

**Theme**

Telling others about Jesus.

**Object**

A rod and reel or other fishing equipment.

**Scripture**

Matthew 4:18-23

Our Bible lesson today has something to do with fishing.

One day, Jesus was walking along the seashore when he saw two brothers named Peter and Andrew. Jesus knew they made their living by fishing, so He called out to them, "Follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Do you know what they did? They laid down their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus wants you and me to fish for people, too. That means that Jesus wants us to tell others about what He has done for us and what He wants to do for them. Fishing for people is a lot like fishing for fish.

First, we need to be properly equipped. We need to know what the Bible teaches and learn how to share it with others.

Next, we go out where the people are and tell them about Jesus.

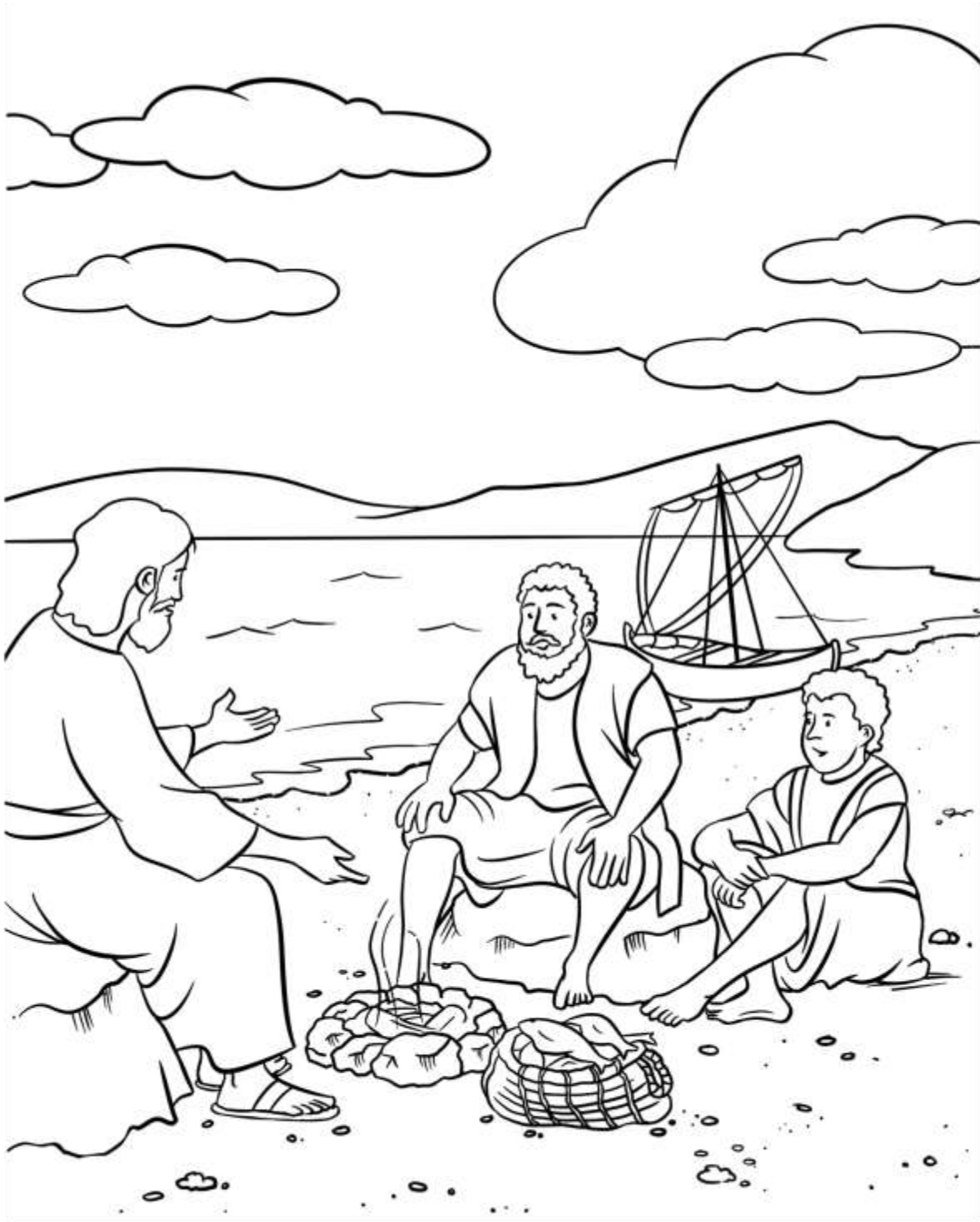
Finally, we must be patient.

If we will do these things, we can really become fishers of people like Jesus wants us to be. If you think there is a great feeling of excitement in catching a fish, just imagine how exciting it must be to bring someone to Jesus!

Dear Jesus, help us become fishers of people. Help us tell others what You have done for us and what you want to do for them. In Jesus' name, amen

## Fishing for People (Matthew)

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## Fishing for People Crossword

# Fishing for People

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

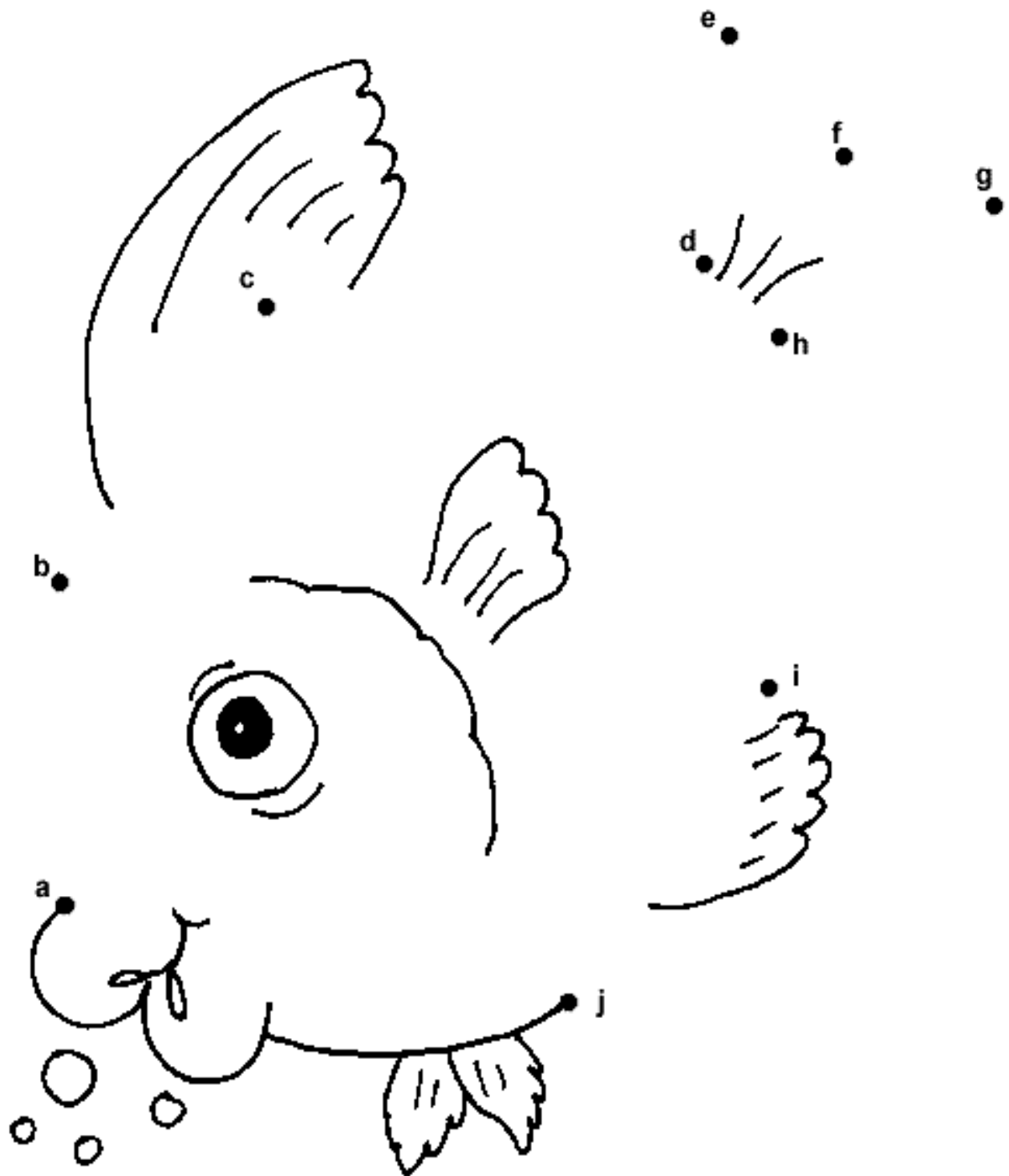
The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).



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X O H L R G K T R G P I O C A  
X W L E S C H L O A N L N A S  
Z O T E B A H B T L M W E G T  
F A M U W T I O H I B L N T Q  
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J S Z M D I V E S E W L E J I  
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D X B U H Y B S I T T I N G N  
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BROTHERS	JAMES	NETS	COME	GALILEE
BOAT	PETER	WATER	FOLLOW	BEHIND
ANDREW	LIVING	JESUS	SITTING	FISH
WALKING	PEOPLE	JOHN	SHORE	LEAVING

Connect the Dots



## Fishing for People Activity:

**Key theme:** Fishing for People



### Materials:

- Construction paper or cardstock
- Goldfish crackers (optional)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- String or pipe cleaners
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers or other decorations

### How to Make It

1. Draw a fish shape on a piece of paper or cardstock.
2. Decorate the paper with captions, verses, stickers, and a personal message inviting others to Sunday School.
3. Add stickers, eyes, glitter, or other "fish" elements as desired.
4. Cut out the fish shape. Add a string or pipe cleaner if desired. Tape or string goldfish crackers, if desired. Identify a recipient and invite a friend to church!