

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Disciples

from Luke 5:1-11, 8:1-3

Jesus calls ordinary people to be disciples.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jesus
- Disciple
- Fish
- Simon Peter
- Catch

A disciple is anybody who is a learner or student who tries to follow Jesus by studying his words, actions, teachings, and story. Doing this changes your life!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 258-263

Spark Bible pages 1135, 1140

Family Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for calling perfectly ordinary people to be your followers. Help us to answer that call in the way we live as a family. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1** Whom do you know that follows Jesus today?
- 2** What other amazing things do you know about Jesus?
- 3** What other stories about the disciples do you know?
- 4** Shuffle a deck of cards. Take turns drawing one without looking. Every time you draw an odd number, talk about a difficult thing you've had to learn to do. If you draw an even number, share how you are a disciple. If you draw a face card, sing a silly song.



Eye Spark

When you see (or eat!) fish, remember the amazing story of Jesus and the disciples and boats overflowing with fish.



Ear Spark

Next time you hear someone calling your name, remember that Jesus calls you by name to be his disciple.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Using your Spark Story Bible or Spark Bible, see how many stories about the disciples you can find. What did these people do before they were disciples? What did they do after they became disciples? How did their lives change when they started to follow Jesus and learn from him?

For younger kids

Look up the word "disciple" in a dictionary. Make a sticky-note reminder or a picture for your refrigerator illustrating the definition.

For older kids

Using an image search engine or a digital camera, put together a slide show of pictures of people being disciples of Jesus—caring for the poor, studying the Bible, worshipping God etc.

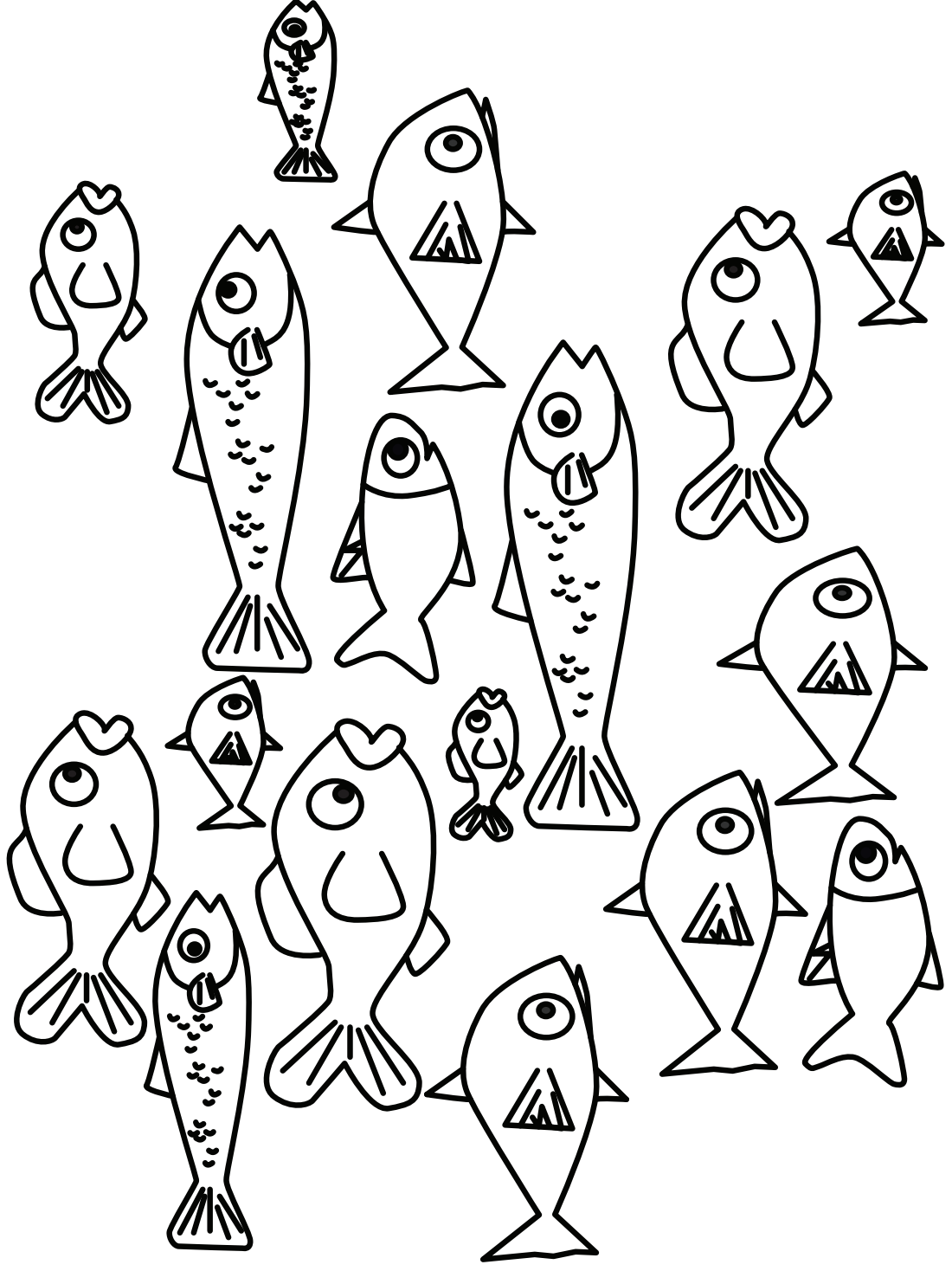
The Disciples



“Hey, Simon and Andrew! Hey, James and John! Follow me!”

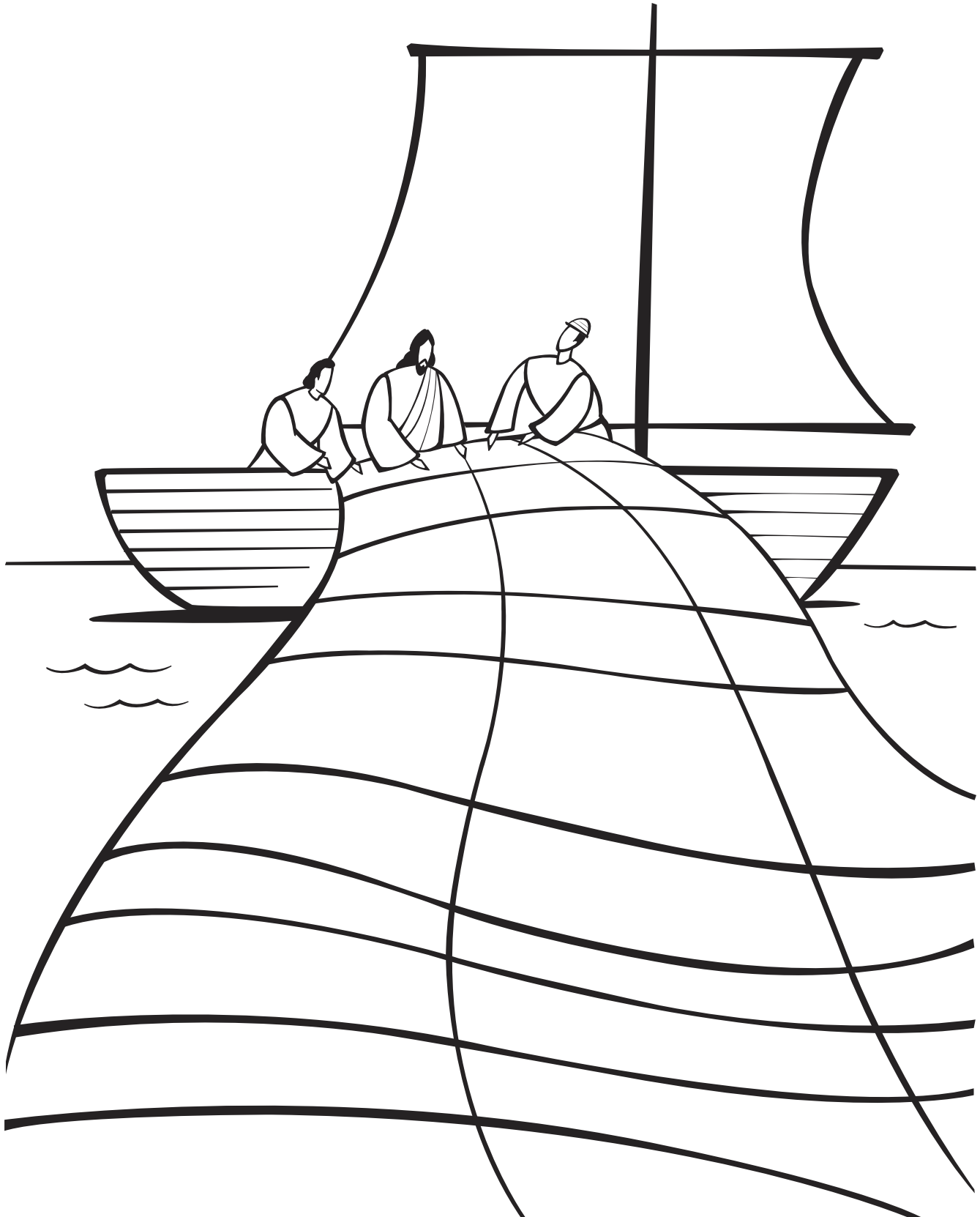
Gone Fishing

Simon and Andrew want to catch some fish, but they've lost their net! Help them out by drawing a net around the school of fish. Then, color the picture with crayons or markers.



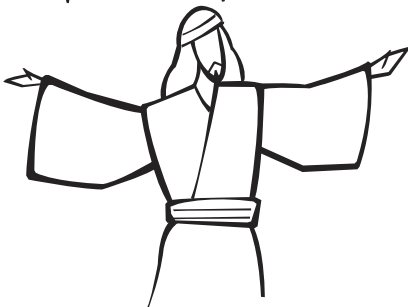
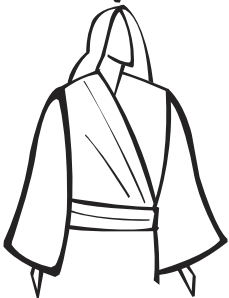
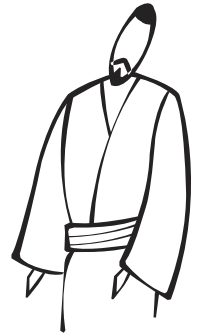
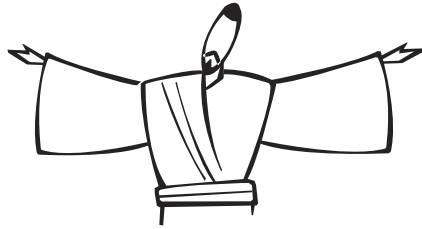
Gone Fishing

Jesus told the disciples that they would be catching people. In the net below, write the names of people who follow Jesus now. How many can you think of?

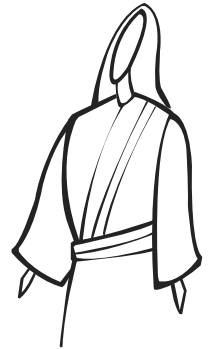


Discover the Disciples

Find the disciples in this Jumble Word Search. If you have extra time, find the eleven Bold and Italic letters and unscramble them to find two words that describe what these men and women did.



A M S U S A N N A C Y P U O X P **F** G
 J G D H K E R J B K E H D A E T D U
 O B A F M V B A L C G I **J** Q P H K H
 H J **L** Q P D N M F J A L F W Y O A B
 N S I M O N P E T E R I C Z E M C U
 H **D** R T A I F S D M B P G N B A V **S**
 P A V S Q T M H A V N R E J X S O A
 C N P E H T T V Q B R L H B U I J Q
 I D B G R W L H Z S A N U A S D U E
 W R A V F G H O E D C Z D R N T A **L**
 K E H C M A W X G W Y S W T O W M S
 L W C **D** N T L A Y **U** Z I C H V B H J
 A Q M N G R M K T E A M B O K R L U
 P X A K S Y I N O R J U D L E G T D
E O T U R D Y P F Q P A X O Q **S** I E
 J I B A T M F J M N J P M M J F A Y
 H E M J E D **W** R J K B Z I E Y Z O T
 C D V I S I M O N R F A Q W S F N G



SIMON
 PETER
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 JAMES
 JOANNA

ANDREW
 BARTHOLOMEW
 SIMON
 SUSANNA

JAMES
 MATTHEW
 JUDE
 MARYMAGDALENE

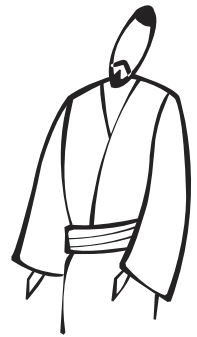
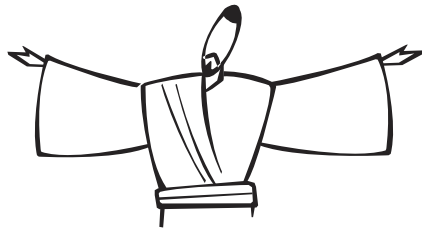
JOHN
 THOMAS
 JUDAS

These men and women were called to:



Discover the Disciples Solution

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A 15x15 word search grid with the following words highlighted:

- S U S A N N A (horizontal, row 1, col 3-10)
- J B K E H (vertical, col 7, row 2-4)
- J Q P H K H (vertical, col 11, row 2-4)
- L Q P D N M F J A (vertical, col 3, row 5-7)
- S I M O N P E T E R (horizontal, row 5, col 1-10)
- D R T A I F S D M B P G N B A V S (horizontal, row 6, col 1-15)
- A V S Q T M H A V N R E J X S O A (horizontal, row 7, col 1-15)
- C N P E H T T V Q B R L H B U I J Q (horizontal, row 8, col 1-15)
- I D B G R W L H Z S A N U A S D U E (horizontal, row 9, col 1-15)
- W R A V F G H O E D C Z D R N T A L (horizontal, row 10, col 1-15)
- K E H C M A W X G W Y S W T O W M S (horizontal, row 11, col 1-15)
- L W C D N T L A Y U Z I C H V B H J (horizontal, row 12, col 1-15)
- A Q M N G R M K T E A M B O K R L U (horizontal, row 13, col 1-15)
- P X A K S Y I N O R J U D L E G T D (horizontal, row 14, col 1-15)
- E O T U R D Y P F Q P A X O Q S I E (horizontal, row 15, col 1-15)
- J I B A T M F J M N J P M M J F A Y (horizontal, row 16, col 1-15)
- H E M J E D W R J K B Z I E Y Z O T (horizontal, row 17, col 1-15)
- C D V I S I M O N R F A Q W S F N G (horizontal, row 18, col 1-15)

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J E S U S

