



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

THE LITTLE DISCIPLE

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Pastoral Note

**Dear boys and girls,
Did you know that
you can be a disciple
of Jesus?**

**Let's all make a
friend for Jesus this
month. Share a story
about what Jesus has
done in your life and
you'll be helping
someone learn about
who Jesus is.**

Hugs and love,

Pastor Michelle

Theodore is 8 years old, and he is a disciple of Jesus. Theodore's family often opened their home to young people. Two teen boys who lived too far from school came to Theodore's home to live while they finished their studies. Amos, a friend of the teenage boys, would come to visit the boys. He always enjoyed it when Theodore's mother invited him to stay for dinner. The two boys enjoyed spending time together and quickly became friends. One day Theodore told his parents that he considered Amos his big brother.

When Theodore learned that Amos didn't attend church, Theodore invited Amos to join the family for church on Sabbath. "Sure, I'll go with you," Amos said. Amos arrived at Theodore's house on Friday so he wouldn't be late for church on Sabbath. He found the family cleaning and cooking for Sabbath. Amos joined in. He scrubbed the floors, helped his friends cook, and even washed the clothes! Everyone worked together to prepare for Sabbath.

Amos couldn't always attend church. Some weekends he had to work, and other weekends he went to see his parents in the village to get food. Theodore asked his mother to feed Amos so that he would not have to miss church to go home.

The church held evangelistic meetings and Theodore invited Amos. Amos went. Afterwards Theodore asked how he liked the meeting, Amos said, "I liked it a lot, and if you don't invite me tomorrow, I'll come anyway." The next night Amos came early so that he could eat with the family before the meeting.



Amos went to all the meetings. He attended baptismal classes. And when the pastor announced that there would be a baptism in the river, Amos joined the new believers. And standing on the river's edge was Theodore, eager to see Amos be baptized. Theodore was so happy that he thought his chest would burst. "I felt as if my big brother were being baptized. Now Amos and I are brothers in Jesus."

Father turned to Theodore and said "Theodore I am proud of the work you do for Jesus. You are a disciple because you invited Amos to come to Jesus." Theodore told his father "Anyone can be a disciple of Jesus. All we have to do is tell our friends about Jesus and invite them to come to church with us".

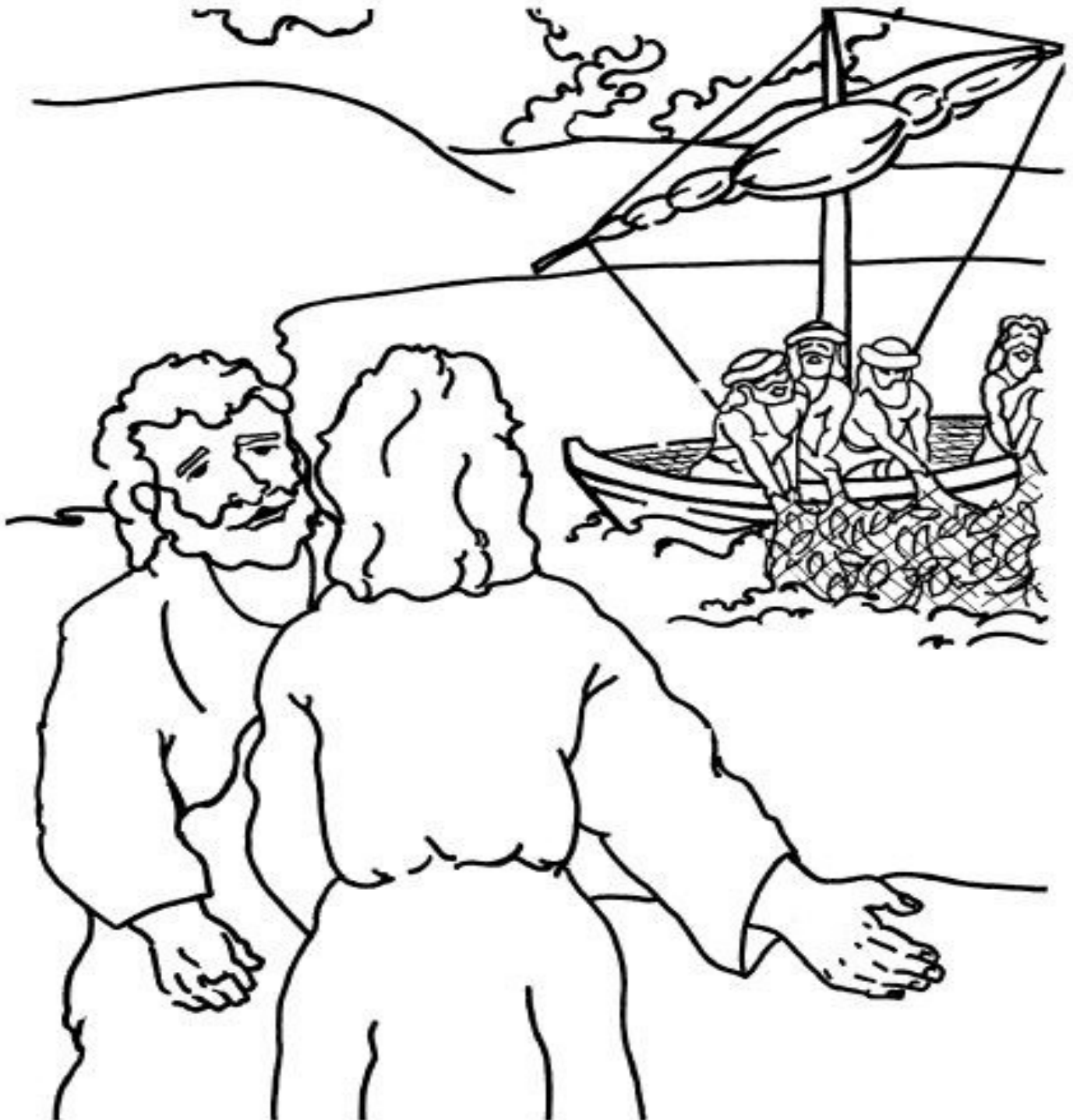
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**Dear Jesus, I want to always follow You. Thank you
for calling me to be Your disciple. Help me to obey
your command and go and make disciples. Amen**

FOLLOW ME

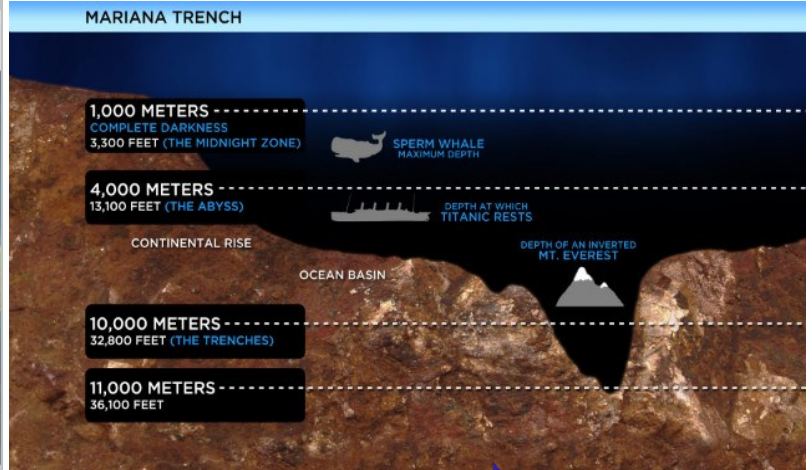
“Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Mark 1:17



KIDS' ZONE

MARIANA TRENCH

- The Mariana Trench or Marianas Trench is the deepest part of the world's oceans. It is located in the western Pacific Ocean.
- The deepest part of the trench is the Challenger Deep, and goes deeper (by about a mile) than the height of Mount Everest.
- The Mariana Trench is 120 times bigger than the Grand Canyon.
- Over 200 different microorganisms were found in 1 mud sample taken from the Challenger Deep.
- The Challenger Deep is very cold, and highly pressurized; its floor features hydrothermal (hot water) vents.
- During a mission undertaken by scientists at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in July 2011, giant amoebas (known as xenophyophores) were discovered in the Mariana Trench.



Jesus Calls His First Disciples Mark 1:14-20

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| Galilee | Sea | Fishermen | James |
| Kingdom | Simon | Come | Brother |
| Repent | Andrew | Follow | John |
| Believe | Lake | Nets | Boat |



When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.
 John 10:4

WHY FOLLOW JESUS



Why did Jesus choose fishermen? They were hard-working men. He cared about what was in their heart. He knew that they had faith, and that is what He looks for in His followers. Jesus loves all people, however ordinary we might be.

Jesus never said that following Him would be easy. In fact, He already knew that He would die on the cross. The disciples of Jesus knew that following Him was the right thing to do. When Jesus calls us, He doesn't promise our lives will be easy. But He does promise to always be with us to help us. He gives His Holy Spirit to those who believe in Him and ask Him to live in their hearts. The Holy Spirit helps us to be better followers.



TRUE OR FALSE:

1. Jesus does not hide anything from us -- John 18:20 **T or F**
2. Jesus loves us unconditionally -- Romans 5:8 **T or F**
3. Jesus knows the future -- Revelation 1:1 **T or F**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

Then Jesus said to them, "**(Follow Me, Speak as Me, Do as Me)**, and I will make you become fishers of **(Fish, Men, Peoples)**." Mark 1:17 NKJ

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

Who was a disciple of John the Baptist before he was a disciple of Jesus? John 1:35, 37, 40

- A) Peter B) John C) Andrew D) Philip

ORIGINAL MEANING

In the original language of the New Testament, Koine Greek, the word for FISHERMAN is **ἁλιεὺς (halieus)** which comes from the root word, **SALT**. Therefore every fisherman is the salt of the world (Matthew 5:13)

HOW TO FISH

Jesus is the ultimate Fisherman. He always teaches us how to fish.



1. **Outside the Comfort Zone:** Witnessing to others can be very uncomfortable at first, but when we make a habit of living out our faith in front of others, it becomes normal and natural for us.
2. **Right Gear:** Be well equipped. There are 3 things you will need to make disciples. First, be willing to follow Jesus. Second, study your Bible properly. Third, have a teachable spirit.
3. **Proper Bait:** Be familiar with your surroundings, know what kind of hearts you'll be reaching, and seek God first so you will know how best to love people.
4. **Fishing Requires Patience:** Sometimes a person may not be ready to turn to Jesus. Don't get discouraged. Pray for them, love them and believe that the Holy Spirit is working in that person's life.
5. **Tangled Fishing Line:** As we share with others about Jesus, Satan will work hard to put obstacles in our way. Satan's goal is to cause those to whom we witness to never hear the message of Jesus or see Him in our lives. But turn to God for help. He will open another way for you to reach people.
6. **Trust and Faith:** Each time you go out fishing, express your faith and trust in God through prayer. Ask for His blessing, for His protection, for His guidance, and you can even ask Him for the big catch. Also thank Him in advance for the amazing opportunity to go out and serve Him.