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Catching people

Jesus told the first disciples that they would catch people. Jesus wants you to catch people too. You can catch people by teaching them about God's love.

Draw a fish sign by people sharing God's love.



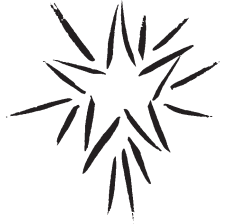
Help me, Jesus, to be your follower. Amen

This week

Look for fish signs on cars, in doorways, and in churches.

Kids Celebrate

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany







gather

Welcome to worship. Green is the color of growing things. During the church season of Epiphany, green can remind you that your body, your mind, and your love for Jesus grow every day. God gave you five senses to learn about the world around you.




Today in worship . . .

What did you   ? _____

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What did you learn about Jesus today in worship?

Four fishermen who followed Jesus

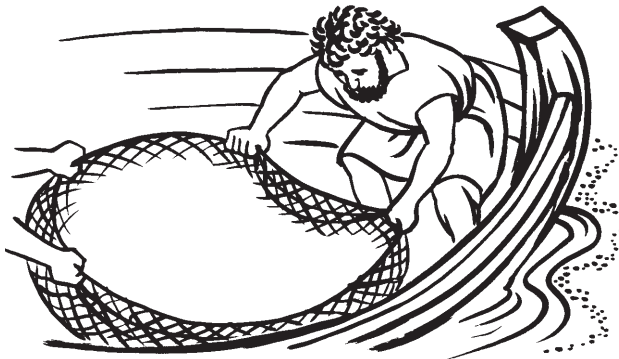
Luke 5:1-11

One day Jesus was standing by the sea. People crowded around him. They wanted to hear Jesus teach about God's love. Jesus sat in a boat and taught the crowd.



Draw a heart on each person to show that Jesus' words filled them with love.

When Jesus finished speaking, he said to Peter, "Push the boat out in the deep water. Then let down your nets." Peter and his friends caught so many fish that their nets were about to break. They were amazed! Jesus said to Peter, "Don't be afraid: from now on you will catch people."



Draw lots of little fish to fill up the net.

Fish symbol

Jesus' first followers were fishermen. Early Christians used the symbol of a fish as a greeting.



One person would use a toe or sandal to trace an arch in the dust like this:

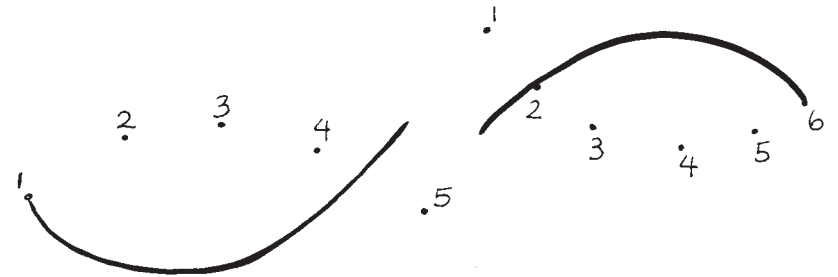


The other person would respond by tracing a second arch like this:



Today people use the fish sign to show others that they are Jesus' followers.

Trace the dotted lines to practice making the fish sign.



Try some on your own. Teach the fish sign and its meaning to a friend.

