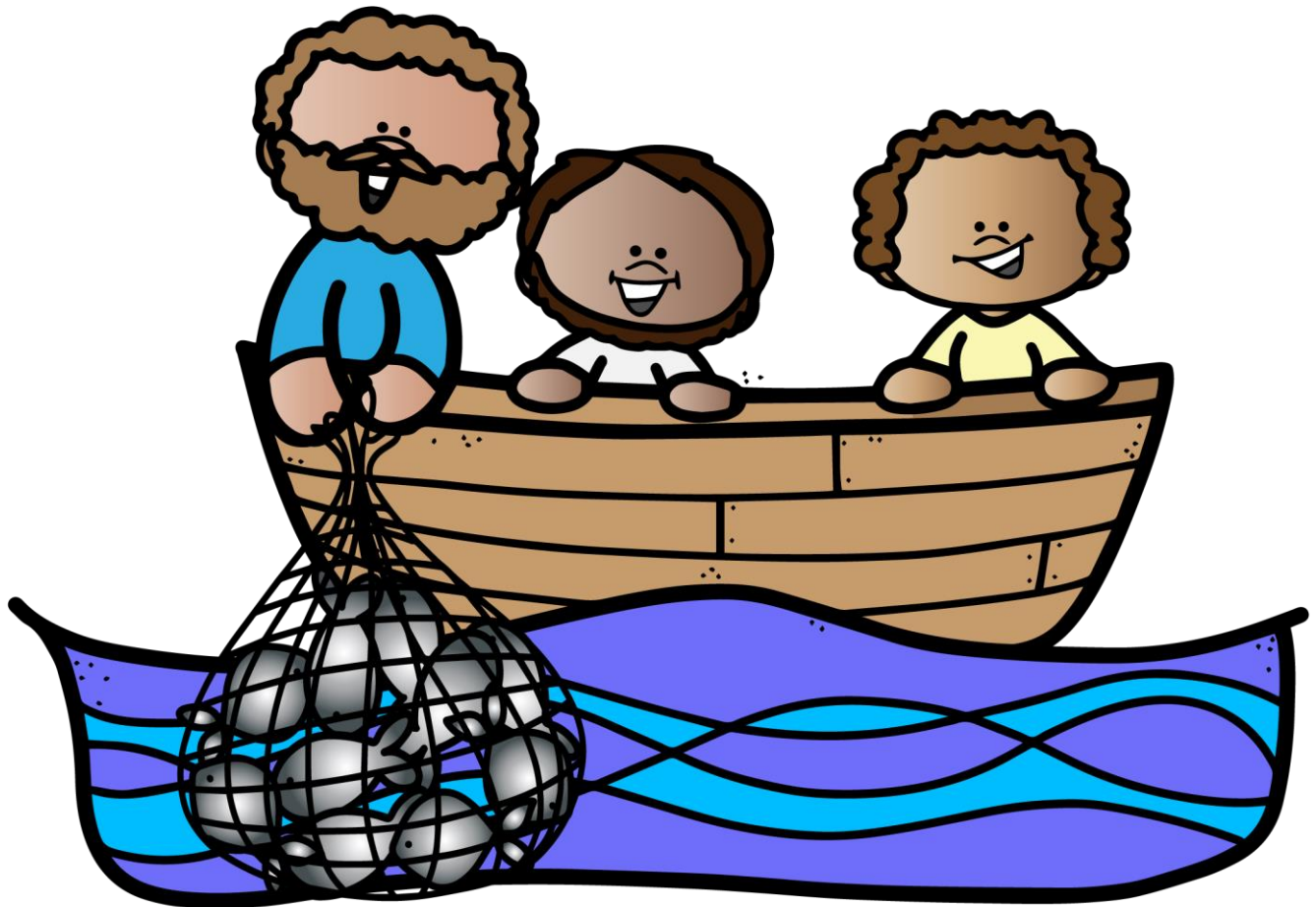


EXPLORING GOD'S WORD
**JESUS AND THE
MIRACULOUS
CATCH OF FISH**
A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISH

This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 30 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group and read the story of The Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5) from your children's Bible.

NOTE: There are two miraculous catch of fish stories. This lesson is designed around the first miraculous catch in Luke 5.

Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Try searching "Miraculous Catch of Fish Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

Simon and Andrew were brothers. James and John were brothers. They were fishermen, and they knew the best times and places to fish. But they had been fishing all night and couldn't catch anything!

The Sea of Galilee, where this story takes place, is actually a freshwater lake, and the water is clear. Fishing in a clear lake during the day is tricky because the fish can see the nets, so night was the best time to fish. In the morning, the fishermen would mend their nets and clean them. This was likely what Simon, Andrew, James, and John were doing when Jesus approached them.

Some fishermen might have thought Jesus was crazy for suggesting they cast their nets into deeper water – after all, Jesus wasn't a fisherman! But Simon had faith in Jesus and did what he said.

In the end, two boats were filled with fish. There were so many fish that the boats were almost sinking! That is a lot of fish worth a lot of money.

Is it Peter or Simon or Simon Peter?

These names refer to the same person. Simon was the name he was born with. Jesus changed his name to Cephas, which is Peter when translated (John 1:42).

Follow Me

After this miracle, Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. These men become part of the 12 disciples, a group of Jesus' closest followers.

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

The Miraculous Catch of Fish: Quickly map out the 4 main parts of the Story. (i.e. The men had been fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the nets again, they listened and caught a multitude of fish, Jesus called them to follow him)

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Have you ever	QUESTION #2 How do you think the disciples were
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Step Three: Pick an activity.

Option One: Make a Net

Before the lesson: Print out planning pages (one per child). Gather yarn/string, tape (masking tape is ideal), scissors, and a heavy object such as a book or a heavy toy.

For this activity, students will create a net using yarn/string, scissors, and tape (optional). Show students the heavy object and challenge them to make a net strong enough to carry it. Then, lead a short lesson on how to tie string into a knot.

Give each student a "Build a Net" planning page. Tell students, "Use this page to make a plan for your net. What will it look like? What materials do you think you will use? How can you make it strong enough to hold the object?" Allow time to fill this out.

Then, kids can experiment with twisting, knotting or weaving the yarn in a way that makes it strong enough to hold the heavy object.

BUILD A NET
Name: Molly
The object my net will carry is a rock
SKETCH YOUR NET
In the space below, sketch the net you created.
HOW DID YOU DO IT?
How did you make your net? Did it work?
I made small knots
all over my strings until it
looked like a net
Did your net hold your object? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Option Two: Printable Fish in a Net

Before the lesson: Print out the templates (one of each per child). Gather scissors, glue and coloring materials

In this printable option, kids will color and cut out each of the fish. Then, they will glue them onto the net. This option is great for a younger group who may not have the dexterity to tie knots.



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Miraculous Catch of Fish' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

There are three versions to choose from!

Choose the one that works best for your class: [a blank version](#) (add your own memory verse and big idea), [a pre-filled NIV version](#), or a [pre-filled KJV version](#).

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

Luke 5:6 (NIV) When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

Big idea suggestion: Nature obeys Jesus.



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Name: _____

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

Have you ever worked hard for something and nothing happened?

QUESTION #2

How do you think the disciples were feeling when they had fished all night and still hadn't caught anything?

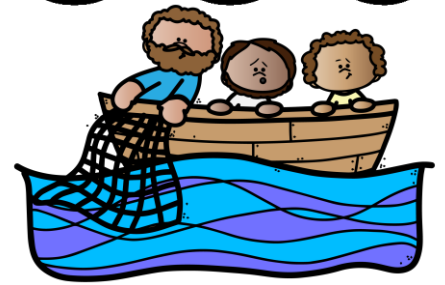
QUESTION #3

What did Jesus tell the men to do?

QUESTION #4

What happened after the disciples listened to Jesus' instructions?

BUILD A NET

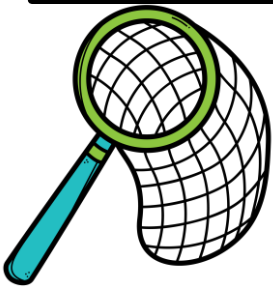


Name: _____

The object my net will carry is a _____.

SKETCH YOUR NET

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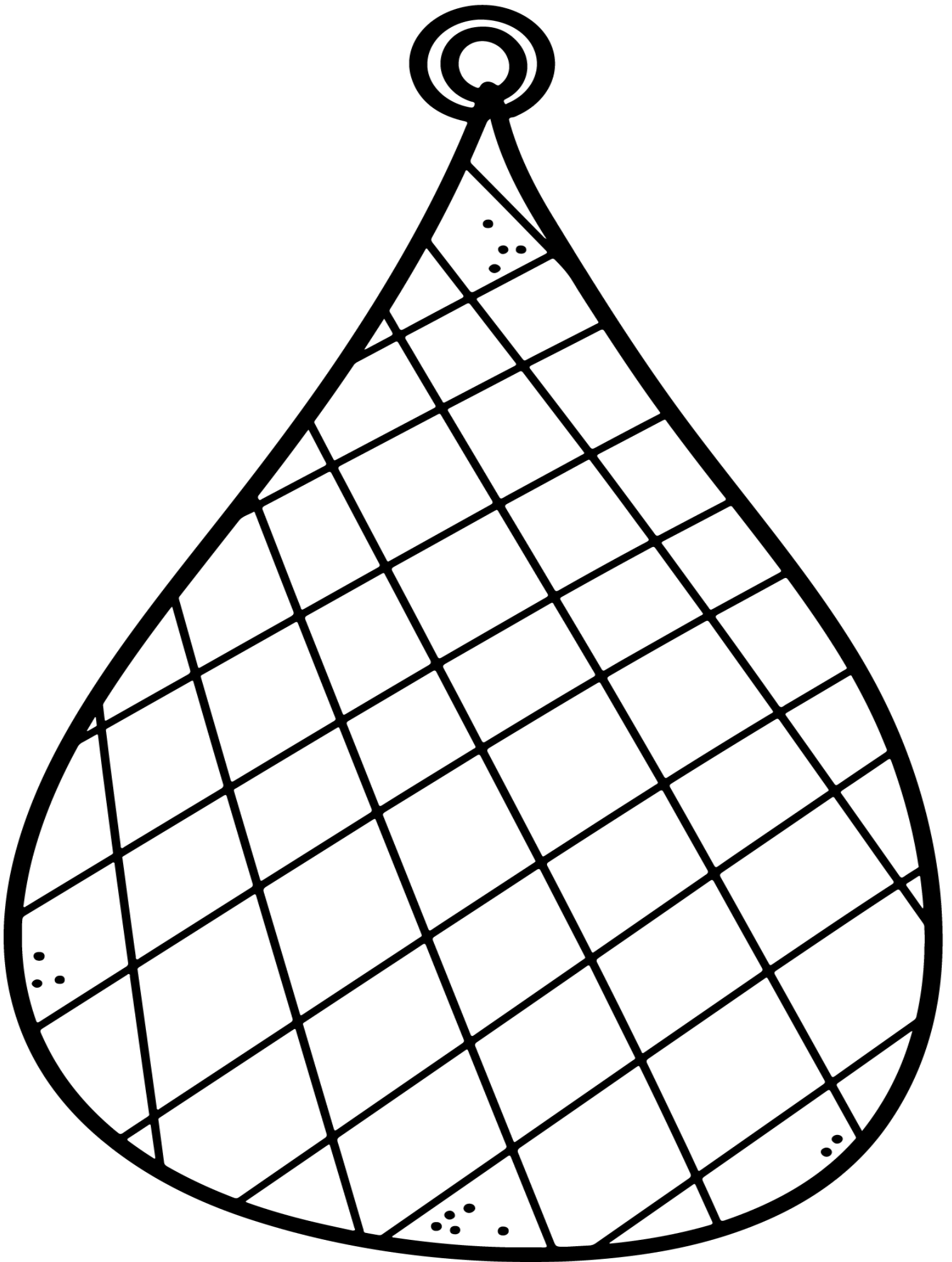
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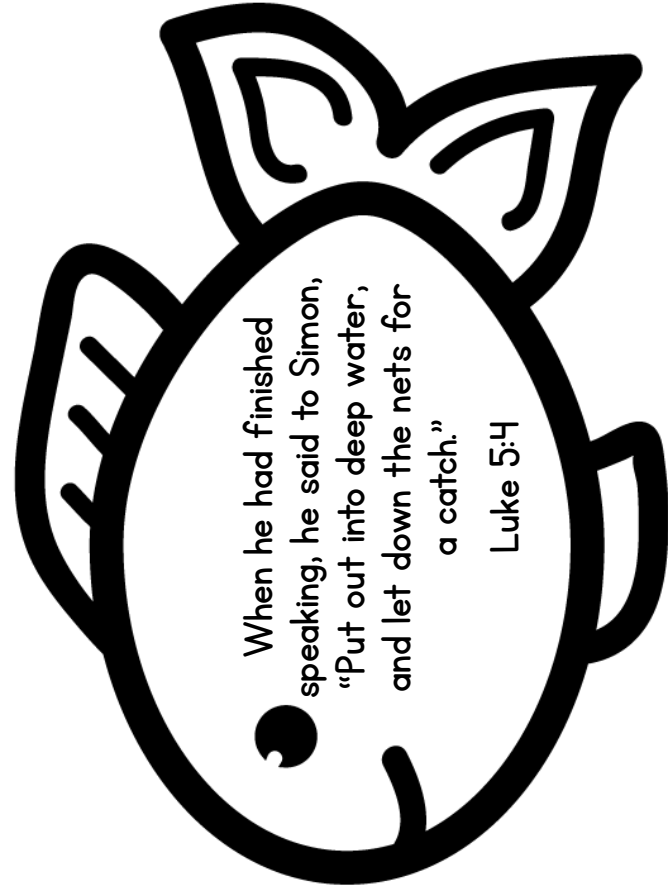
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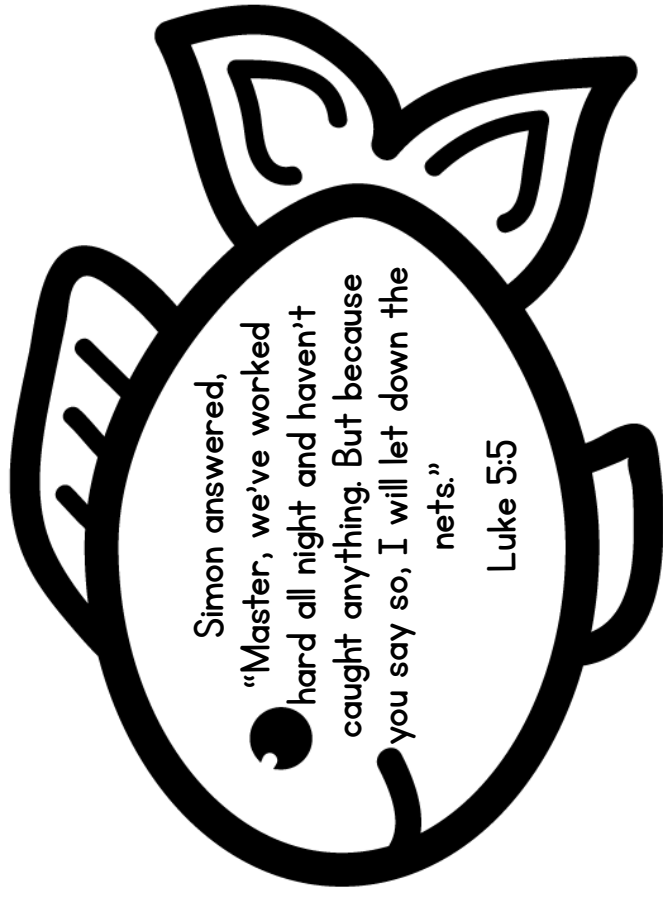
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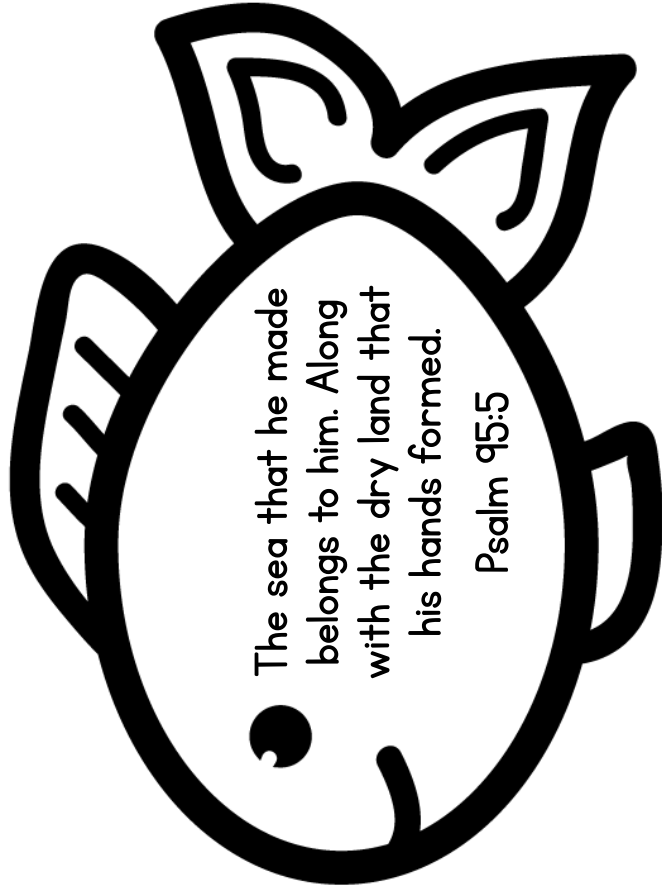
When he had finished
speaking, he said to Simon,
"Put out into deep water,
and let down the nets for
a catch."

Luke 5:4



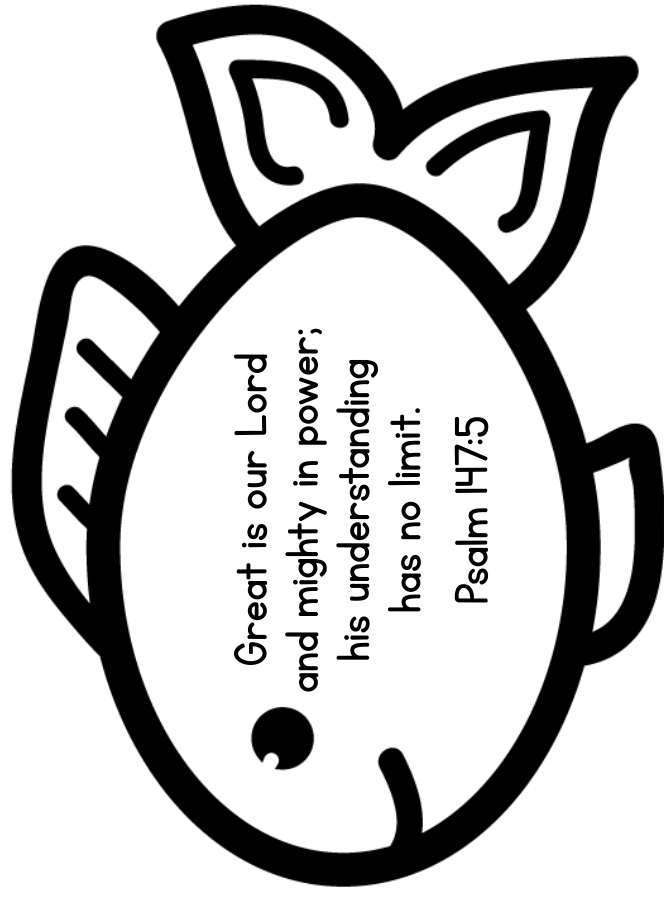
Simon answered,
"Master, we've worked
hard all night and haven't
caught anything. But because
you say so, I will let down the
nets."

Luke 5:5



The sea that he made
belongs to him. Along
with the dry land that
his hands formed.

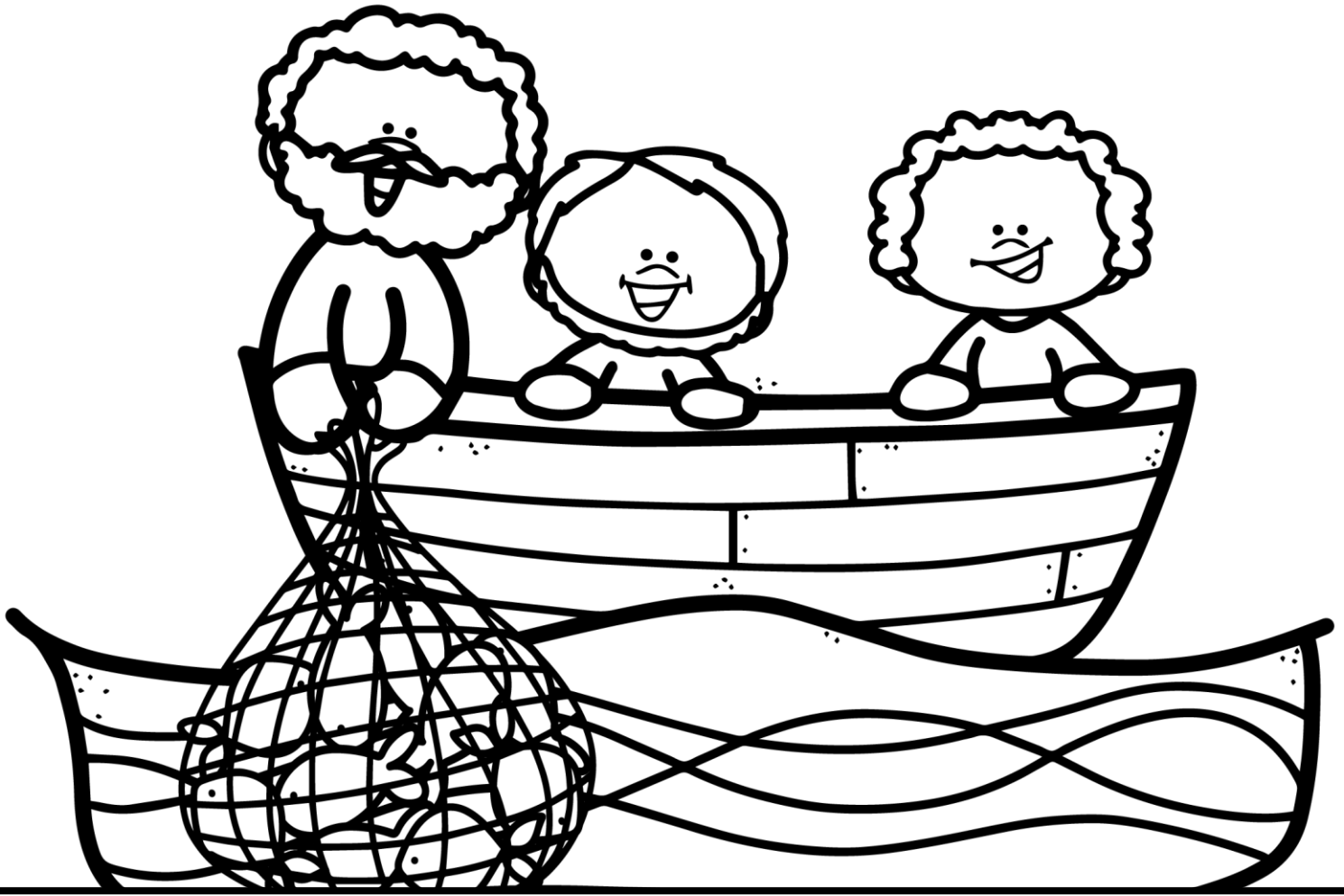
Psalms 95:5



Great is our Lord
and mighty in power;
his understanding
has no limit.

Psalms 147:5

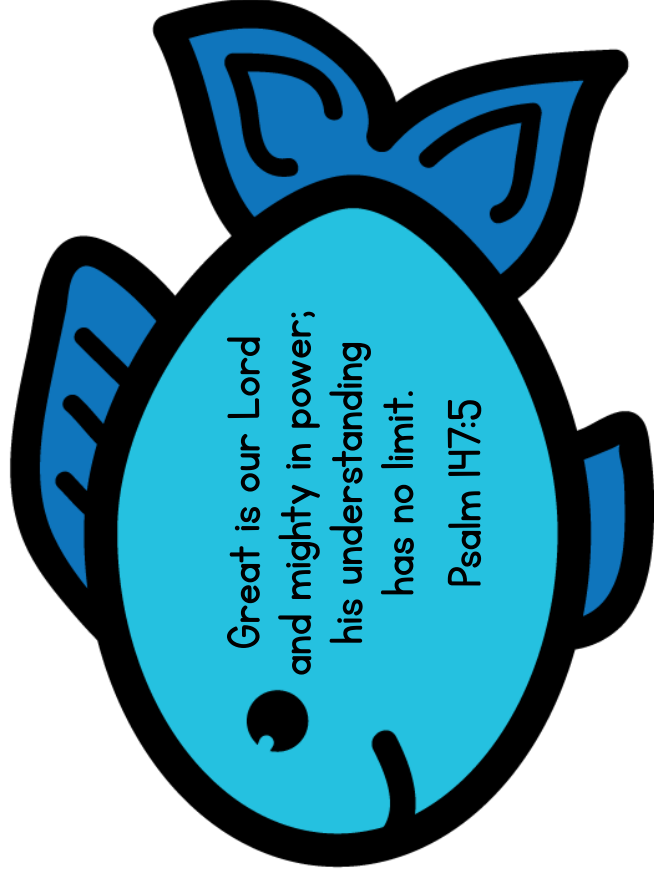
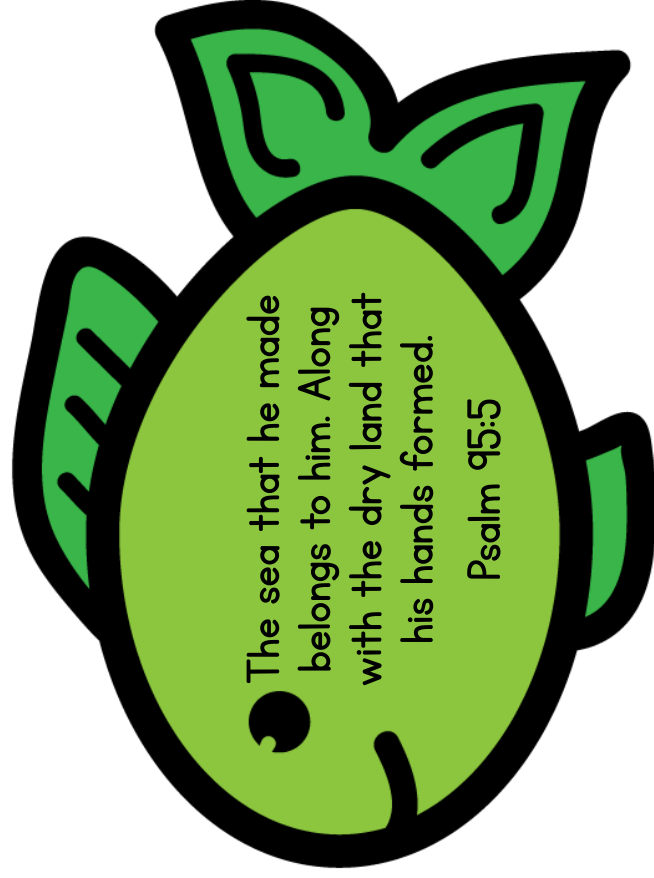
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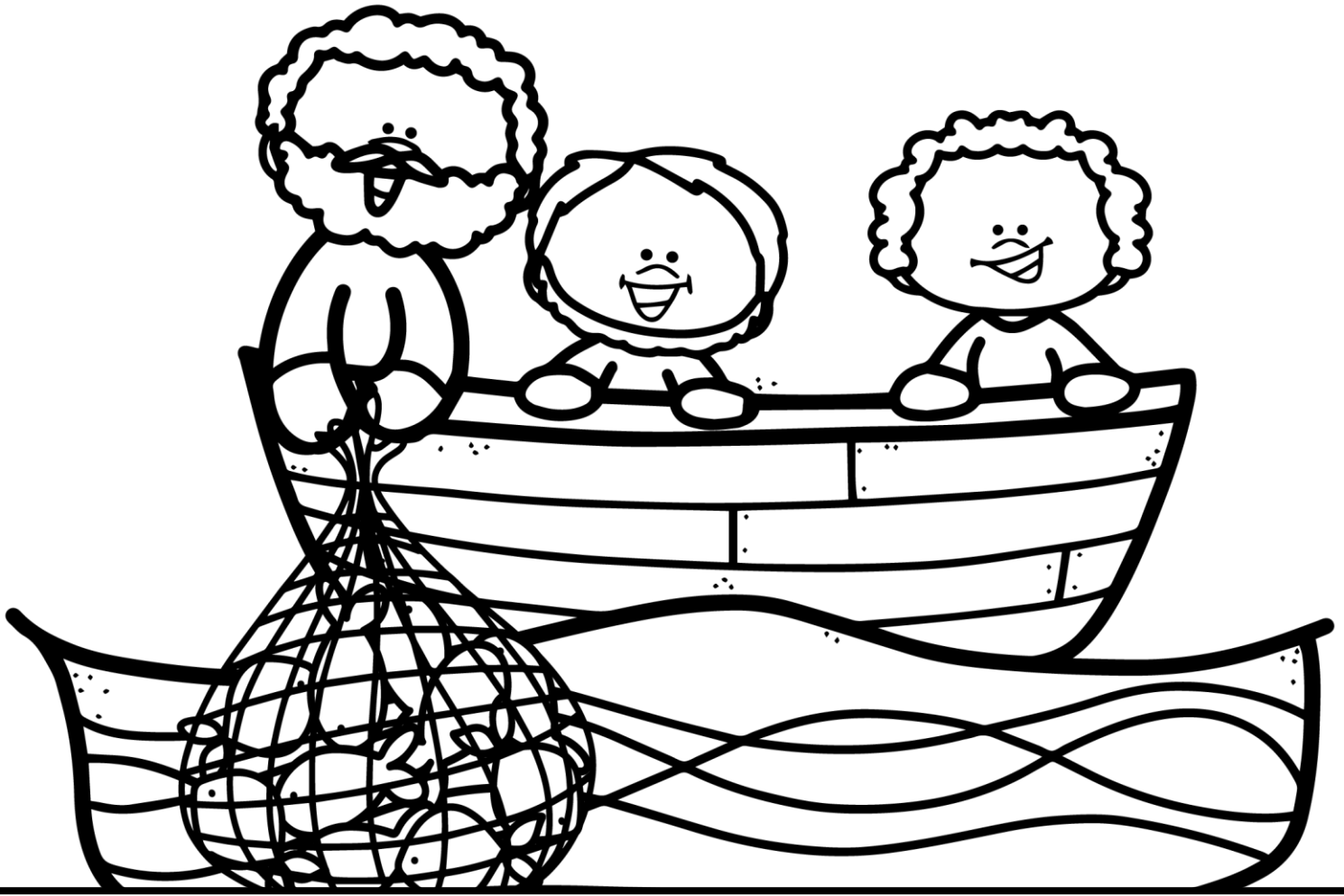
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THE BIG IDEA

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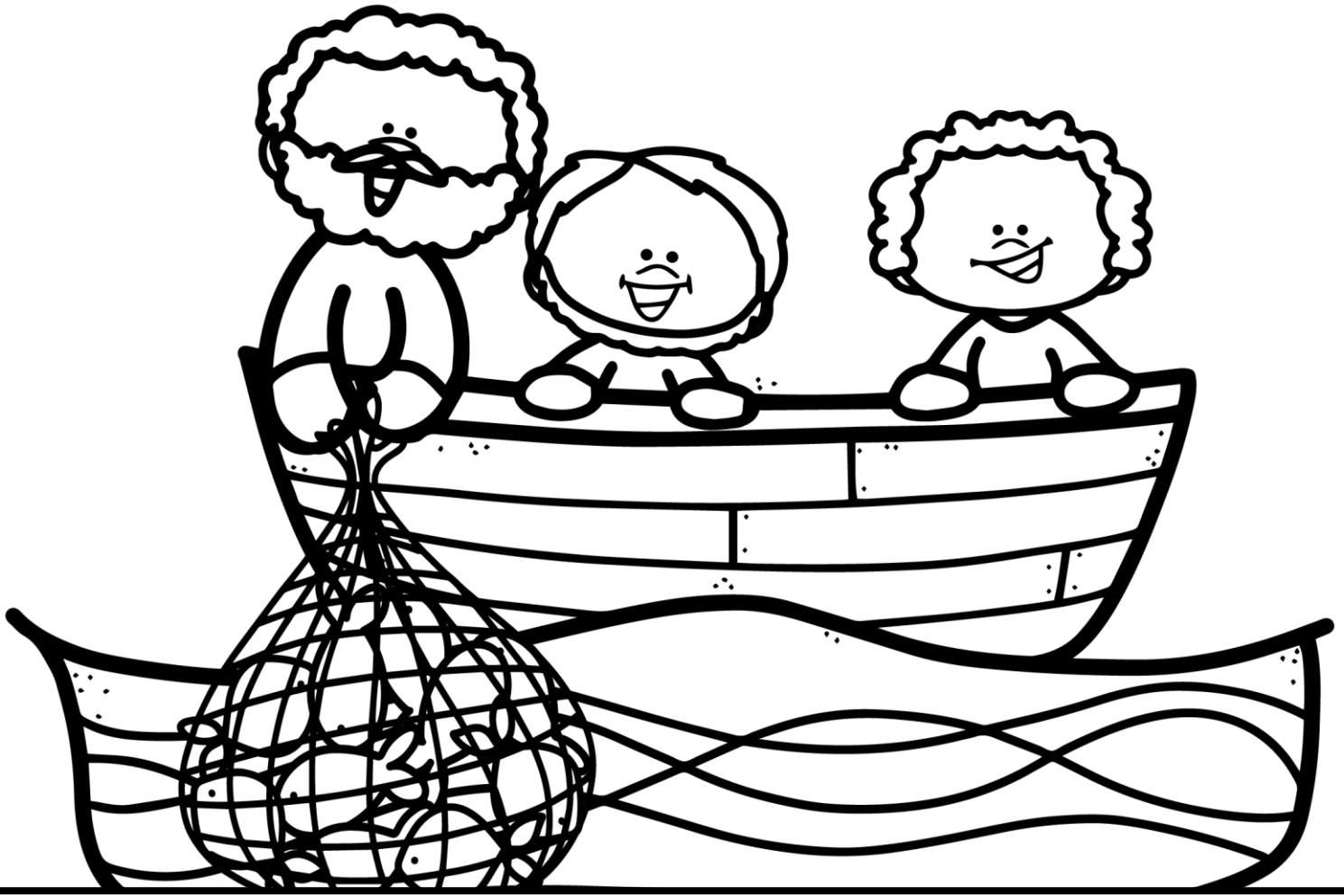
Luke 5:6 NIV

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MEMORIZE THIS:

And when they had
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multitude of fishes:
and their net brake.

Luke 5:6KJV

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