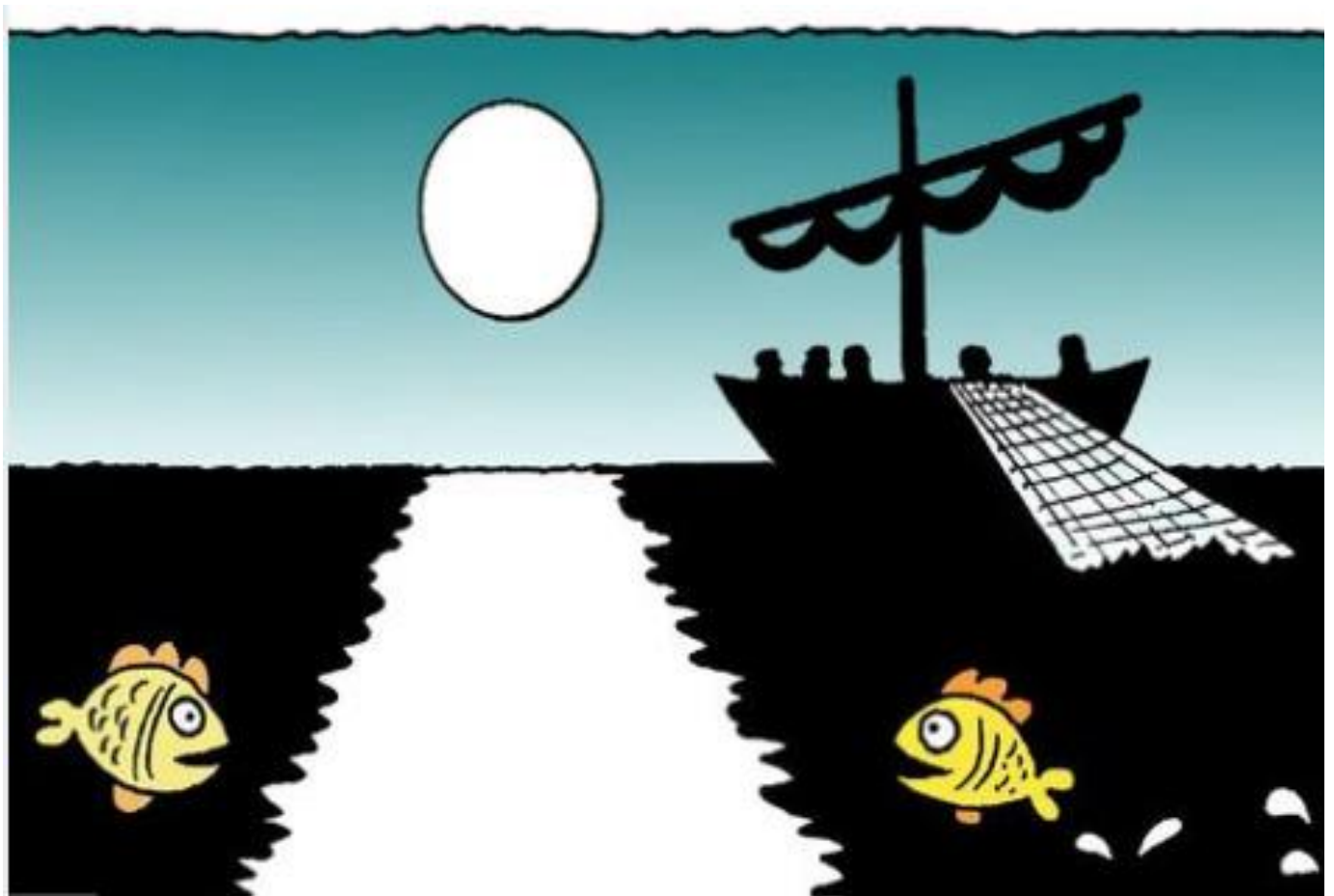


Jesus calls His Disciples and the Miraculous Catch of Fish Luke 5:1-11 & Luke 6:12-16

At the beginning of his ministry Jesus called a small group of disciples to accompany him and to learn from Him during his life. Peter, Andrew, James and John were the first disciples that Jesus called. They were all fishermen.

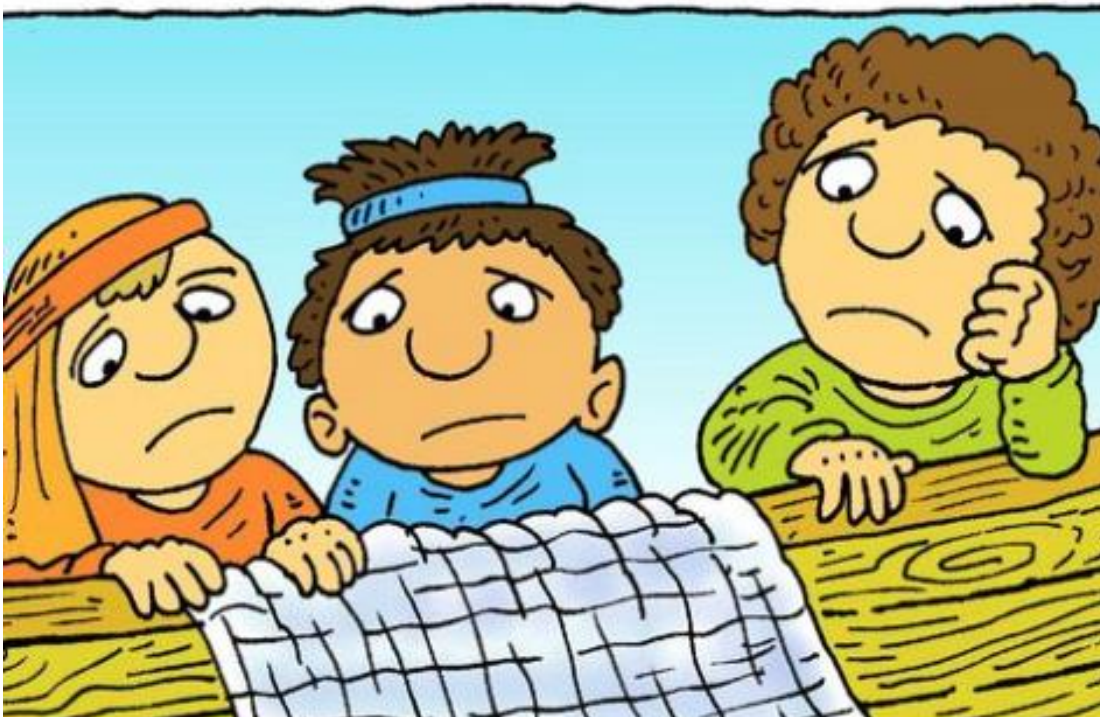
Night time was usually a good time to go fishing but one particular night was very different. Peter and his friends, Andrew, James and John got their nets ready and rowed out to one of their favourite fishing places where they usually caught lots of fish. It was beautiful calm night and they were expecting a good catch.



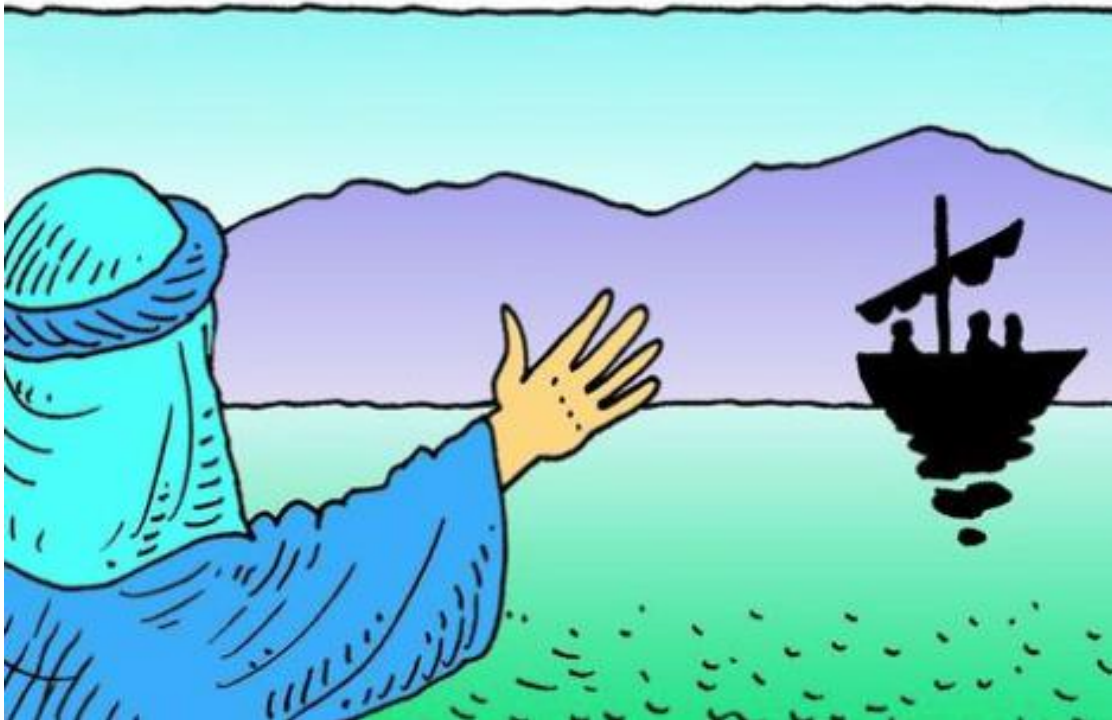
They put their nets over the side of the boat and waited expectantly. They waited and they waited and they waited and then after a very long time they pulled in the heavy nets. **Oh no!** There weren't any fish in their nets, not even one single fish!



So, they tried again... and again... and again but there were no fish. In fact, they tried all night but there were still no fish. They were tired and hungry and they had no fish to sell! They pulled in their nets feeling rather sad and fed up and they started to make their way home.



Then, as they reached the shore and started washing their nets they could see that there were lots of people on the shore with Jesus. Jesus came and got into Peter's boat and asked him to take the boat out just a little way so that He could talk to the people from the boat. So that's what he did!

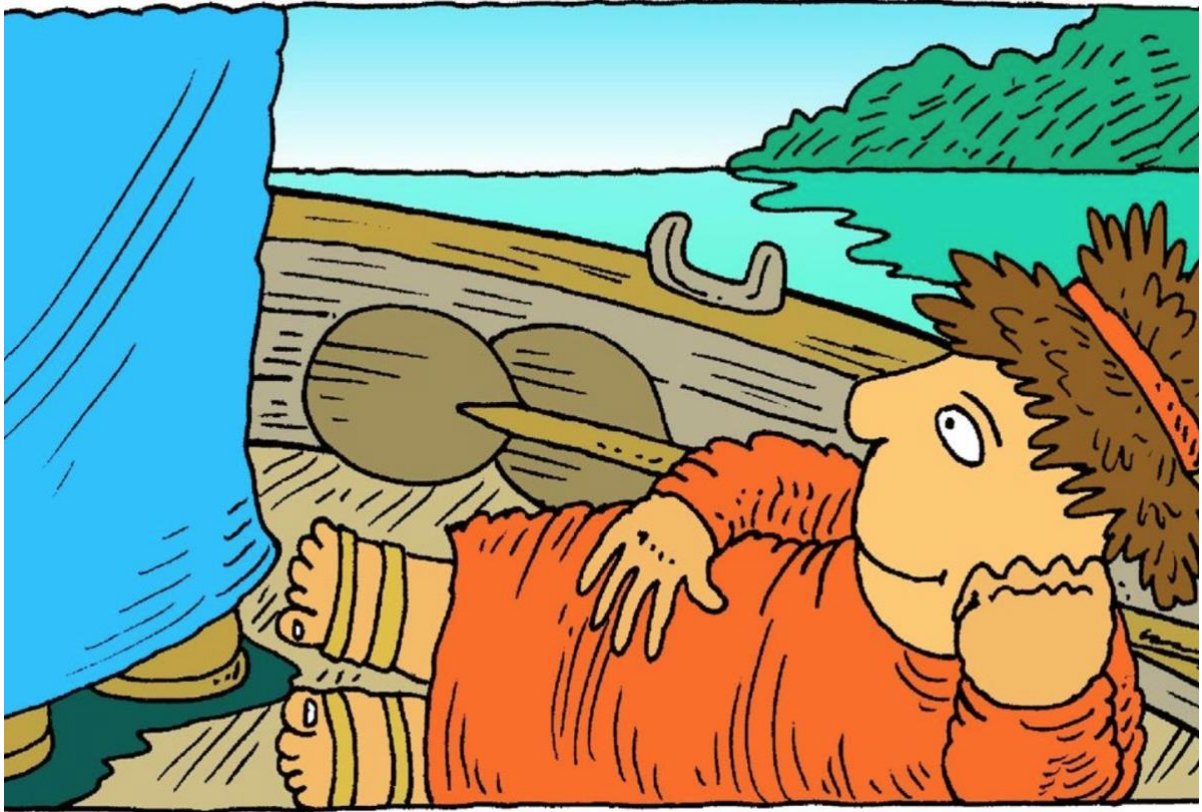


Jesus talked to all the people and told them how much God loved them and that He wanted them to love him too. Peter and his friends listened carefully to everything that Jesus said and they were amazed.



After Jesus had finished talking to the people he turned round to Peter and said, "Peter take your boat out into the deep water. Then if you put your nets in the water you will catch some fish."

Peter replied, "Master we tried all night and we caught nothing but we will do what you say."



So Peter and his friends did what Jesus said , they went into the deep water and put their nets into the water.

What do you think happened next?

Yes, it was amazing! They caught so many fish that their nets began to break. Peter and his friends helped each other but there were so many fish that the boats were almost beginning to sink! Eventually they managed to get back to shore.



The nets were so full. There were so many fish. It was a miracle!
Then Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you 'fishers of men'."

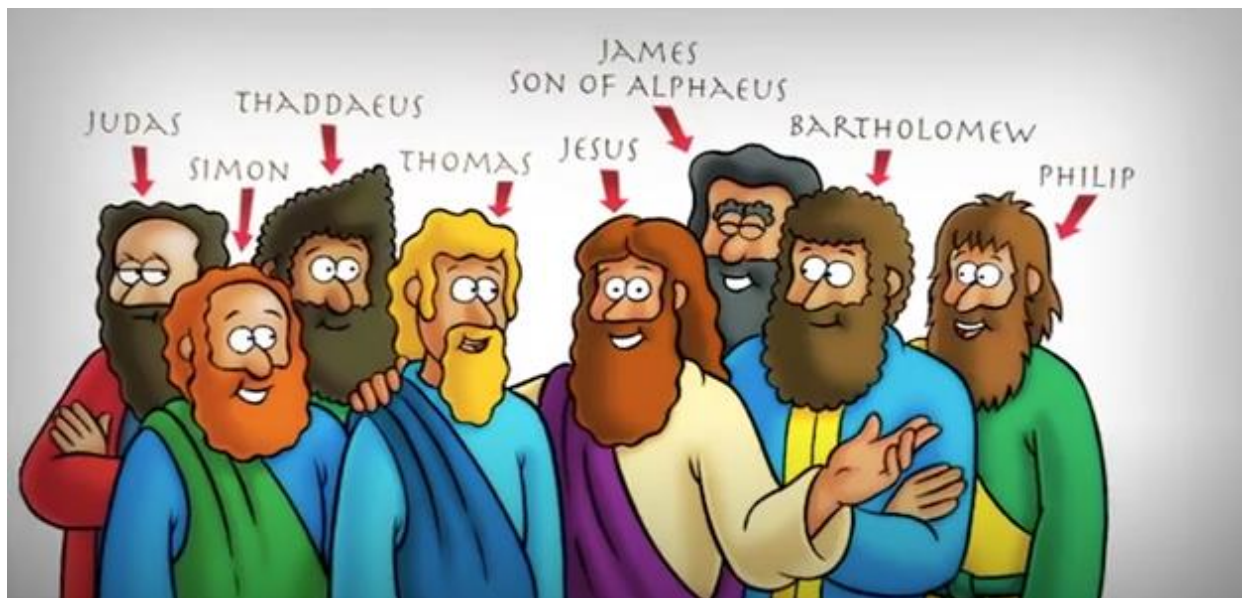
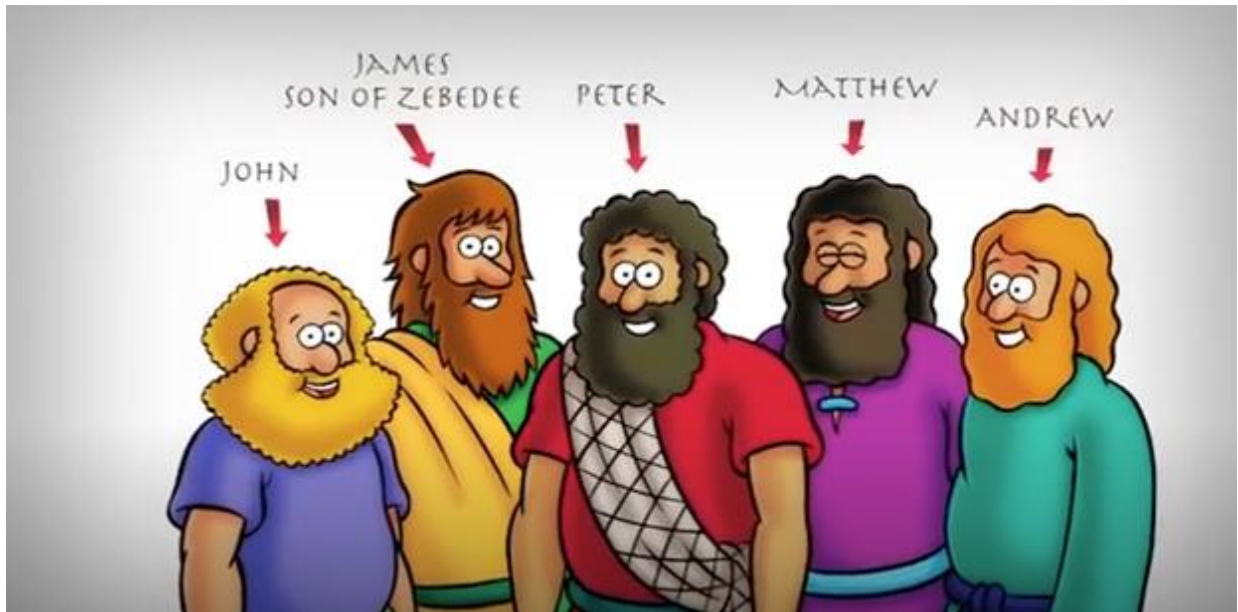
What do you think Jesus meant when He said He would make them 'Fishers of Men'?

He meant that they would be able to tell people about God's love for them and help them to follow Jesus too. That's what He wants us to do too, to share what we know about God with our friends and with everyone we know.

So, Peter, Andrew and James and John were the first disciples but they weren't the only disciples. Jesus went on to call a number of others.

How many disciples were there and what were their names?

Look in the pictures to find the names of all 12 disciples and then make a list.



Verse

This is what Jesus said to Peter and his friends and all the disciples. He wants us to tell other people about God too.

*“Jesus said, “Come and follow me
and I will make you fishers of men.”*

Matthew 4:19

Prayer



Dear God,

Thank you for the story of the miraculous catch of fish.

Thank you that you called the disciples to be fishers of men sharing your good news and love with others.

Help us to do the same.

We pray for our friends and family who don't know you and ask that they will come to know and love you too.

Amen

Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWiqXIn9tyg>

LifeKids story drawings (2½mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F120aeswBx0>

God's Story - Crossroad Kids Club (2½mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhIwTU9RbxY>

Saddleback - Jesus calls Peter (3mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zi7T7qpQHWg>

primary Year C - Going Fishing (4mins)

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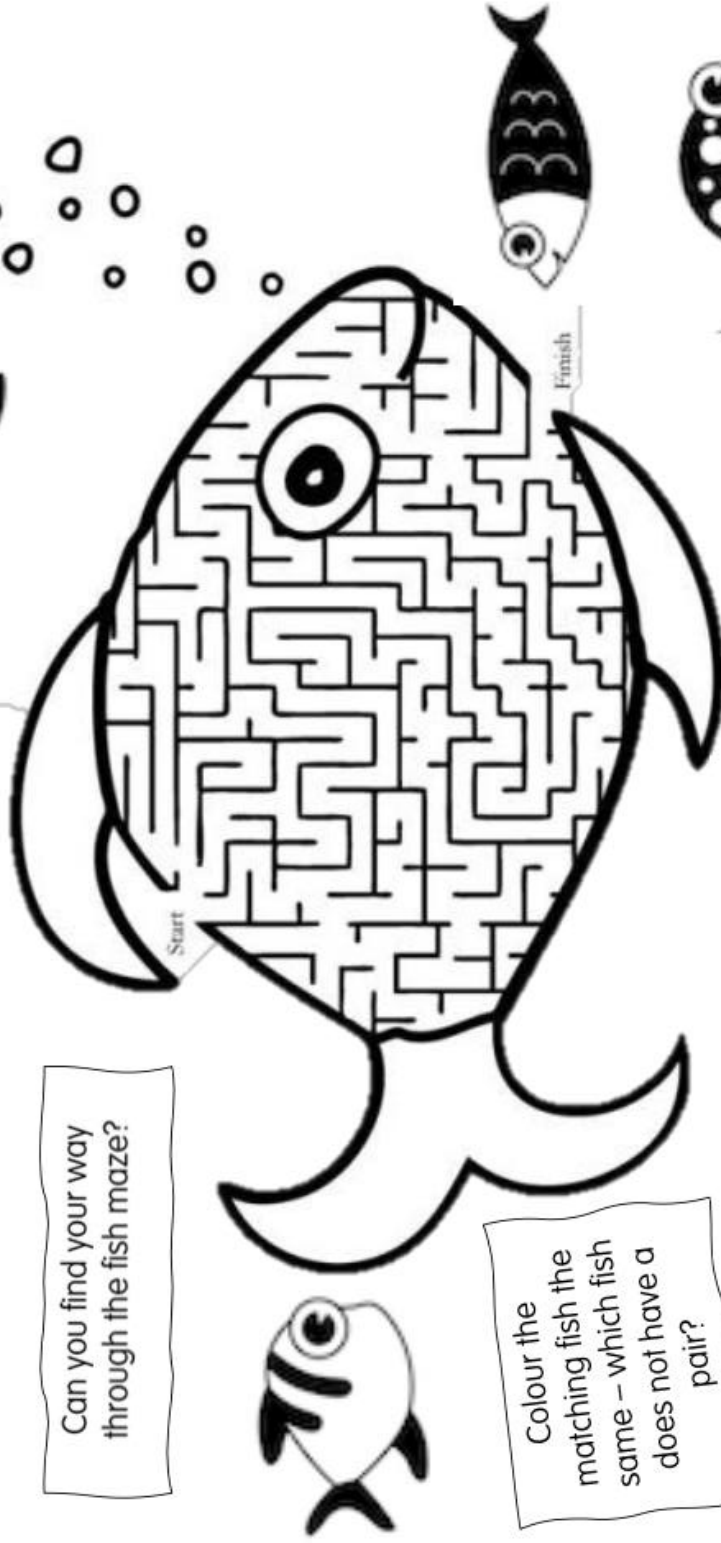
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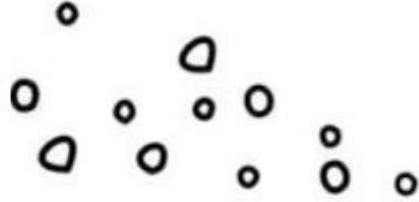


Puzzle Sheet

Can you find your way through the fish maze?



Colour the matching fish the same - which fish does not have a pair?



Can you find all these words
in the word search?



Jesus
disciples
fishing
net
Peter

shore
fire
bread
alive

How many times
can you find the
word fish in the
word search?



f i s h h e d g n i h s i f v
o a j y j r i f d s j i j h l
s y l l e i p i h b k v s r z
j u f h t f s o s z h i v r a
n k s f u c r n i i f a f v q
a i g e i e z p f e l z j x p
f n j p j s z e b j v j k g c
s g l l n w h t d a s i l o u
x e d m f d a p e r b r h l o b
s z l j i z p r n e t e i a t

Here are some Family activities that you might like to try try.

Family Activity 1

You will need: A wooden spoon, some string, paperclips, card and a magnet.

Make your own fishing game. Cut out some fish shapes from card and attach a paperclip to each. Tie or stick a fridge magnet to a piece of string and attach it to a wooden spoon or stick to make your fishing rod.



Family Activity 2

You will need: Paper/Card craft materials, an empty net fruit bag

Make your own fishing net craft, cut out and decorate some fish shapes together and then use an empty fruit bag to make your net!



Active Prayer

Use one of our two family activities to pray for those you know who haven't yet made Jesus their friend and saviour.

Write the names of people you are praying for onto fish. You could take it in turns to catch one with your magnet rod or draw one out of the fruit bag and pray for them.

