

Family Page



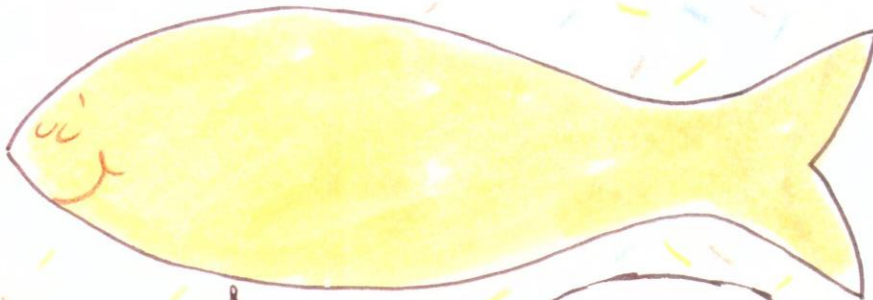
Usually when we hear the gospel of the call of the first disciples, we think of vocations to the priestly or religious life. The truth is, we are all called to be “fishers” for Jesus. We are called to be witnesses by our lives and spreaders of the Word by our love. The special mission of parents is right in the home. The more you talk to your children about God’s love, the more comfortable they will feel going out and talking about God to others. The more you teach them to love, the more love they will give back to you. Your “net” will be overflowing by the time your children are grown.

This week, try playing this little fishing game with the children. You will need a small magnet, paperclips, a Popsicle stick, string, and cardboard or heavy paper. Using the pattern on this page, cut out several small fish from the cardboard or paper.

On each fish, write the name of someone you can talk to about God’s love: parent, friend, neighbor, aunt, uncle, cousin, or playmate.

Attach a clip to each fish and place them in a box. Tie the stick to one end of the string and the magnet to the other.

Take turns dropping the magnet into the box. The name you draw will be your “fish” for the week. Make a special effort to bring Jesus to this person every day. You can make cards, do loving deeds, or just talk about how much God loves that person.



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A Gospel Picture to Color

Do you know what happened when Jesus told his disciples to throw their fishing net out into the water? Jesus can make wonderful things happen for those who believe in him.





Real Fish Story

In this week's gospel story, Jesus meets some men coming in from a night's fishing. They have been fishing all night, and they have not caught a single fish. Jesus gets into the boat and tells them to go back out and throw the net into the water. The fishermen are surprised, but they do as Jesus asks. Then they are surprised again! The net fills up with fish. Jesus says, "Follow me. I will make you fishers of people." These men were Peter, James, and John. These were Jesus' first disciples.

Today Jesus still chooses disciples to help his Church to grow. Each person is chosen for a special job within the Church. Some he chooses to be leaders — bishops, cardinals, popes.



Some he chooses to be priests, Brothers, or nuns. Some he calls to get married and raise their children to love God. And some he calls to remain single and serve his Church in special ways. All these people are "fishers" for Jesus because they bring new Christians into God's family.

In this little fishpond are the names of some people called by Jesus to help God's family to grow. How many can you name?

