

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 February 2022 - Year C

“They left everything and followed Jesus.”

Something to Think About

Have you ever tried hard to do something by yourself, without success?
How do you think it might have been different if you had trusted in Jesus to help you?

The Story

Jesus' friends had been fishing all night but had caught nothing. Jesus gets into the boat with them and asks them to let their nets down again. When they let their nets down this time, they catch so many fish that the nets start to rip apart! Then Jesus calls Peter, James and John to be his disciples.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

5:1-11

Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, teaching the people as they crowded around him to hear God's message. Near the shore he saw two boats left there by some fishermen who had gone to wash their nets.

Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon and asked him to row it out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down in the boat to teach the crowd. When Jesus had finished speaking, he told Simon, "Row the boat out into the deep water and let your nets down to catch some fish."

"Master," Simon answered, "we have worked hard all night long and have not caught a thing. But if you tell me to, I will let the nets down."

They did it and caught so many fish that their nets began ripping apart. Then they signalled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. The men came, and together they filled the two boats so full that they both began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this happen, he knelt down in front of Jesus and said, "Lord, don't come near me! I am a sinner."

Peter and everyone with him were completely surprised at all the fish they had caught. His partners James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were surprised too.

Jesus told Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you will bring in people instead of fish." The men pulled their boats up on the shore. Then they left everything and went with Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Watch the video together: [Jesus' Miracle Catch of Fish](#)



Group Discussion

Peter and his friends were experienced fishermen; they knew what they were doing. They had fished all night without catching a single fish. So when Jesus told Peter to row out into the lake and lower his net again, it took a lot of trust from Peter. Peter obeyed Jesus because he trusted in him. Talk together about what Peter must have been thinking when Jesus gave the instruction, and when he saw all the fish in that net. Are there things in your life that you need to trust Jesus with?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world,
for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will listen to Jesus. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for people who are afraid. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for courage to be faith-filled disciples. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we might trust Jesus to help us in all we do. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for our own needs. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
We know that you are always ready to
help us do amazing things.
May we call on you when we need help
and learn to trust in you.
Amen.

Group Activity

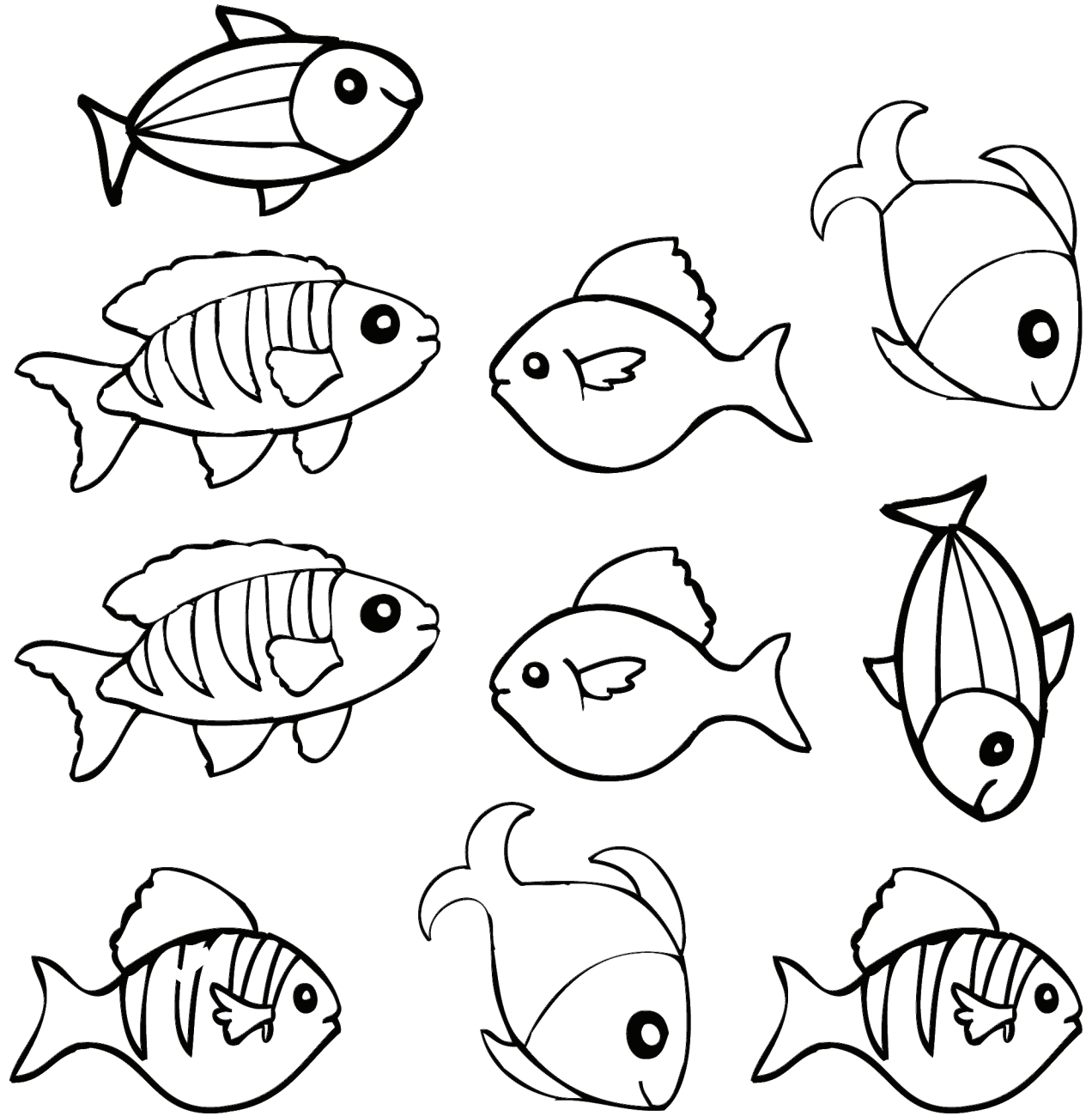
The Miraculous Catch of Fish !

For each child you will need: template including boat and fish, coloured markers, very thin strips of white or grey paper, glue.

1. Invite the children to colour the boat, the disciples and the fish.
2. Glue the fish onto the water, and on the side of the boat.
3. Glue the strips of paper over the fish in the water, up to the disciples in the boat in a crisscross pattern to make the net.







**SIMON PETER WAS A FISHERMAN.
THEN HE MET
JESUS...**



WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
