



# Jesus Chooses Helpers

Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:27-28

One day Jesus walked by the big blue Sea of Galilee. He saw some fishermen in their boats. They were throwing their big fishing nets out into the water. Jesus knew two of these fishermen.

"Peter! Andrew!" Jesus called. Peter and Andrew looked to see who was calling their names. When they saw Jesus, they pulled their nets into their boat. They hurried to see Jesus.

When Peter and Andrew came to the beach, Jesus said, "Come and help Me tell people about God." Peter and Andrew obeyed. They went with Jesus. They wanted to learn more about Him. They wanted to help others learn about Jesus, too. Now Jesus had two helpers.

Later Jesus and His two friends saw two other fishermen. "James and John!" Jesus called. "Come with Me!" Right away, James and John went, too. They were glad to go with Jesus. Now Jesus had four helpers.

On another day, Jesus walked by a man named Matthew. Matthew was at work. "Follow Me, Matthew," said Jesus. Matthew got right up. He left everything! Now Jesus had FIVE friends to help Him! On other days, Jesus asked other people to be His helpers—until He had 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 helpers.

Jesus told His 12 helpers many things about God. Jesus' friends did just what Jesus said to do. They helped people learn about God and His Son, Jesus.

# Boats in the Water

## Collect

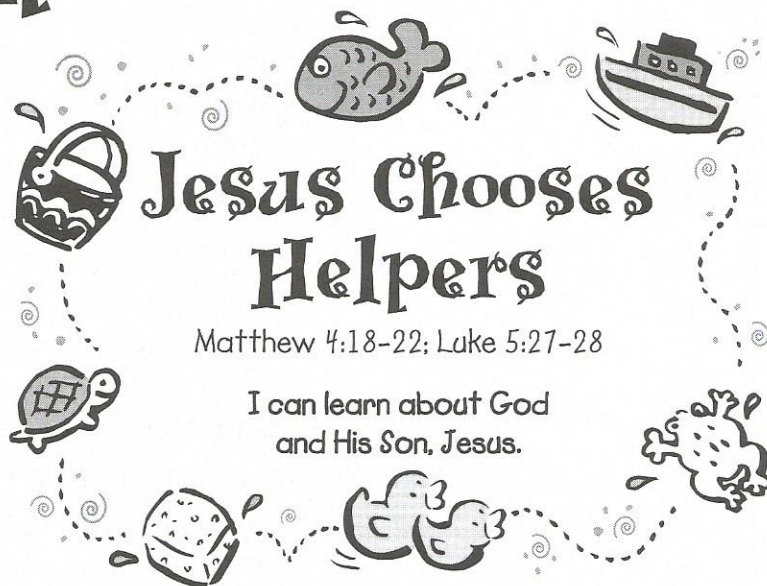
Bible; brown, white and blue construction paper; markers; scissors; tape; paper fasteners.

## Prepare

For each child, draw a boat on brown paper and a sail outline on white paper.

## Do

Child cuts out boat and sail and tapes them together. Help each child accordion-fold a sheet of blue paper to make water. Use a paper fastener to attach boat to water. Children rock boats back and forth.



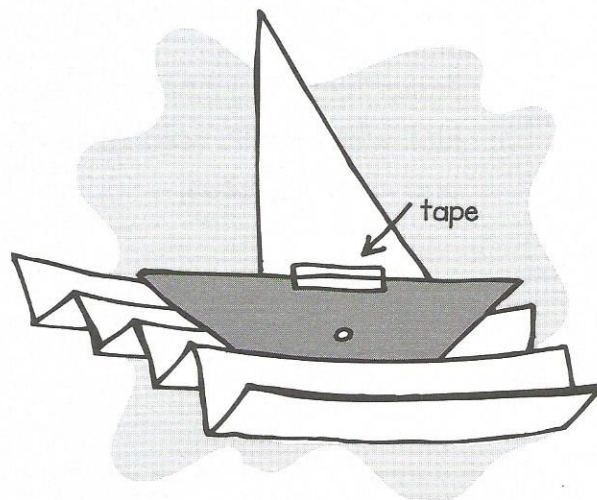
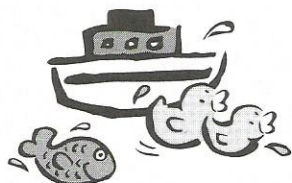
## Talk About

- ☀ In our Bible story, Jesus asked four men who were fishermen to be His helpers. The four men used boats when they went fishing. Today we are going to make boats to help us remember the story of Jesus' helpers.
- ☀ Sophia, who helps you learn about God and His Son, Jesus? We can learn about Jesus when we hear and obey God's Word, the Bible.
- ☀ When Jesus asked the fishermen to follow Him, they obeyed! They wanted to learn about God and His Son, Jesus. What did you learn about Jesus today, Esteban?

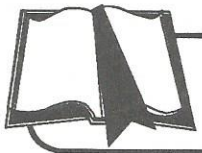


## Enrichment Ideas

1. Children place fish stickers on waves or draw and cut out paper fish to glue to waves.
2. Children draw waves on white paper. Instead of making a stand-up scene, children attach boats to white paper with paper fasteners.







## Follow Me

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus walked by a lake and saw two men fishing. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

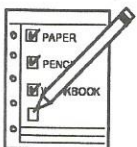
The men were Peter and Andrew. They left their fishing nets, followed Jesus, and became Jesus' helpers.

## Following Footprints

You can make footprints to show what Peter and Andrew did to obey Jesus.

Peter and Andrew followed Jesus when He called them. Jesus wants you to follow Him, too. You can follow Jesus by being kind, going to church, and helping others.

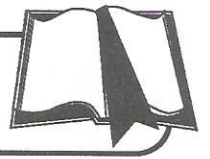
Jesus said, "Follow me."



*For the Teacher:* Mix thick tempera paint in large shallow bowls. Show children how to make a fist, dip it in the paint, and press it onto the paper several times to make footprints. Help them begin at the top of the page near Jesus and move down. After washing that hand, they may paint with their other fist to make a pair of footprints. Provide extra paper for practicing and wet paper towels for cleanup. Play a game of Follow the Leader.

## Make a Fish

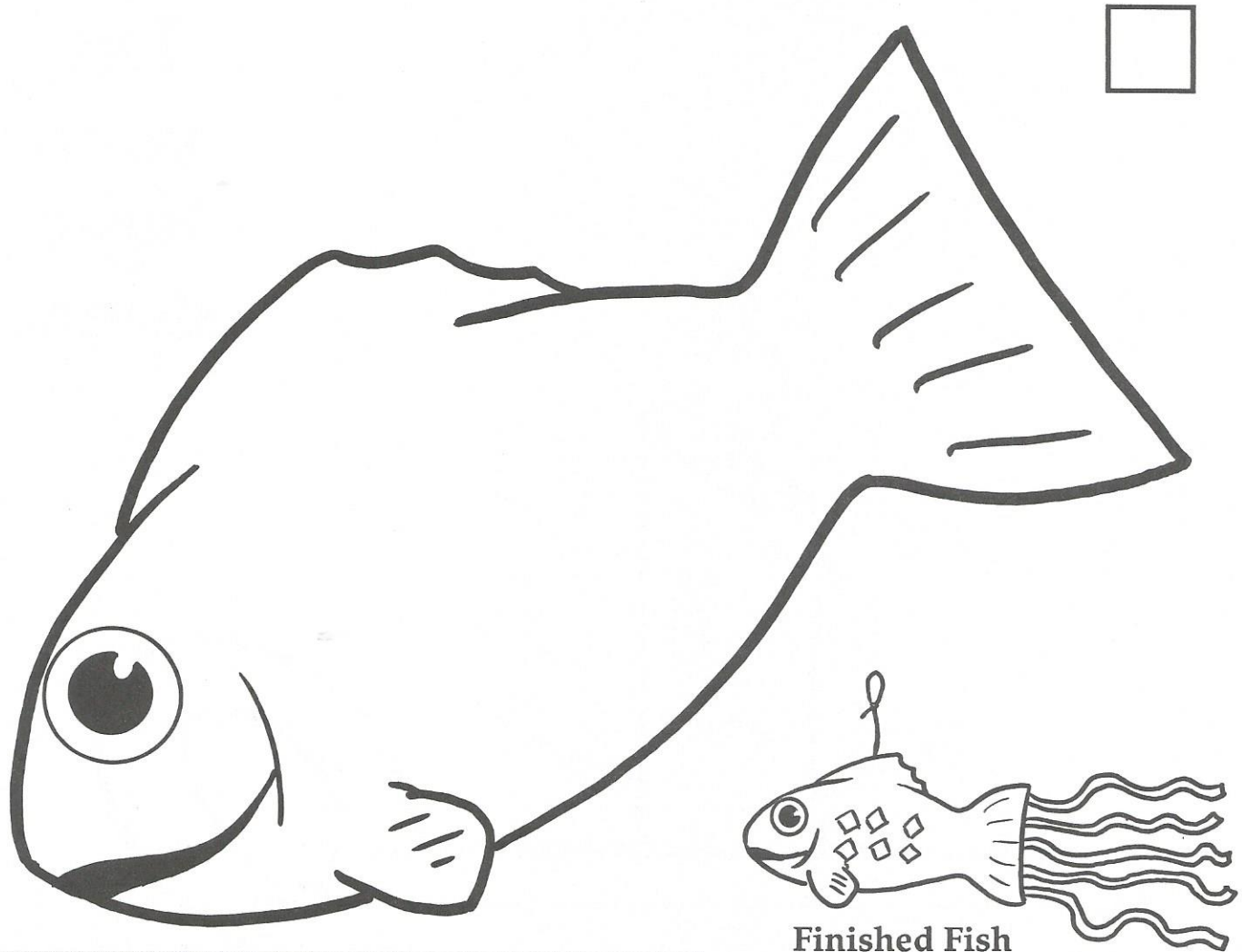
**Follow Me**  
*Matthew 4:18-22*



Jesus loved to sail in boats and walk beside the blue lakes of His land. Some of His helpers were fishermen.

You can make a colorful fish to remind you of the men who followed Jesus to become fishers of men.

Your teacher will help you make your fish. You can glue Jesus' words on the back. Your teacher will help you add a yarn tie so that you can make your fish swim in a pretend lake in the window.

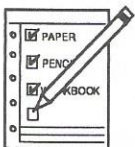


Finished Fish

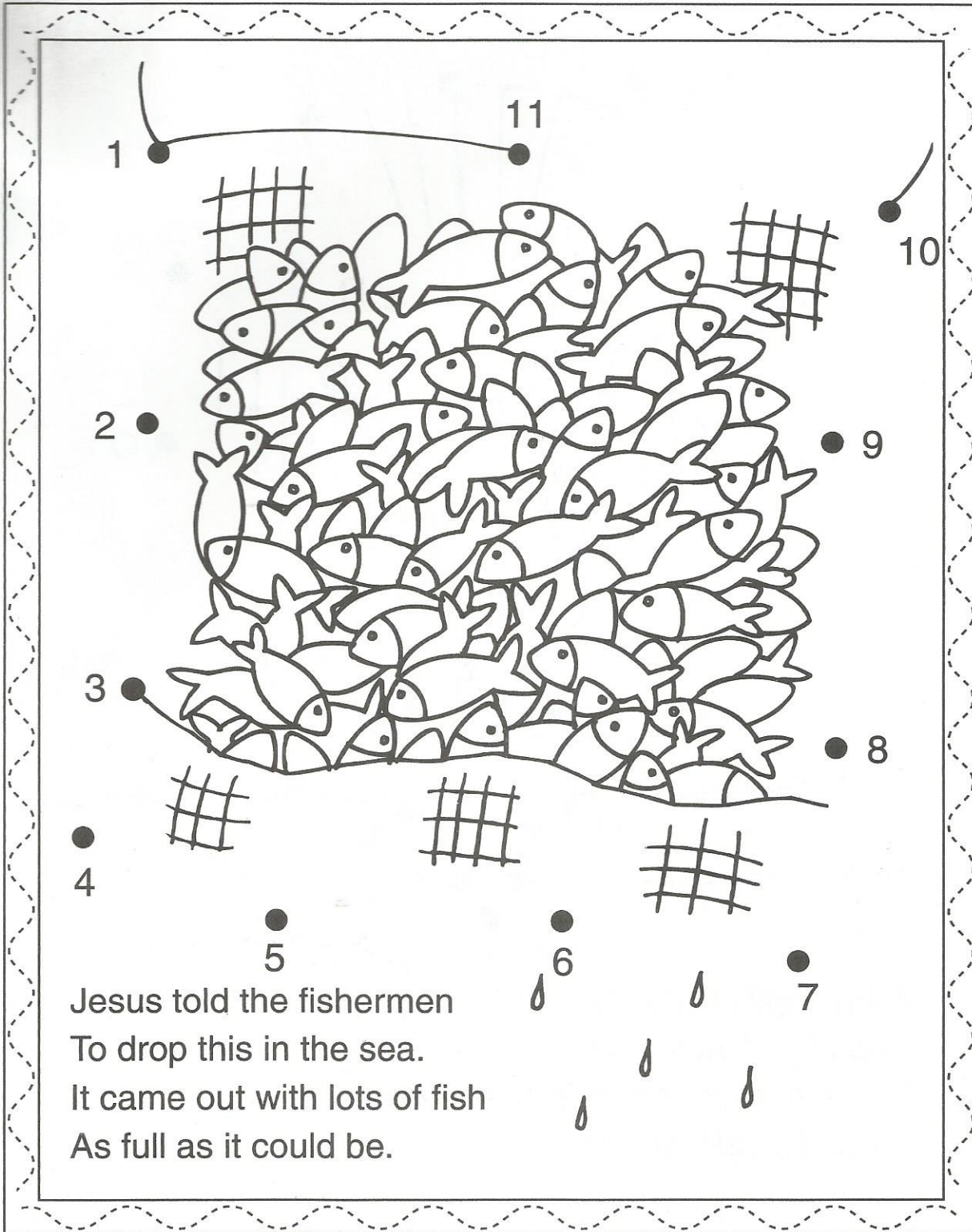
**Jesus said:**

**I will make you fishers of men.**

*— Matthew 4:19*



*For the Teacher:* Provide many 1/2-inch squares of bright tissue paper for scales and long thin tissue paper strips for tails. Give each child a black paper fish and a paper reinforcement circle or felt for an eye. Help them cut out the box with Jesus' words. Let the children glue one eye and many scales on the front of the fish and glue Jesus' words on the back. Add their names and tape a yarn hanger on the back. Staple the tail strips to the fish for them.



Jesus told the fishermen  
To drop this in the sea.  
It came out with lots of fish  
As full as it could be.





They left their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

*Mark 1:16-21*