

Week 4

Fisher of Men ages 1-5

Lesson Keys

Key Truth: "I will make you Fishers of Men" **Print:** Jesus calls His Disciples
Key Passages: John 1, Matthew 4 **Picture**

Unlock the Bible

When John the Baptist baptized Jesus a dove that was the Holy spirit appeared above Jesus and God said from a cloud, "This is my beloved son with who I am well pleased." God was proud that Jesus obeyed Him and got baptized. The people who was Jesus get baptized knew that Jesus was the Messiah, the Promised one who would save everyone and become King.

Now some of the men who followed John the Baptist started following Jesus instead so they could learn from Him. One of the men was named Andrew, and he went right away to get his brother Peter. He told him, "We have found the Messiah, the Savior!" And the both began following Jesus. The next day Jesus left for Galilee and when they found Philip, Jesus told him to "Follow me!" Philip found Nathaniel and said, "We have found the Messiah, come and see!" Going on they saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee who were fishermen like Andrew and Peter. Jesus called them and said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men!" They immediately left the boat and followed Jesus. They became Jesus' disciples. Disciples follow a teacher who teaches them a new way to live or do things. Jesus began choosing men to learn from and follow Him. Jesus wanted to teach them to help others learn about God.

They couldn't wait to follow Jesus and learn from Him because he was the promised one, the Messiah, God's own son, the Savior of the world, sent to take away everyone's sins! The things Jesus would teach would change the way they lived.

Jesus promised to teach them how to be "fishers" of men instead of fish! That sounds kind of silly doesn't it? Fishing for men!

How do people catch fish? First, they need to know where the fish are and what they want so the fisherman can catch it. That's what Jesus meant when He told his disciples they would become "fishers" of men. Jesus and His disciples were going to help people who were "lost" and didn't know God learn about God and how much He loves them.

They were going to help the people "repent" or turn from their sins, the things that God doesn't want us to do and turn towards God. Jesus was teaching them to how to love each other and how to love God just like He's teaching us. And Jesus wants us to "fish" for men just like the disciples! Jesus wants us to tell others about Him and to Shine our Light letting everyone know about God's love.

How do we do that? We can shine our light by Sharing with others, Caring For others, Speaking Kindly to each other, Obeying our parents and God, Praying for each other, Following Jesus and Telling Others about God. Those are some things Jesus wants us to do to show other God's love and "catch" them for God. Let's Pray

Let's Pray

Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving us so much that you "fish" for us and catch us up in your love. You are so good to us. Help us to show your love to others and help them learn about you. Help us to follow you and grow strong in your love. Amen.

Key Questions

Why did Jesus come be with us? *To save us from our sins!*
What is sin? *The things we do wrong.* Who sins? *Everyone!*
How do we get rid of our sin? *We pray to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us..*
What does it mean to "fish for men"? *To help others learn and love God*
How can we tell others about God? *Shine your light and Reflect God's love.*



TAG, you're it!

Weekday Lesson Activities



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Lesson Resources for Home

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Fishers of Men

Story Review

This week Jesus began choosing disciples to follow Him. Disciples follow a teacher who teaches them a new way to live or do things. Jesus began choosing men to learn from and follow Him. Jesus wanted to teach them to help others learn about God.

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Shout to the Lord!

Worship Live Links

Follow along with the motions! The kids love to dance and worship!

- This Little Light of Mine:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9bZNX4uWA>
- I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEL0WpeH088>
- This Little Light of Mine Puppet Version: (a class favorite!)**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGWC6_SjHKQ
- 12 Disciples Song** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfi3JRR1Nfc&list=PL339nC0IK1SXifPN-dh_8OY1tm4oY9Yy5&index=5

Movie Time

Videos

Jesus Calls Peter https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhIwTU9RbxY&list=PL339nC0IK1SXifPN-dh_8OY1tm4oY9Yy5

Jesus Chooses His Disciples <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpUaSilelzc&list=PL339nC0IK1SXifPN->

Moving and Grooving

Games

Play a game of Catch the Fishy. Stand still in the middle of the play area and say "Fishy, Fishy come on and play." As your child comes closer grab them and tickle them and let them go, so you can catch them again.

Kingdom Keys Lesson Activities

Kingdom Treasure

Memory Verse

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Cor 16:14 **Motions:** "Let all" spread your arms wide to encompass all, "that you do be done" make fists with your hands and pound them on top of each other like you're hammering, "in love". Cross your hands over your chest with your palms on your shoulders. Form your hands into a book for the reference. 1 Cor 16:14

Chalk it Up!

Craft

- The day before your craft draw a fish with Elmer's glue on black paper. When your glue is dry, use sidewalk chalk to color the paper around the fish.
- Print out the Fisher of men maze page. Do the maze and color.
- Get a rock and pain a fish on one side and on the other write, "Fisher of Men."

Table Talk

Lesson Review

When you have time review the Big Bible Words from our lesson:

Jesus: God, God's son, the Lamb of God **Repent:** Turn away from sin

Sin: Things we do wrong

Prayer: Talking to Jesus

What did Jesus come to do? Take away the sins of the World!

What happens to our sin? Jesus takes it away if we ask for forgiveness.

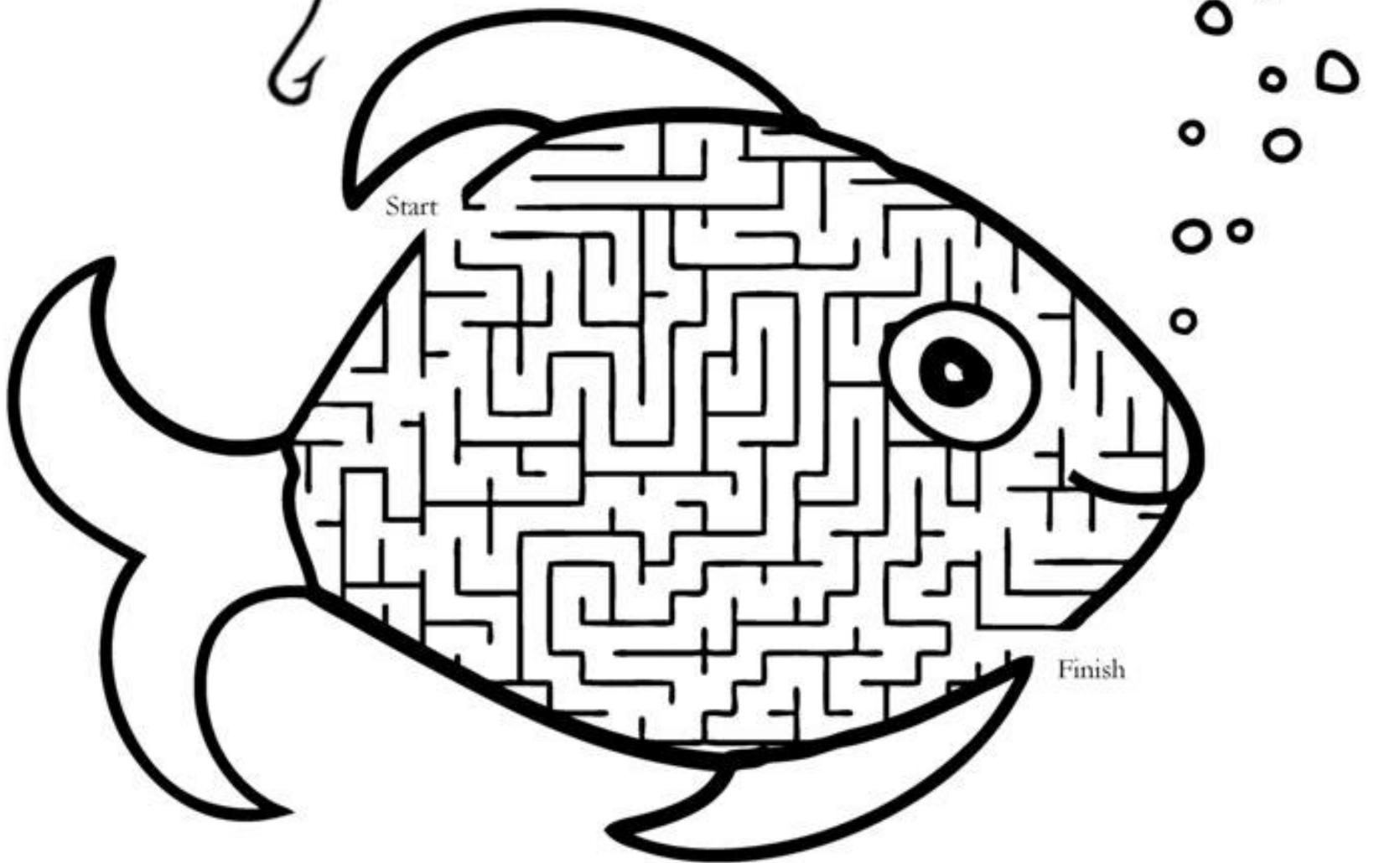
How can we tell others about God's Love? Shine our light and reflect God's love by sharing, caring, speaking kindly, obeying, praying Following Jesus and Telling others about God!

Coaches Corner

Well we've been learning a lot about Jesus and why he came. Now we're going to begin learning how to follow Him. I've included a "Shine Poster" for you to print out as we begin helping the children learn to practice shining their light to reflect God's love. We've chosen 7 main ideas to focus on, sharing, caring, speaking kindly, obeying, praying, Following Jesus and Telling others about God.



FISHERS of MEN



And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” **Mark 1:17**