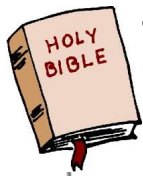


The theme this month in Sunday School is 'Our part in God's Church' - we are learning how Jesus called the 12 disciples and how we are to be a part of that call in our lives of sharing the good news of Jesus. Here are some activities you could do together with your family. Have fun!

## YEAR 2

### Unit 9 OUR PART IN GOD'S CHURCH

#### LESSON 1: BUILDING CHURCH - Fishers of Men



### BIBLE BLAST

Today's lesson is all about the calling of the first Disciples.

It is found in **Matthew 4:18-22**. **Read the passage together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.**

This passage tells the story of how Jesus called his first disciples – Peter, Andrew, James and John. Two sets of brothers; these men were fishermen on the sea of Galilee.

When walking along the shore, Jesus spotted Peter & Andrew fishing and called them to follow Him, and He would make them fishers of men. They immediately left their boats behind and the same thing happened with James & John.

As disciples of Jesus, it is our call to follow Him as these men did – with all our hearts and our lives. Fishing for men is obviously different to fishing for fish, but as we follow Jesus it is our role to draw people closer to Him by our actions, our words and our faith.



## THINK !



### PRAYER FEET!

Let everyone show their feet! (shoes on, Shoes off, in sock soles, bare feet!)

Remind them that God has a journey planned for us, and the journey of following Jesus is a great adventure! Somewhere where our feet will take us!

Ask the children to think about when it is difficult to follow Jesus, and ask God for His help and encouragement.

**Jesus, thank you for your love for us.  
Help us to follow you.  
Help us to show others how to follow you too. Amen.**



Play a game called "Follow The Leader".

Choose a leader. Play the game "Do this, Do that!"

Let them show the actions and everyone else must follow.

When they say, "Do this" they must put an action to it, e.g. hands up in the air (everyone must follow).

Keep doing this until they say, "Do that" and show an action BUT this time no one must follow the action, otherwise they are out!!

Let others be the leader and "Follow The Leader".

**Some of you will know that people follow famous people on Instagram or Snapchat. People like singers and actors often have millions of followers.**

**When we followed the leader we copied their actions, that's what following Jesus means TO BE LIKE JESUS.**



## Memory Verse

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE  
to learn Matthew 28:19 in Makaton  
(a Signs & Symbols language)  
Find it on our YouTube channel  
Downanddromore



‘Therefore go and make disciples  
of all nations,  
baptising them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit’  
Matthew 28:19



Our story today is about following . . .  
following Jesus.

Jesus was in a town by the sea of Galilee. The sea of Galilee was full of lots of lovely fish, so what jobs do you think the people had who worked there? Fishermen! As He was walking by, He spotted two fishermen brothers working on their boat – their names were Peter and Andrew. They were throwing a net into the water to catch some fish. Jesus called out to them saying – “Come, and follow me – and I will teach you how to fish for people!”

What a strange thing to say!  
How can you fish for people?

The strangest thing of all was that Peter and Andrew did just as He said! They left their boats and followed Him! And as they walked up the shore together, they met two other brothers, James and John – and the same thing happened!

They became the first followers of Jesus. Disciples! And now many years later Jesus asks us to follow Him too. It means loving others the way Jesus loved others. It means loving the people around us and the people we don't like. It means looking after the sick and the poor.

### Age 5-7

How can we follow Jesus?  
Can we really fish for men?  
What does that mean?  
Is it easy to follow Jesus? Or is it hard?



### Age 8-10

How can you follow Jesus in your life?  
What does it mean to fish men?  
What things are easy/hard about following Jesus?  
How/when/where can we tell others about Jesus?

## CRAFTS



**FISHING ROD** You will need: fish, rod - can be a pencil, scissors, colouring pencils/felt-tips, string/wool/ribbon, hole punch, decorating materials.

1. Cut out and decorate the fish template or they might want to draw their own design of fish!
2. Let the children know that they are fishing for men/woman/friends/family etc and write the name of someone they know, whom they would love to know Jesus, onto each fish.
3. Hole punch the fish at the mouth end and tie string through, attach to rod.



JIGSAW DDYC Pinterest site 'Year 2 Unit 9 Our part in God's Church'

A colouring page to print off, colour in and chat about the story together.

**Jesus says, "Follow me."**

Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:40-42



# Fishing for People

# PUZZLE PAGE

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

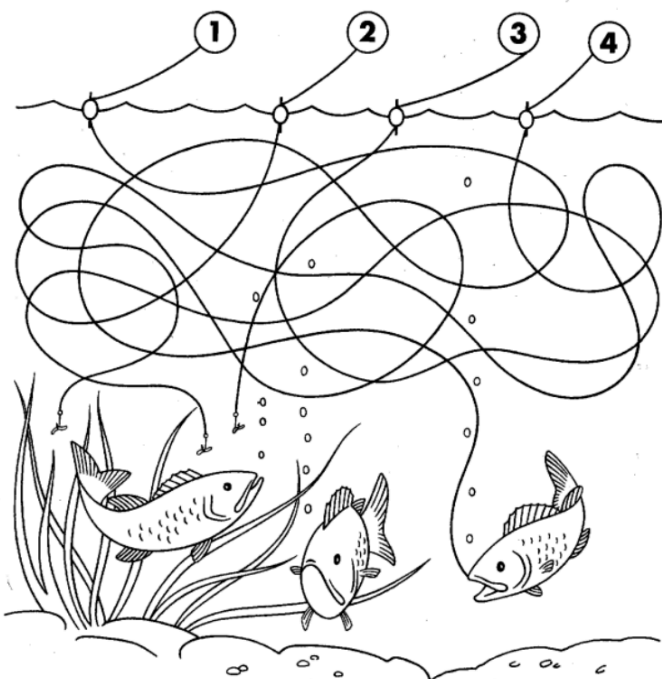
The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).

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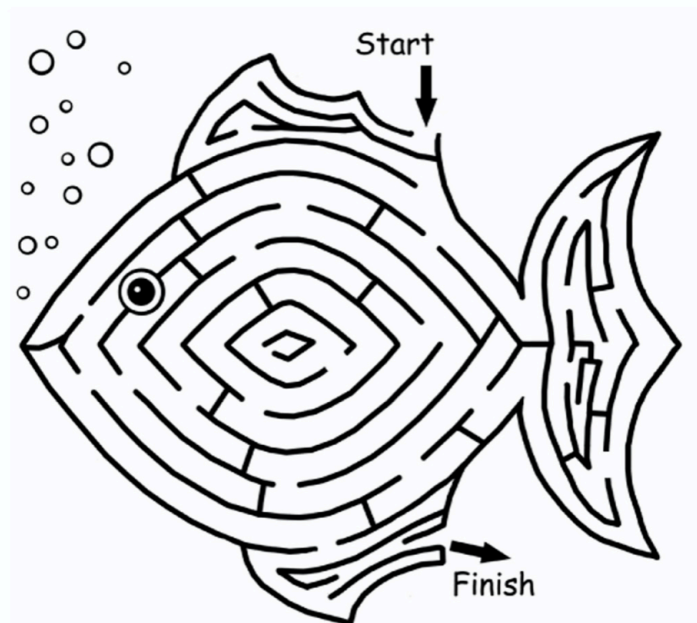
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## CATCH A FISH



WHICH LINE WOULD YOU PULL IN TO CATCH THE FISH?

## I like to follow Jesus!



**From now on, you will fish for people.**

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