

Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, January 7, 2024

JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS

Mark 1:1-20; Mark 2:1-22

Key Verse:

[Jesus said] "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:15

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:5

The Point:

Jesus welcomes everyone into God's kingdom.

Making Connections:

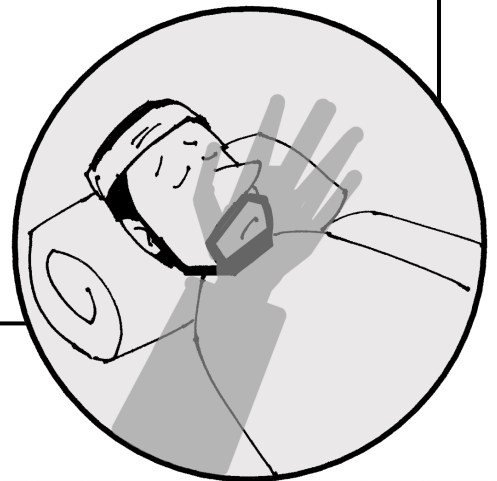
God's Kingdom Announced

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

What Is the Bible? (New Testament)

Spiritual Practice:

Service



JESUS' DISCIPLES

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Then, see how many of the names (in bold) that you can find in the word search.

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___ We were brothers, the sons of Zebedee. (Mark 1:19-20)

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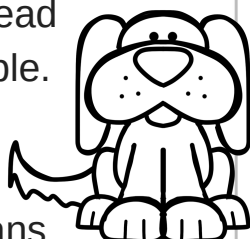
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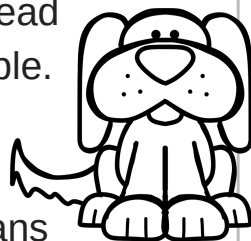
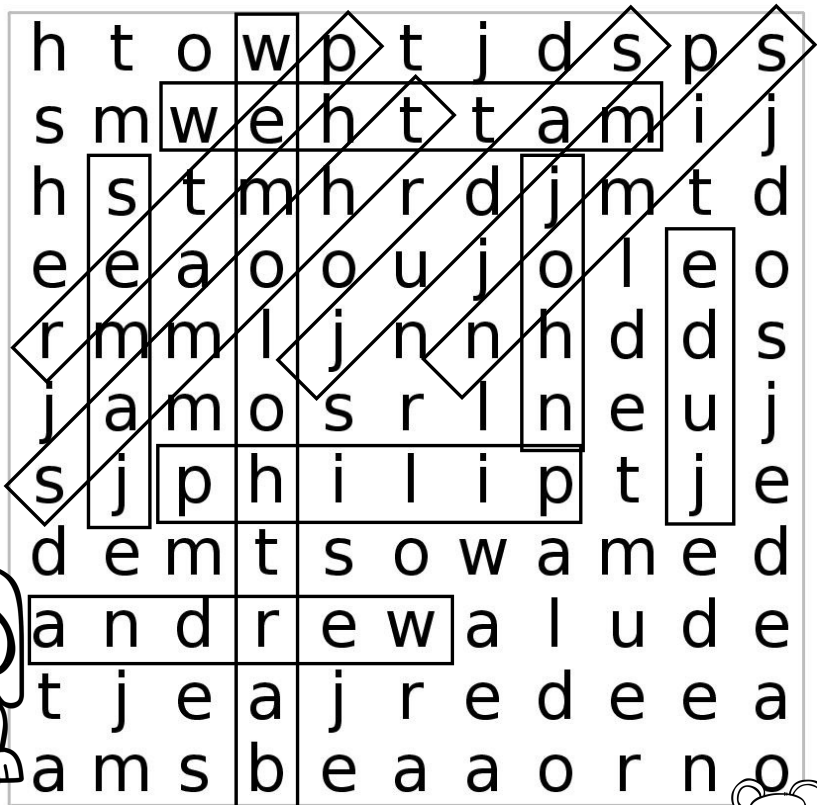
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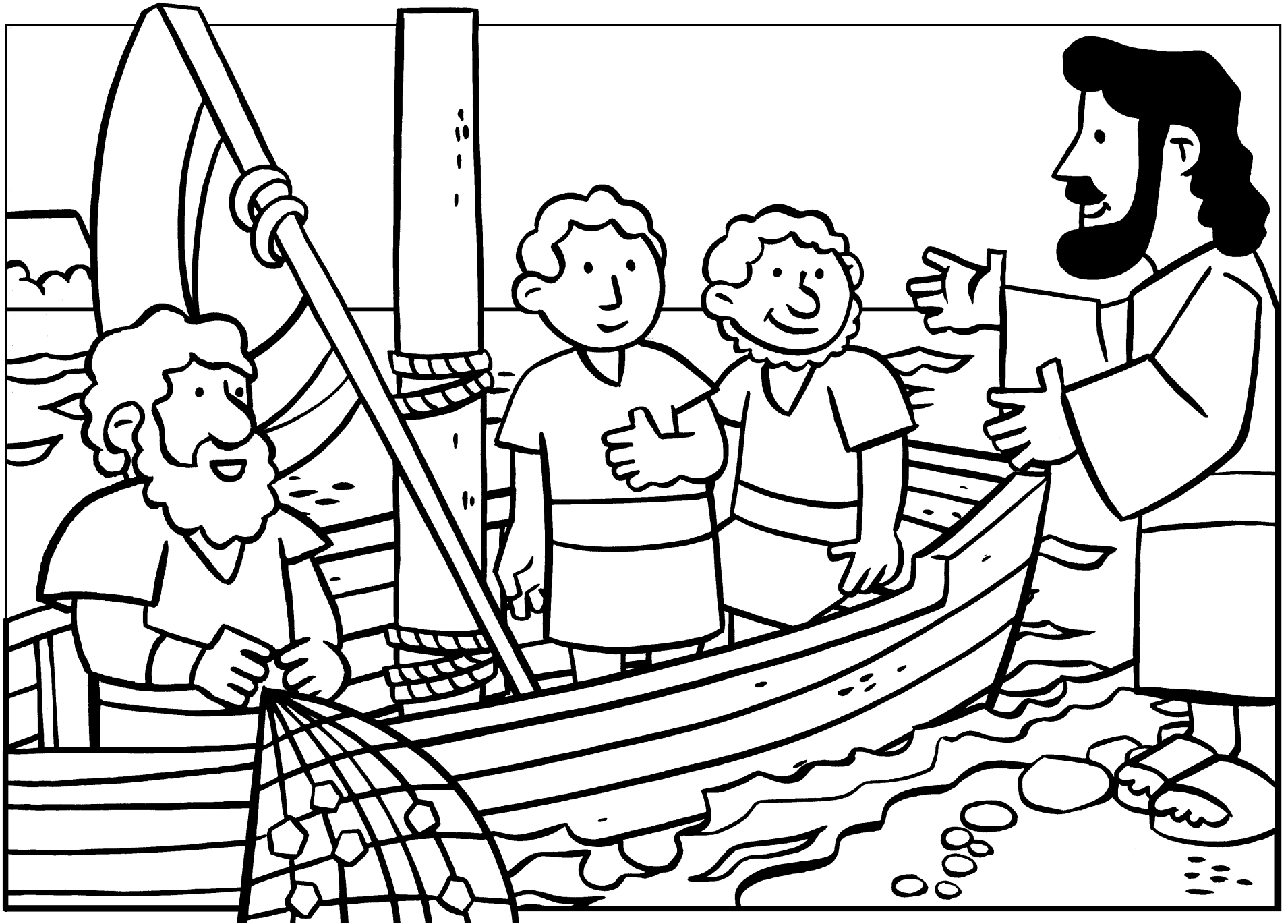
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Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



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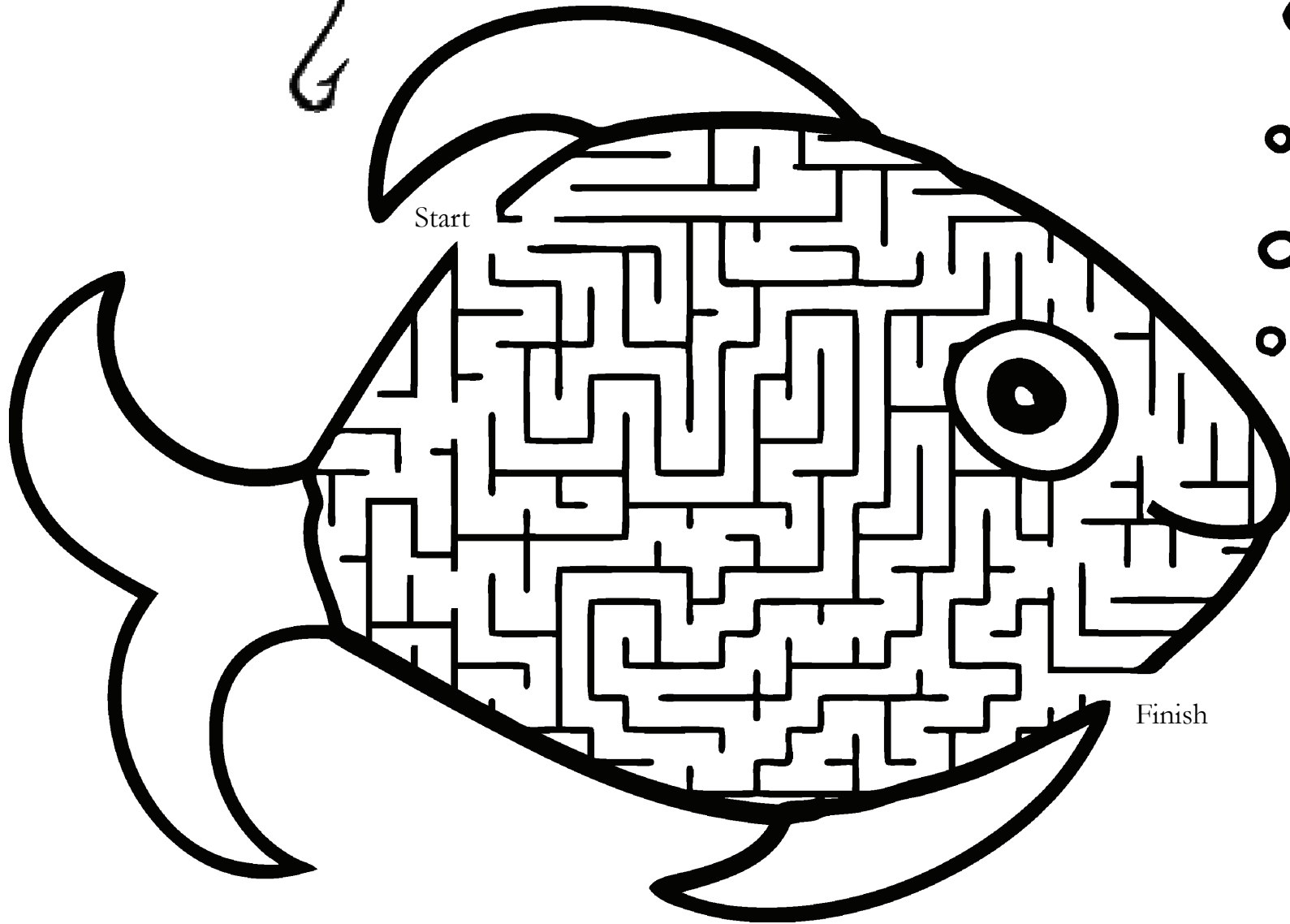
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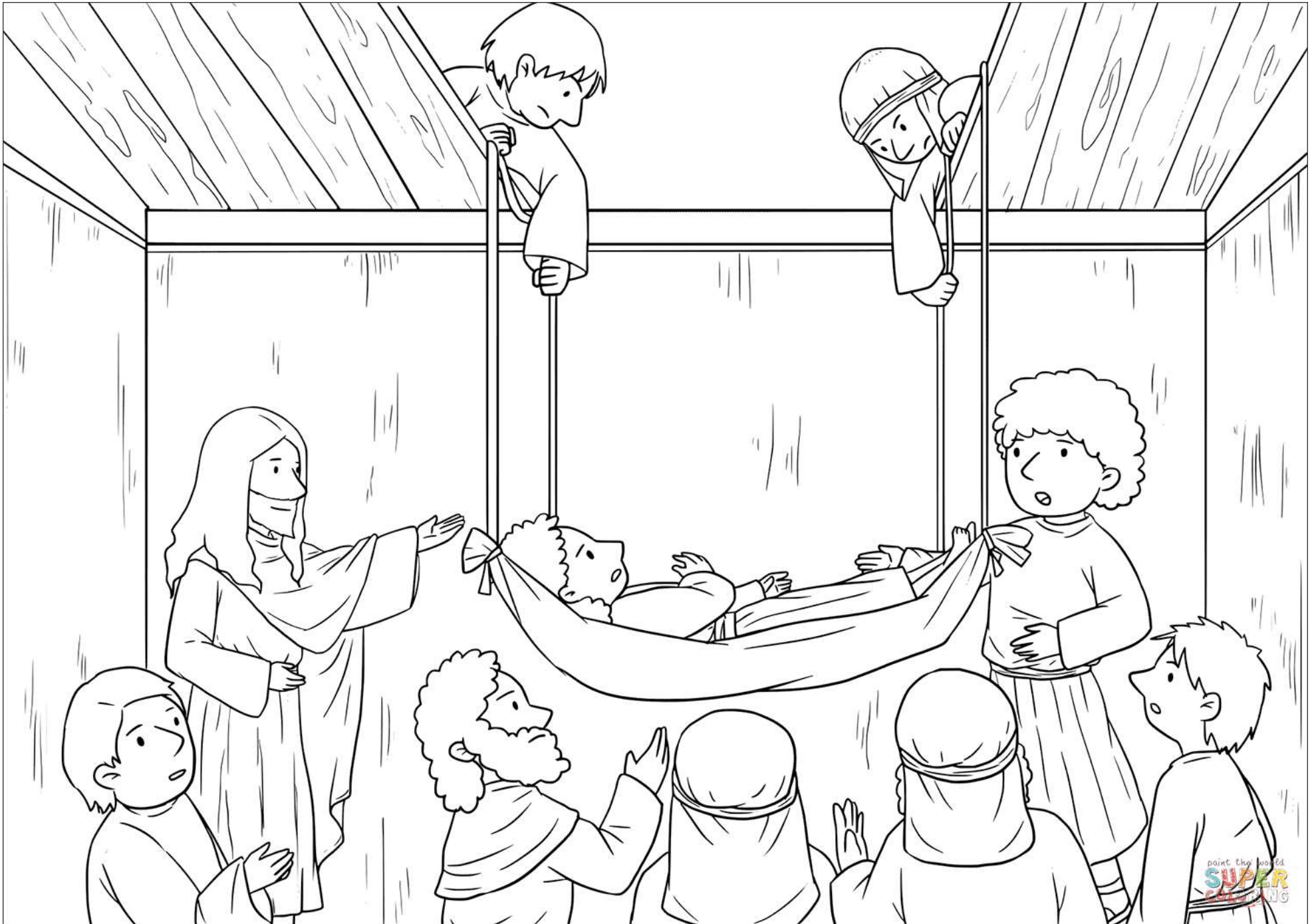
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BROTHER
JAMES

SIMON
BELIEVE
FATHER
LAKE

FISHERS of MEN



And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” **Mark 1:17**





Jesus' Baptism

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Breaking news!

Characters:

- News Anchor
- News Reporters (1-2 students)
- John the Baptist
- Simon

Props:

- Toilet paper or paper towel tube microphones for each reporter
- Optional: costumes

(The news anchor sits at a desk or table in the middle of the room. The reporters and scenes are spread out behind the reporter.)

News Anchor: Welcome to B.I.B.L.E. News at 10:00. It has been a busy time in and around the region. People can't stop talking about a man named Jesus who has recently emerged as a new leader in the area...and he is changing lives. It all started on the banks of the Jordan River. Let's go to our reporter who saw what happened and I believe there is a witness as well. Are you there?

Reporter 1: Yes, I am here. And I have John the Baptist with me. It was quite a scene here at the river! John was going about his everyday work of baptizing people. But then he let the cat out of the bag about this new guy coming. What was it you said about him first, John?

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Breaking news!

John the Baptist: I only spoke the truth when I said that he who is coming after me is more powerful than me. While I baptize people with water, he will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Reporter 1: (*Confused.*) Hmmm. yeah...whatever that means. So then I understand that you baptized him?

John the Baptist: Of course I did! But what I did isn't as important as what God had to say about it.

Reporter 1: Yes, you all should have been here. As soon as Jesus stepped up out of the water, this big bird that looked like a dove came swooping down on him and a voice that could only come from God boomed out: "You are my Son, the Beloved: with you I am well pleased." It was unbelievable!

News Anchor: Unbelievable indeed! But it doesn't stop there, folks! There are reports that Jesus disappeared somewhere into the wilderness for 40 days where he was tempted by the devil but pledged allegiance to God alone. And then, this John that we spoke to was arrested and taken away. There is scandal everywhere! Let's go to the Sea of Galilee to see what happened next.

Reporter 2: Thank you! Here I am at the Sea of Galilee. Not long ago, Jesus came here and stated that "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near." Many people are still trying to figure out what he meant by that, but others are taking action. I have with me Simon, a fisherman from the area. Simon, can you tell me what is going on?

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Breaking news!

Simon: It's really an amazing time. My brother Andrew and I were just going about our fishing business one day when Jesus came to us and asked us to follow him. He said we should stop fishing in the sea and come with him to fish for people.

Reporter 2: So, did you?

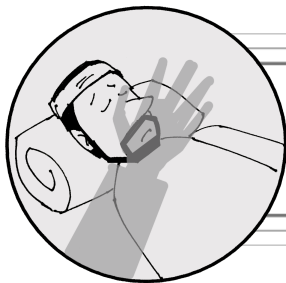
Simon: Of course we did, and we did it right then and there. When Jesus comes, you can't help but listen to him. When he asks you to do something, you do it. Andrew and I left our nets right away and so did James and John.

Reporter 2: So, what did you do? If you weren't fishing, what *were* you doing?

Simon: Well, first we went to Capernaum where Jesus taught all of the people in the synagogue. He knew more than the wisest of the rabbis. Then there was a little issue with a man who had an unclean spirit inside of him. Jesus amazed us all when he demanded that the spirit come out—and it obeyed him.

Reporter 2: Even the spirits obey this man. No wonder so many people are following him. Well, you heard it here first! Back to you at the station.

News Anchor: What news we have today! Jesus has definitely brought change to our region—and to the world. And, I bet this isn't the last we will hear about this man who is changing life as we know it. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. This is channel B.I.B.L.E. News signing off.



THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Mark 1:1-20; Mark 2:1-22

LAST WEEK

Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth are told they will have a son named John, a prophet who will lead the way to Jesus (Luke 1:5-13 [14-25], 57-80).

THIS WEEK

Jesus is baptized and tempted, begins his ministry, and calls his first disciples. Later, he forgives and heals a paralyzed man and eats with people the religious leaders do not approve of. (Mark 1:1-20; Mark 2:1-22).

STORY SUMMARY

Jesus' Ministry Begins

In the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark, the writer introduces Jesus, tells of his baptism and temptation, and shares the first of his teachings and signs. Jesus' first sermon is an announcement that the kingdom of God has come. He goes on to show what he means: Jesus casts out demons, heals the sick, and proclaims God's word. God's love has entered the world that is full of despair and illness, bringing the gifts of hope and promise. Jesus goes on to forgive a man and heal him, call a despised tax collector to be his disciple, and share a meal with other outsiders.

PRACTICE SERVICE

During the holidays, people often make an effort to help others. But when the holidays are over, people go back to their everyday lives, having done their good deed for the year. But Jesus calls us to a lifetime of service and caring for others. Commit to one idea to extend your service throughout the year.

NEXT WEEK

Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God through the Parables of the Sower, Mustard Seed, and others (Mark 4:1-34)

THE POINT

Jesus welcomes everyone into God's kingdom.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

What is the Bible? (New Testament)

The first 39 books of the Bible are called the Old Testament. The remaining 27 books are called the New Testament. The first section of the New Testament is called the Gospels. The word "Gospel" means "good news" and these four books tell the story of Jesus. The Book of Acts follows the Gospels and tells the story of the early church. The next section is called Letters, and includes 21 letters written by the apostle Paul and other writers. These letters contain advice on how to live as followers of Jesus in community. The final section of the New Testament includes only one book: the Book of Revelation. This is a collection of visions that describe God's ultimate victory over the evil and suffering of our world.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme of God's Kingdom Announced?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Mark 2:18-22

Jesus forgives sins.

Pray for forgiveness for one specific thing that you have done.

Monday—Read Mark 2:23-28

Grain on the Sabbath.

Eat a snack of crackers while you read this passage.

Tuesday—Read Mark 3:1-6

A Sabbath healing.

Jesus knows that caring for people is more important than laws. What would you risk to help someone?

Wednesday—Read Mark 3:7-12

More public healings.

Make a "boat" out of cushions, pillows, or blankets. Get away from the crowd in your boat as you read this story.

Thursday—Read Mark 3:13-19

Jesus appoints the twelve.

Describe how you would have felt to be chosen as one of the twelve.

Friday—Read Mark 3:20-27

Plundering the strongman.

Demonstrate being divided against each other by playing a game of tug-o-war.

Saturday—Read Mark 3:28-35

Mothers and brothers.

Talk about someone that you feel close to that you are not directly related to.