

# Virtual Sunday School Lesson

## *Answering the Call (Mark 1)*



### **Bible Verses (NIV):**

#### **Mark 1: 14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

### **Activity: Answering the Call**

**Theme:** Jesus calls us to spread the good news.

**Supplies:** None

#### **Lesson:**

What is the most important thing in your life? *(Let children respond)*

What if there was an emergency, like a fire, and you were told to leave everything behind. How would you feel?  
*(Let children respond)*

Today we're going to hear a story about some men that were told to leave, but were happy to leave everything behind.

Jesus was just beginning his ministry, walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, when he came upon a group of fishermen. He knew nothing about them, but God knew their hearts.

Jesus called to two brothers, Simon and Andrew: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people".

Now Simon and Andrew had never seen Jesus before either, but something told them to follow. They dropped their nets and immediately followed Jesus.

Not long after, Jesus saw two more brothers. These were James and John who were mending their father's fishing nets, but as soon as they heard Jesus, they stopped what they were doing and immediately stopped and followed Jesus.

Jesus is calling to us too. We are called to spread the good news of Jesus and how he died on the cross to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. If we open our hearts and received the Holy Spirit, we will immediately want to follow Jesus and share our faith with others.

The other good news is that you don't have to leave the most important things behind, but find ways to use them to help spread the news.

God has given us things in our lives to help us in our ministry of sharing Jesus with others; it is up to us to recognize them and answer his call to serve.

How can you use the things in your life to serve God? *(Have a family discussion on how you can serve God)*

### **Closing Prayer**

Gracious Father; thank you for gifts you have given me. Help me to use my time and talents to serve you and spread the news of Jesus. Amen

## **Video: CKC; Jesus Calls Disciples** <https://youtu.be/j1N6YNFhpp4>

Crossroads Kids Club: Jesus calls all of us to be his disciples. Find out how in God's Story: Jesus Calls Disciples.

Duration: 3:48

## **Craft: Fishing for People (Preschool)**

Supplies: *Crayons/markers, scissors, paper clips, magnet, craft stick*

Directions:

Print fish for children to color, then cut out. Attach a paper clip to the nose of each fish. Tie one end of the string to a magnet (or use a hot glue gun) and tie the other end to the stick. Lay the fish on the floor and let the children try to pick them up with their "fishing rod".

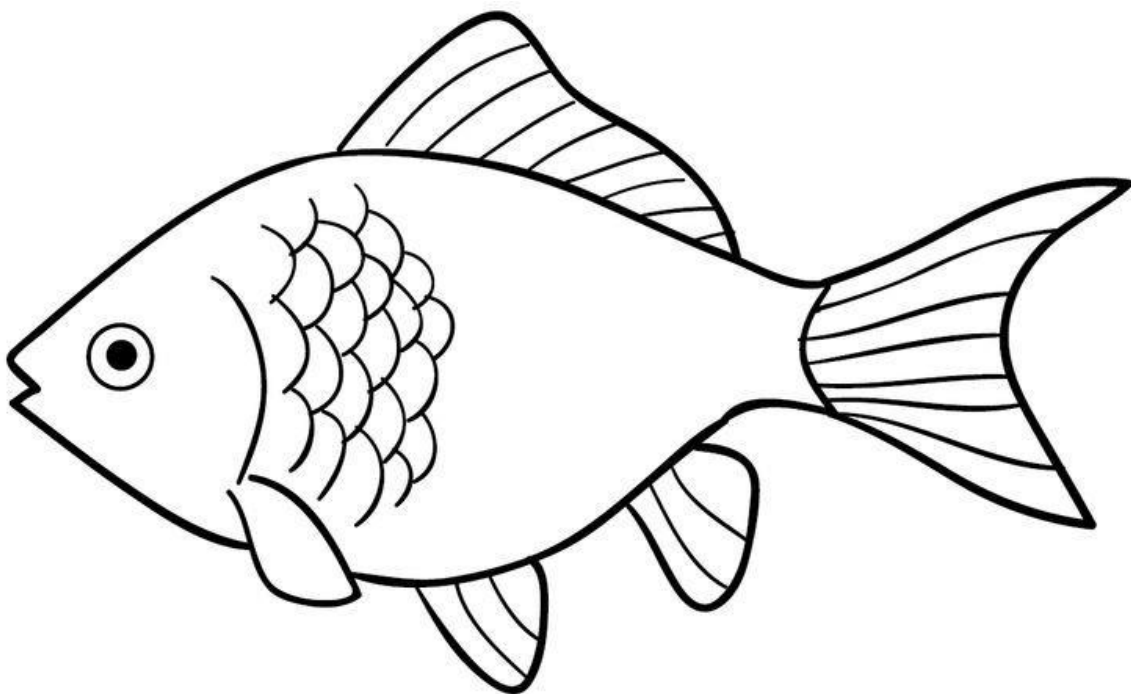


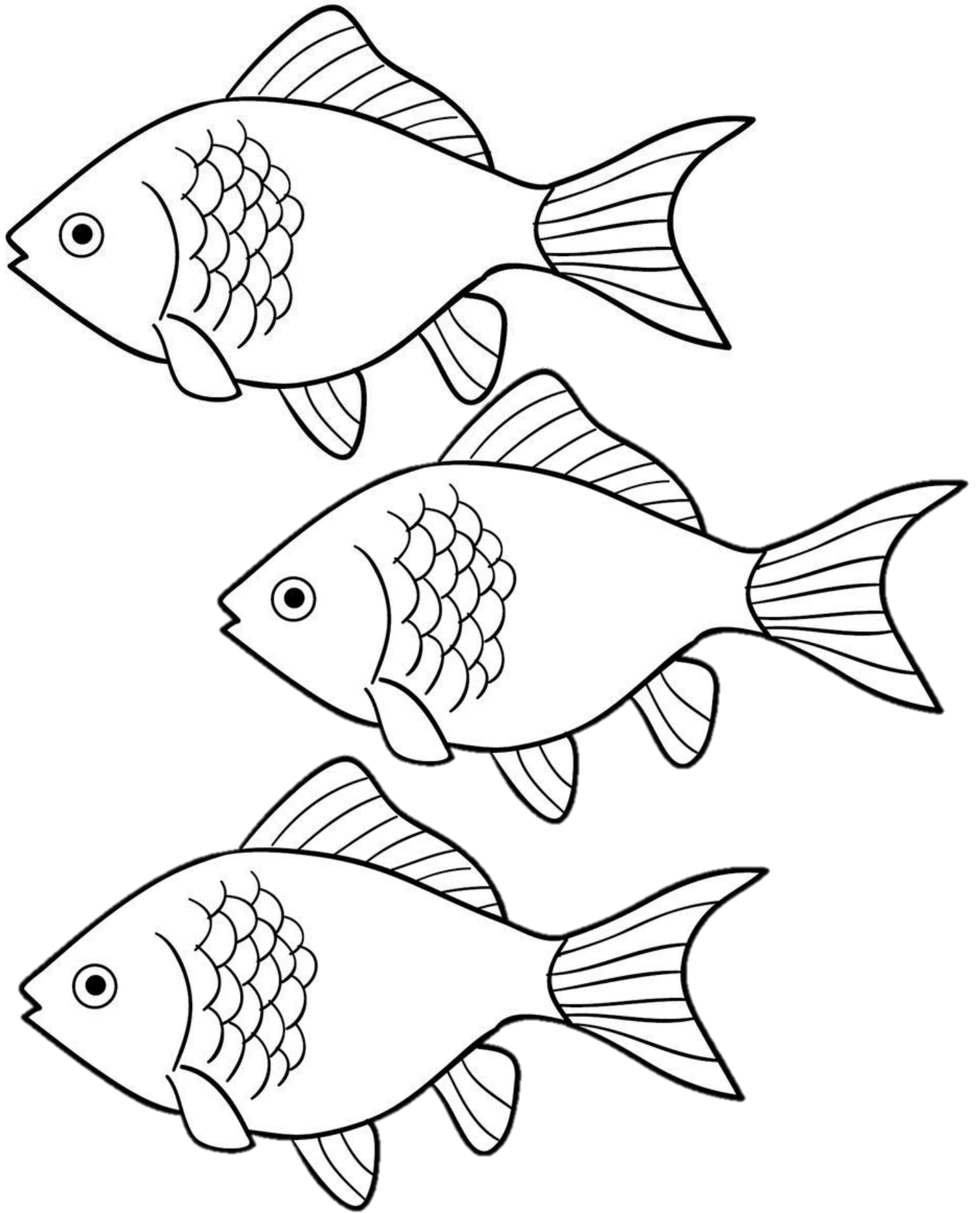
## **Craft: Helping Hands**

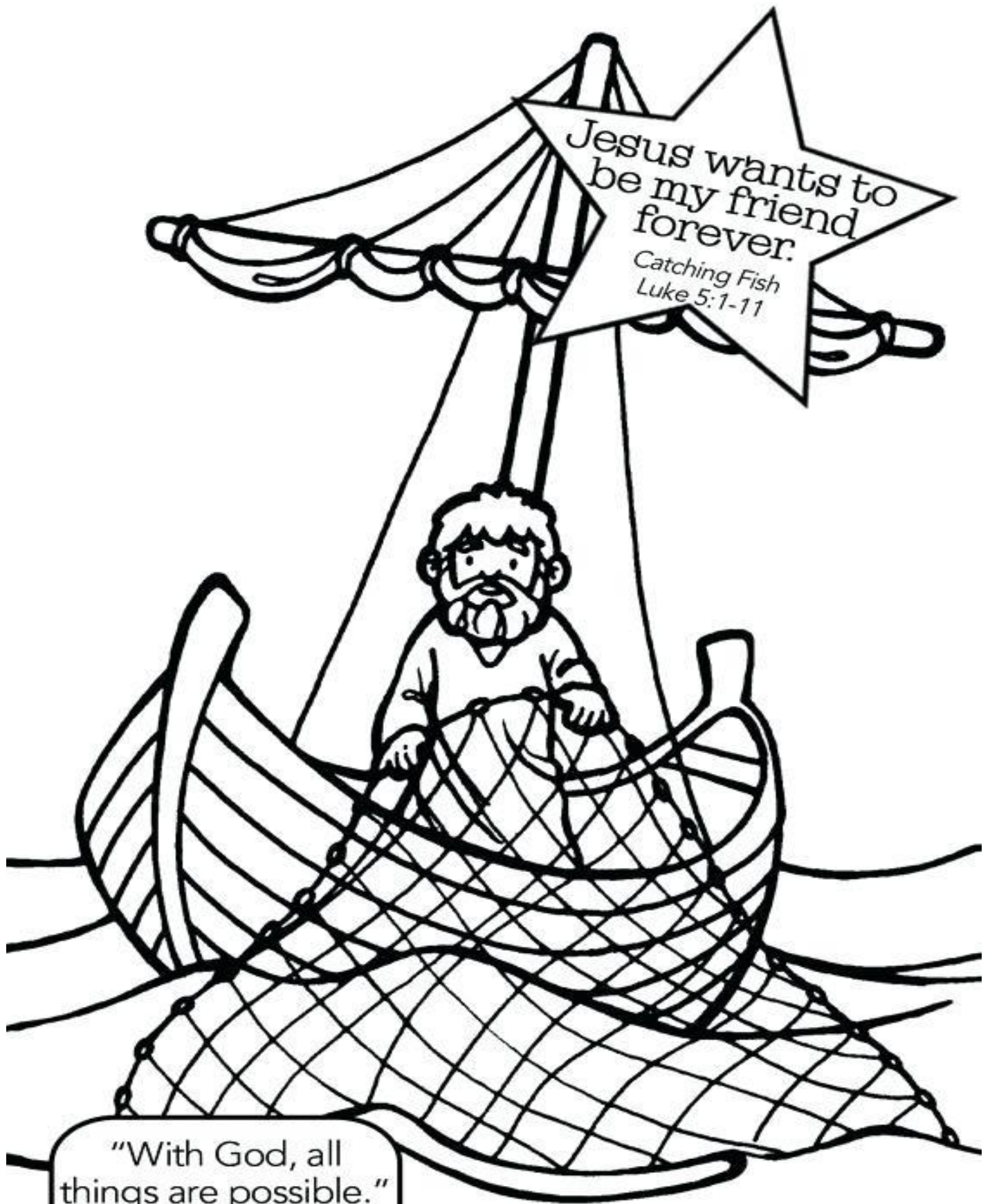
Supplies: *Construction Paper (colored cardstock), Crayons/markers, scissors, glue*

Directions:

Have the children trace their hand seven times, using different colors of construction paper. Cut them out and have the children write on each hand something they can do to help others (one hand for each day of the week). Add a dab of glue to the base of each palm and glue together to create a wreath.







Jesus wants to  
be my friend  
forever.

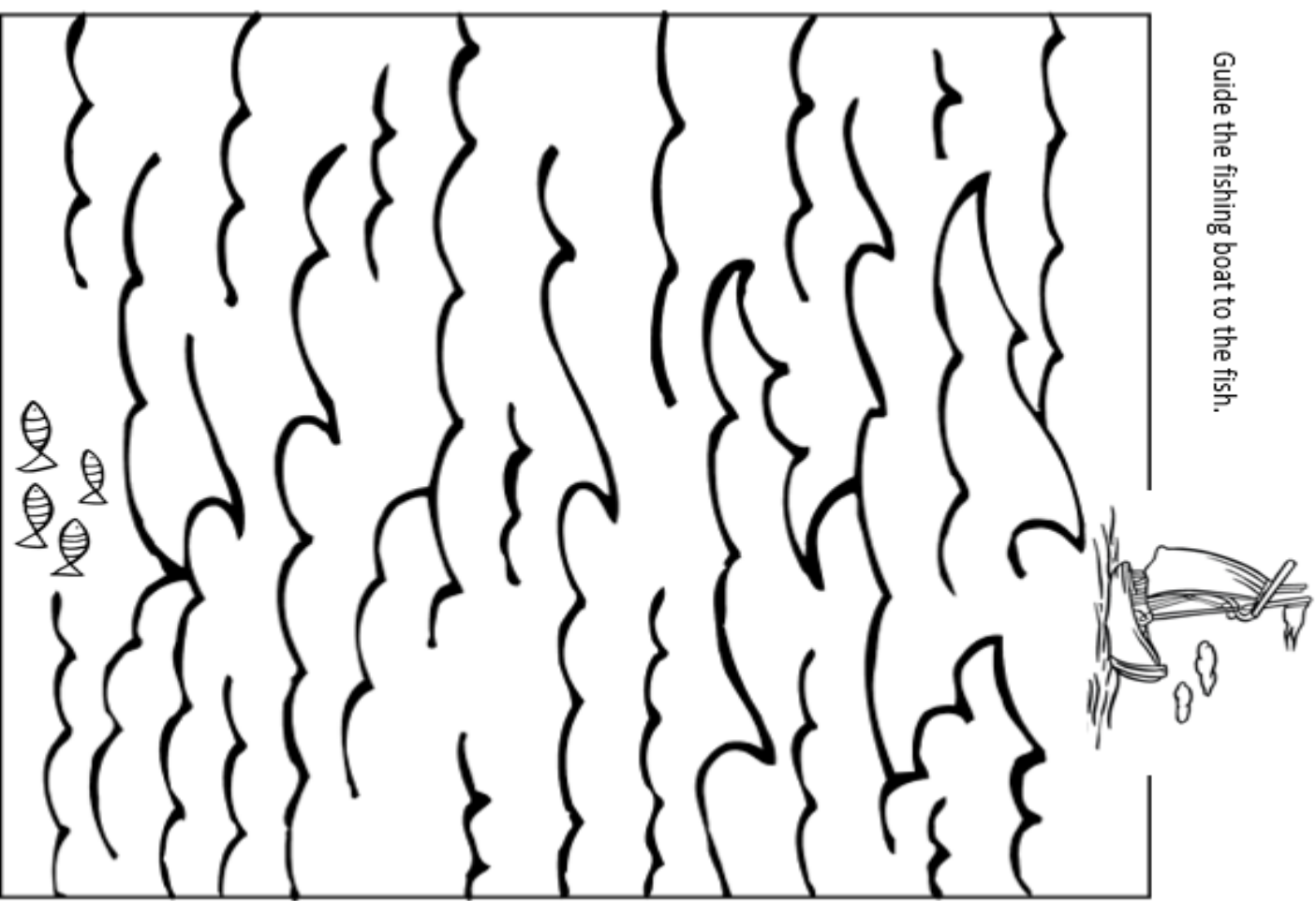
*Catching Fish*  
*Luke 5:1-11*

"With God, all  
things are possible."  
Matthew 19:26

Connect the dots to complete the image.



Guide the fishing boat to the fish.



Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples,  
and I will show you how to fish for people!"  
Mark 1:17(NLT)