

Pre-Lesson Downloads -

#22 Jesus Calls His 12 Apostles

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Dear Families: One of the first things Jesus did after He began His ministry was to call 12 men to be His closest helpers. He had many disciples or followers, both women and men because John the Baptist had gone before Him and baptized many already in Jesus' name. John then told his followers that they needed to follow Jesus. Jesus was the true messiah. Our verse from the last lesson, "He must increase. I must decrease." shows John's work as he stepped away from the limelight and leads the people to Jesus. The apostle's names are some-times confusing because some of them had more than one name. I am presenting a list of the names that are accepted by most Biblical scholars. Eleven of these twelve men went on to build the church and write the scriptures. God Bless!

Bible Text: Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 2:13-16; John 1:43-51

As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John in the boat with their father mending their nets. And He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around Him and He taught them. As He was walking along, He saw Levi (also called Matthew) son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow me." And as He sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and His disciples—for there were many who followed Him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, "Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, He said to them, "Those who are well have need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael (same person as Bartholomew) and said to him, "We have found Him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael (Bartholomew) said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael (Bartholomew) coming toward Him, He said of Him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael (Bartholomew) asked Him, "Where did You get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you. Nathanael (Bartholomew) replied, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Bible Verse:

Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people." Matthew 4:19

Materials:

***Apostles smiles** – After your child draws a smile on each face let your child pick who she or he wants to be which apostle and you write the name for them if needed or have your child write the name of an apostle by each face. The pictures are in no particular order. If you write them in the order of the song (left to right & top to bottom) then the page could be used to sing the song written on the Word Search page: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, Bartholomew, James the Less (because he was younger than the first James named), Simon, Thaddeus, Judas Iscariot. ***3 Coloring pages** – Jesus calls Peter and Andrew, Jesus calls James and John. Jesus calls Matthew. ***Maze** ***Word Search** ***Front page**, with dot to dot feet, for a book made by your child, *How Can I Follow Jesus?* Write the following ideas on the top or bottom of each page following the title page. (1. Obey your parents; 2. Be kind; 3. clean up you mess without being told; 4. Say “Thank You” to others for helping you or giving you something; 5. Help others; 6. Pray every day; 7. Get your homework done without a fuss. . .) Your child can use these ideas or make up their own. After getting the concept written down, have them draw a picture of themselves doing what is written. Have your child read it back to you. If it is too much to get it done in one sitting, just take as many days as needed. ***Possible games** – take the book ideas (Obey your parents, Be Kind, etc.) and write or have your child write them on the shape of a fish. They can then go “fishing.” Add a paper clip to the nose of each fish and go fishing using a dowel with a string tied to one end and with a magnet on the other end of the string. When she/he “catches” a fish have them read it and then give an example of it, ie: Obey your parents – “put my dirty clothes in the hamper and not on the floor” or “do my homework without making a fuss,” etc. **Or** write a disciple’s name on each fish and say it after it is “caught.”

Possible Picture for Bible Verse: (If your child will draw a picture his/herself, that would be great!)



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ake a happy smile on each follower's face.
Can you say the name of each follower?

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"Follow me," Jesus said.
Luke 5:27



Call of Peter and Andrew



The brothers, James and John, who were the partners of Simon and Andrew, also left their ship to follow Jesus.

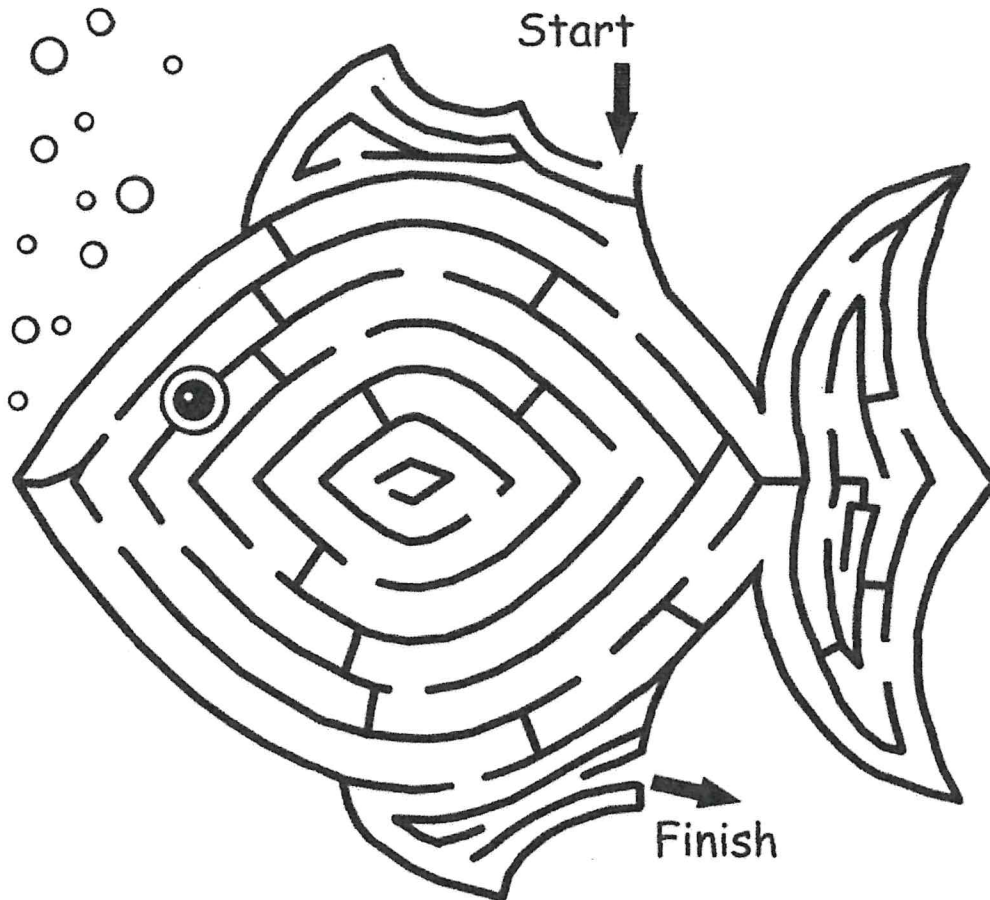


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Call of Matthew

Name _____

I like to follow Jesus!



**From now on, you will fish for people.
Luke 5:10b**

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The 12 Apostles Word Find and Song

T I Y N A V N S P Q R F G A X
J H P I L I H P A V Q D T U O
U I A U L Q E G C M V I T Z A
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B A R T H O L O M E W T Z G I
W K I G W T T B S O S E P I N
N S U Z S P X N N Y N P S Y G
F V A Y O X T J Y C I F N Y A

Can you find the names of the twelve disciples?

Peter
Andrew
James

John
Phillip
Thomas

Matthew
Bartholomew
James (the less)

Simon
Thadeus
Judas

The Twelve Disciples Song
Tune: "Jesus Loves Me"

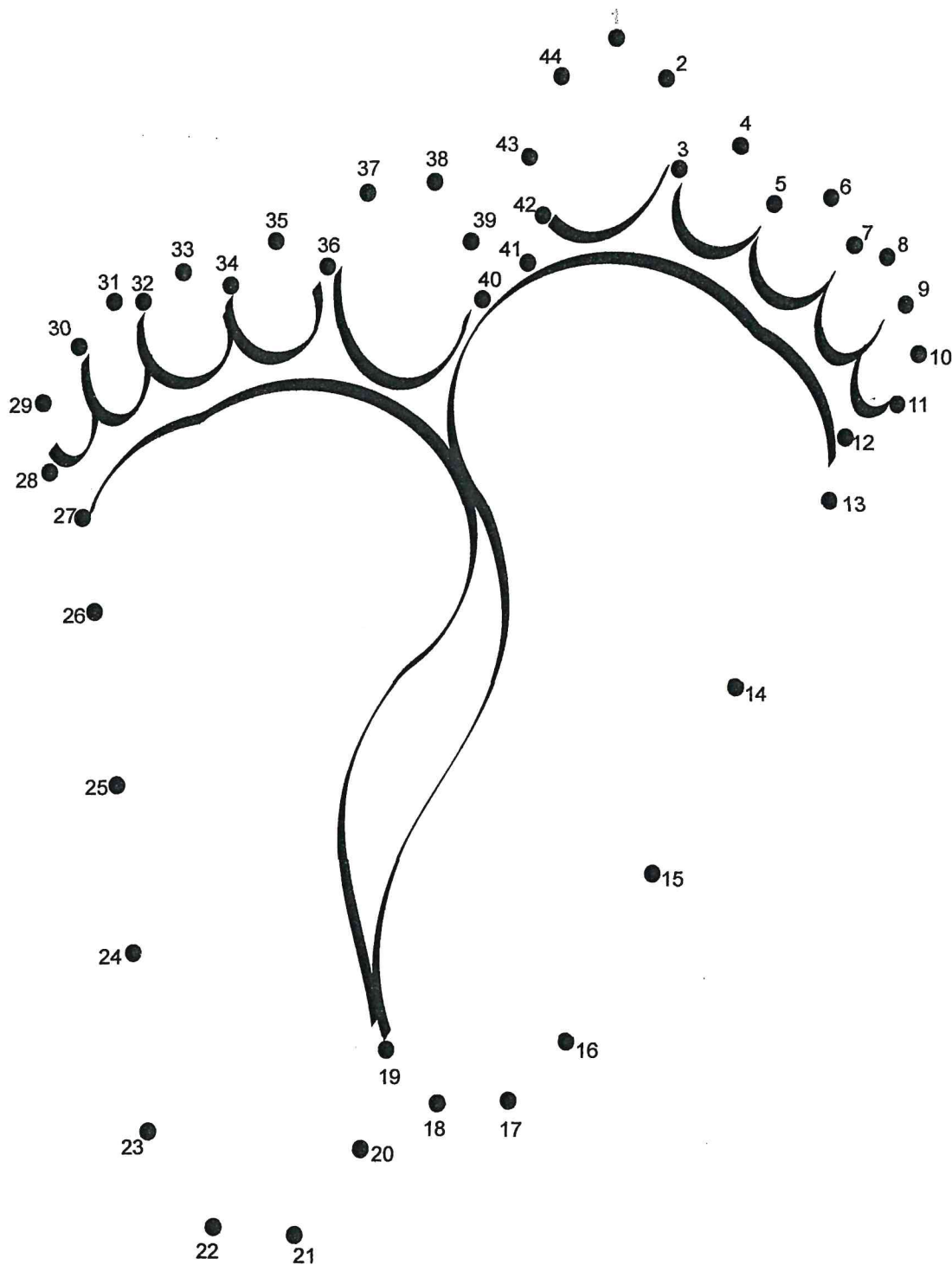
Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Next, came Philip, Thomas too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.

- Chorus -

Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
He called them one by one.

James the one they called the less,
Simon, also Thaddeus,
The twelfth disciple Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.

How Can I Follow Jesus?

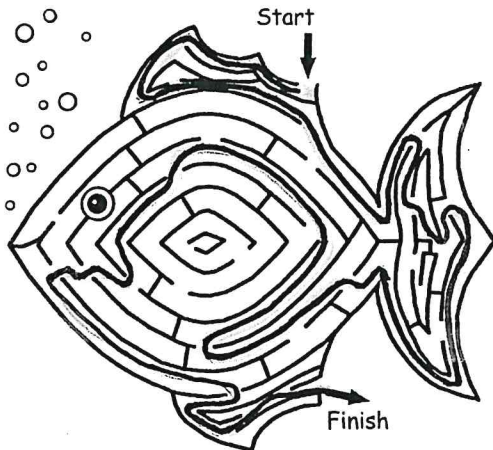


Ideas for pages of "How Do I Follow Jesus? book or to go on fish for fishing game:

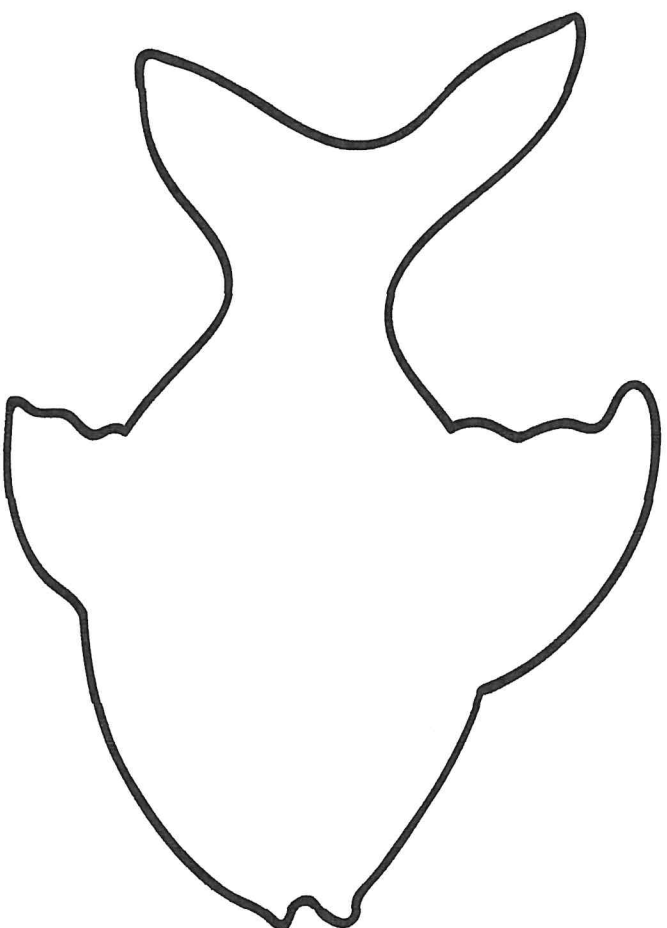
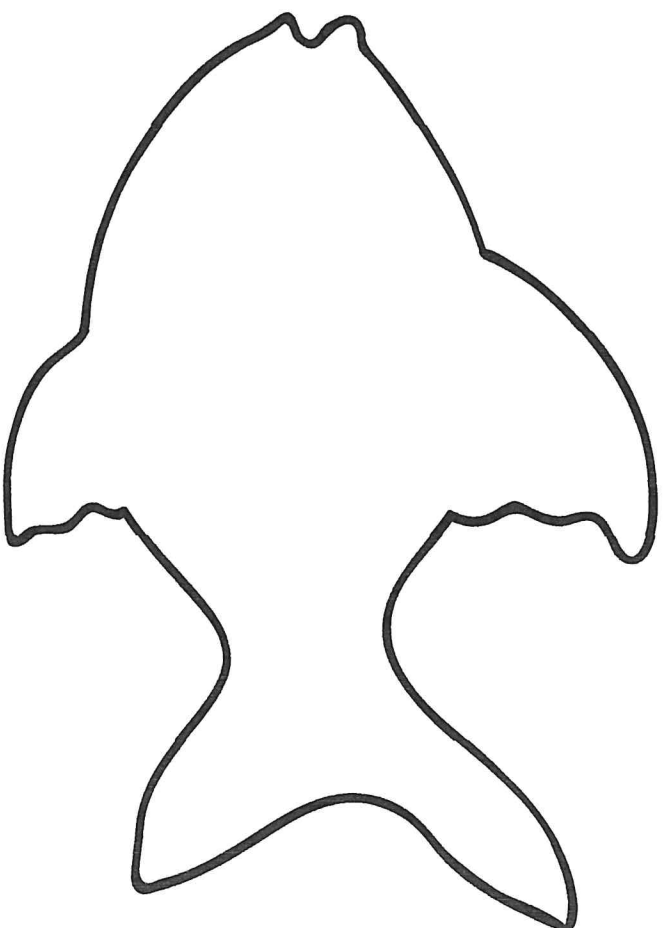
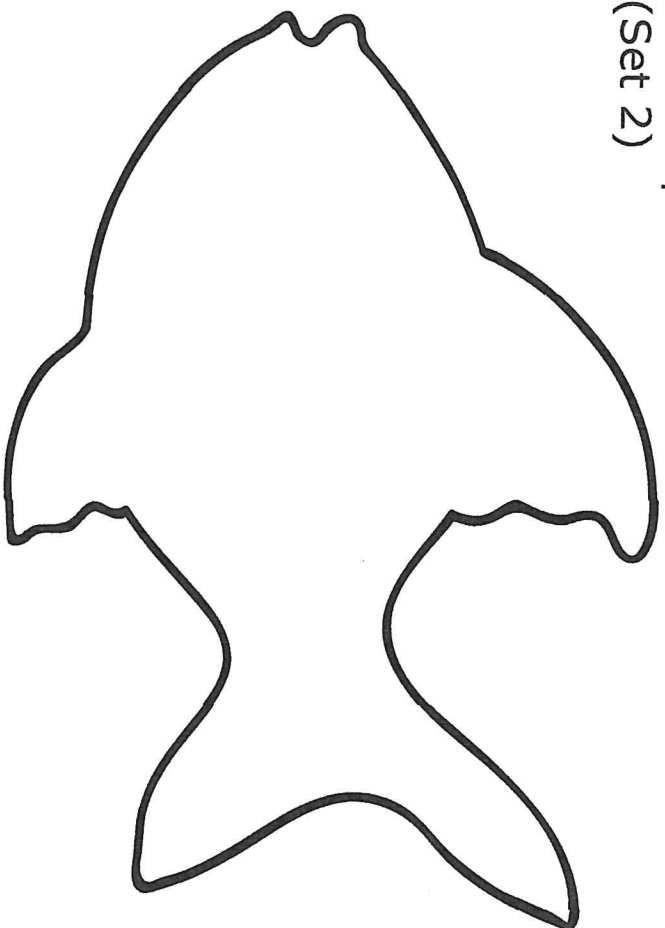
1. Obey your parents
2. Be Kind
3. Clean up after yourself without being told
4. Say, "Thank you" when people help yourself
5. Help others
- 6 Pray everyday

Use these ideas or make up your own ways to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Peter
Andrew
James
John
Philip
Thomas
Matthew
Bartholomew
James the Less
Simon
Thaddeus
Judas (Iscaiot)

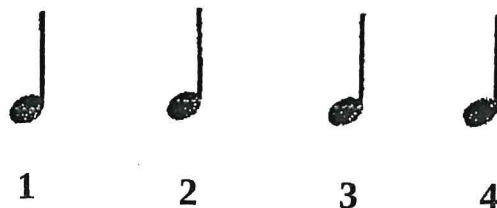


Fish Shapes
(Set 2)



Music Page: Practice these 4-beat rhythms on drum or on lap or by clapping. Count to 4 out loud while playing. Say “Shh” really quietly for rests. Try to memorize them. For half note say “one-un” or “two-oo” etc.

straight 4-beat pattern



rhythm patterns

