

The Disciples



Luke 5:1-11, 8:1-3



Epiphany 5

Name _____

Jesus calls people like me to follow him.

Follow Me

After Jesus helped Simon and Andrew catch lots of fish, he called them and James and John to follow him. Jesus wanted them to catch people instead of fish. Then Jesus called Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him too! They were Jesus' first disciples.

Sing about what Jesus said to the tune of the song, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," or say it as a poem:

Nets! Nets! Throw your nets

Out into the sea!

Follow me, follow me, follow me, follow me,

Come and fish with me!

"Says Jesus!"

Coins! Coins! Drop your coins

Leave them easily!

Follow me, follow me, follow me, follow me,

Come and be set free!

"Says Jesus!"



Today's Bible story, **The Disciples**, is from the book of **Luke**. Luke wrote many stories about Jesus and his friends, the **disciples**. Disciples are people who believe in and **follow** Jesus. They wanted to follow **Jesus** because he loved them.

Faithful Followers

The Bible tells us that Jesus called all sorts of people to follow him and be disciples—men and women, young and old, tall and short. I can follow Jesus and be a disciple too!

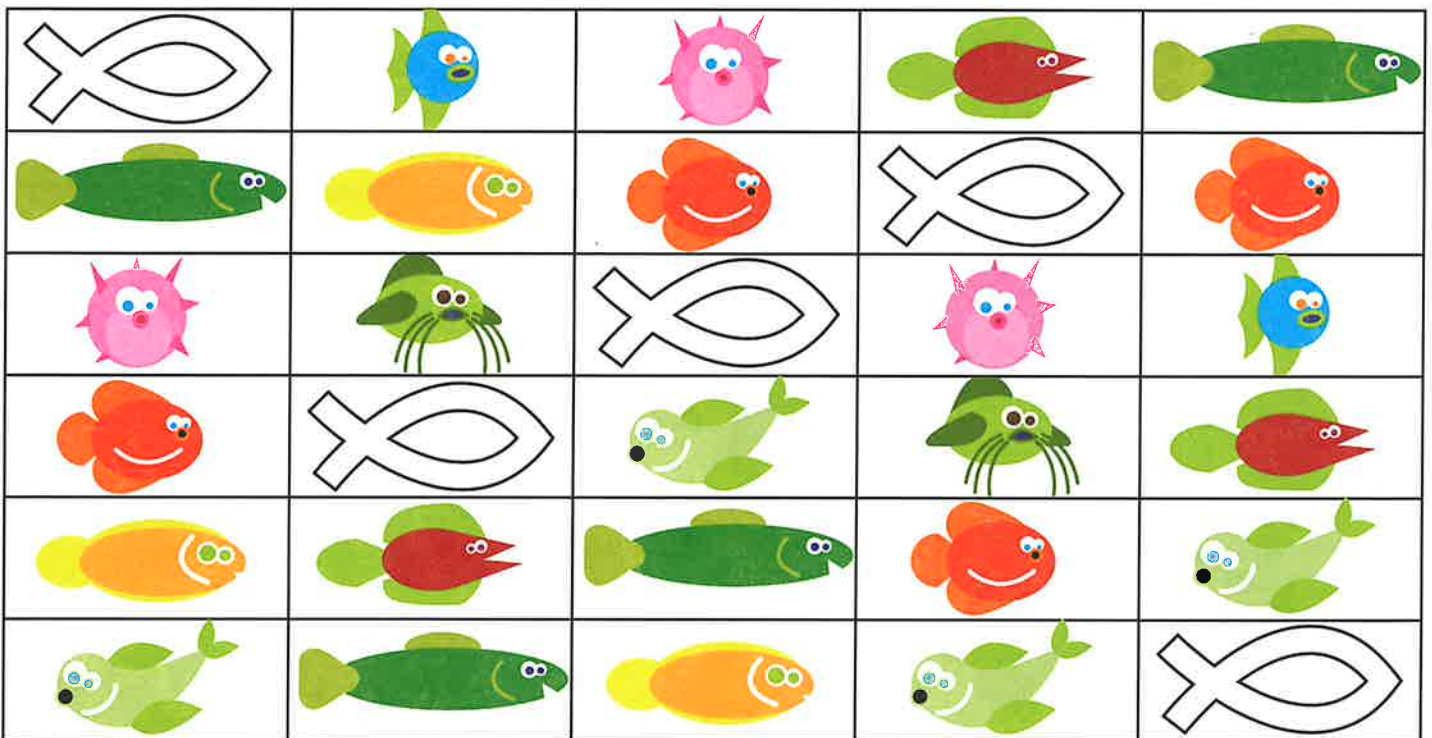


TRY IT!

Find the Fish

Jesus helped the disciples find and catch lots of fish, and taught them how to catch people to follow him too. The early Christians even used a special fish shape, called an "Ichthus," (sounds like "ICK-this") as a secret sign of faith to tell others they believed Jesus and followed his teachings.

There are 6 Christian fish symbols, Ichthus, in the puzzle. Which ones are they? Which columns have the same 6 fish?



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Fishing with Nets



Simon, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen who used nets to catch their fish. Jesus told them to drop their nets and become his disciples. People used nets to fish during Bible times and nets are still used by people who fish today.



Fishing nets are made by tying threads together into a mesh. The thread comes from different materials, including silk, wool and nylon.

“Cast” nets are thrown from boats or the shore to catch fish. When you “cast” a net, you throw the net away from you, into the water.



Some fishing nets are on long sticks and the fish are scooped out of the water.

To catch fish swimming in rivers, nets can be held in the water with poles or frames.

Jesus calls **people** like me to **follow** him.

To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

- Tell you about the disciples
- Share some fishy crackers
- Play “Follow the Leader”
- Show you an Ichthus fish
- Go fishing with you

- Invite you to church
- Give you a big hug
- Say “I’m sorry”
- Pray for you
- My own idea: _____