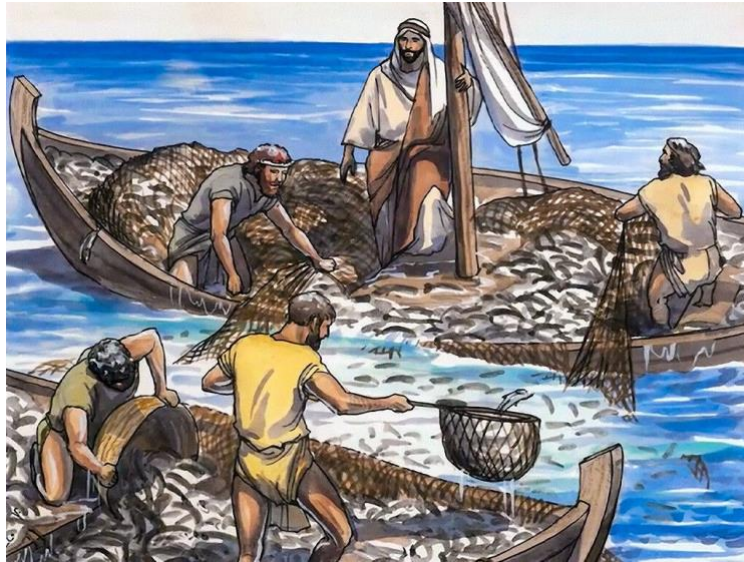


Sunday 9th February 2025

4th Sunday before Lent



Listen to today's Gospel reading, which is from Luke's Gospel, chapter 5, verses 1–11.

We first hear how Jesus taught people from a boat belonging to Simon Peter, who was a fisherman. When Jesus had finished talking to the crowd, he told Simon to put out into deep water to catch fish. Simon and his brother Andrew, and business partners James and John, had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. They relied on having a good catch to make a living, so this would have been very worrying for them. Despite this, he knew enough about Jesus to trust him, and he did as Jesus said. What a result! The catch was so big that Simon's partners had to come with another boat to help haul it in! There were so many fish that we're told both boats nearly sank. Simon Peter recognised that putting his trust in Jesus had led to the most amazing result – Jesus doesn't do things by halves!

Simon might have felt unworthy to be in Jesus's company, but Jesus went on to ask him – and the other fishermen – to follow him and to become his first disciples. We're told that they left everything – including their fishing business – to go with Jesus and “catch

people". They would be commissioned by Jesus to spread the good news about his kingdom and help him to teach people about God's love.

We, too, are asked to be followers of Jesus and, as his disciples, to tell others about him. This isn't an easy thing to do, but, like Simon Peter, we can trust Jesus and, when we do, we will find, as Simon did, that his love and generosity will be overflowing and he will give us not only what we need, but a whole lot more!

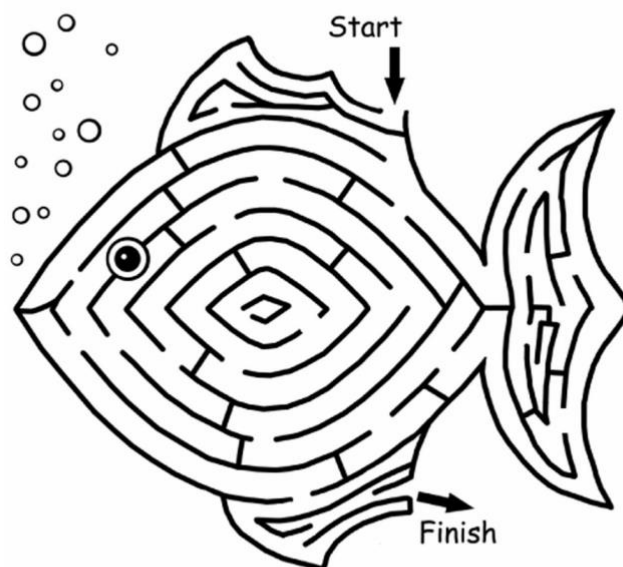


A Prayer for this week:

Loving God, sometimes life can be difficult,
and we are not able to do things in our own strength.
We ask you to give us all that we need, knowing that, in your
generosity, you will give us far more,
loving us and protecting us through everything.
Amen.

Name _____

I like to follow Jesus!

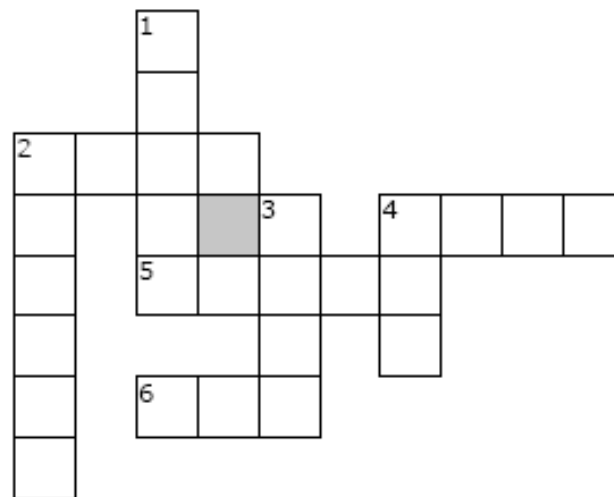


**From now on, you will fish for people.
Luke 5:10b**

Fishing for People

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)

This puzzle is based on Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)



ACROSS

2. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
4. To go down below the surface of the water
5. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish

DOWN

1. The Son of God
2. To get behind someone and go where they go
3. A small vehicle for traveling on water
4. A large area of water, smaller than an ocean

Jesus
shore

net
boat

fish
sea

sink
follow

A picture to colour:

