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You may have been celebrating Harvest Festival in your church or school recently -or perhaps it is coming up this month. It's a time when we thank God for all the wonderful food that we are able to enjoy. Food that these days comes from all over the world. But do you ever think about fish - perhaps you like to eat it as fish fingers.



We have to thank fishermen from all over the world who risk their lives at sea to catch all sorts of fish for us to eat – not just the cod you may have in your fish fingers. And fishermen were an important group of men who left all that they had to follow Jesus when he called them. One of them was named Peter. His family owned a fishing boat and one day Jesus used it as a platform to be able to teach the people gathered on the shore. When he finished speaking, he told Peter and his crew to push the boat further out and to let their nets down on the right side of the boat. Peter protested, "We worked all last night but didn't catch a thing!" But then he had second thoughts and said, "If you say so we will do it." They rowed the boat further out onto the lake and let down the net. Immediately it was filled with fish. So much so that the net began to tear as the men struggled to pull it aboard, and they called for a second boat to help them.. In the picture at the top of the page you can see Peter and his crew struggling to pull in that net.

Amazed, Peter and his partners James and John, realised that Jesus was special and Peter fell to his knees before Him. He was a little afraid by what Jesus had been able to do and tried to send him away. But Jesus told them all not to be afraid, and that from then on they would become fishers of men. Immediately Peter, James and John, decided to trust in him and leave their boats and their old life behind, and they followed Jesus.

Read this story in the Bible. You will find it in Luke Chapter 5 verses 1-11.

A Question for you:

What do you think Jesus meant when he said "You will become fishers of men"? Perhaps you could discuss this with your parents, teacher or Sunday church leader.



Peter Recognises Jesus
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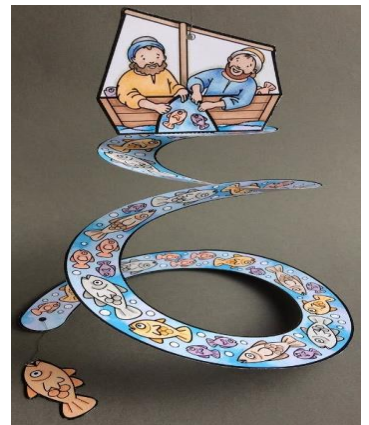
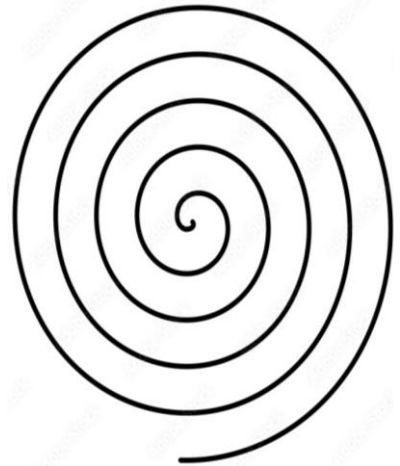


BOAT	GOD	NETS	SIMON	WATER
FISH	JESUS	PETER	SON	TEAR

Craft Activities 1. A Fish Spiral



Begin by cutting out a circle of card, or use a paper plate. Put your pencil point in the centre of the circle and then draw lines going out towards the edge. Try to keep even spacing. Look at the picture on the left and see how the fishes are drawn between the lines. Also draw out a boat and fishermen picture to go at the top (make your own design). When you've filled the spiral with fish pictures, colour them in. Now – beginning at the outside line, cut along the lines very carefully to make your spiral.



Attache to the bottom of the picture of the fishing boat to hang down below (see picture right)
To finish off, cut out and colour a double-sided fish to hang on the bottom.

2. A Net Full of Fish



Copy the fish shapes below, or draw your own, and colour them in, make each one as different as you can. Then cut them out. Find a net bag that had some fruit or vegetables in and fill it with your fish. Then attach it to a sheet of paper or card, blue if possible, to represent the sea. Write the words:-

“I will make you fishers of men”
on the sheet to remind you that Jesus called Peter and friends to trust him, and we must try to do the same.

