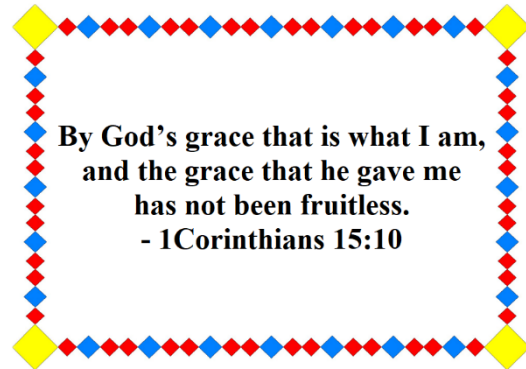


“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fishers of man.”

Children’s Liturgy Activity February 6th, 2022



Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

In the Gospel today, we see Simon Peter, James, John and their companions, who were fishermen washing their nets after a disappointed day of fishing. They caught no fish and were winding up their work. It was then Jesus came asking for Simon’s boat for preaching to the crowds who were pressing on him. Despite being tired and disappointed, Simon allows Jesus to sit in his boat. After his preaching Jesus asked Simon to cast the nets to the deep. Simon did not reject Jesus’ advice even though he was a skilled fisherman and was fishing all that time. Simon’s obedience turned out to be a great blessing. Their net was full of fishes to the point of sinking. They had to call their friend’s boats for help. All were amazed at the great catch. Simon knelt before Jesus and said, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’ But Jesus replied to them with an invitation and assurance, “Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Recognizing the call, they left everything and followed Jesus.

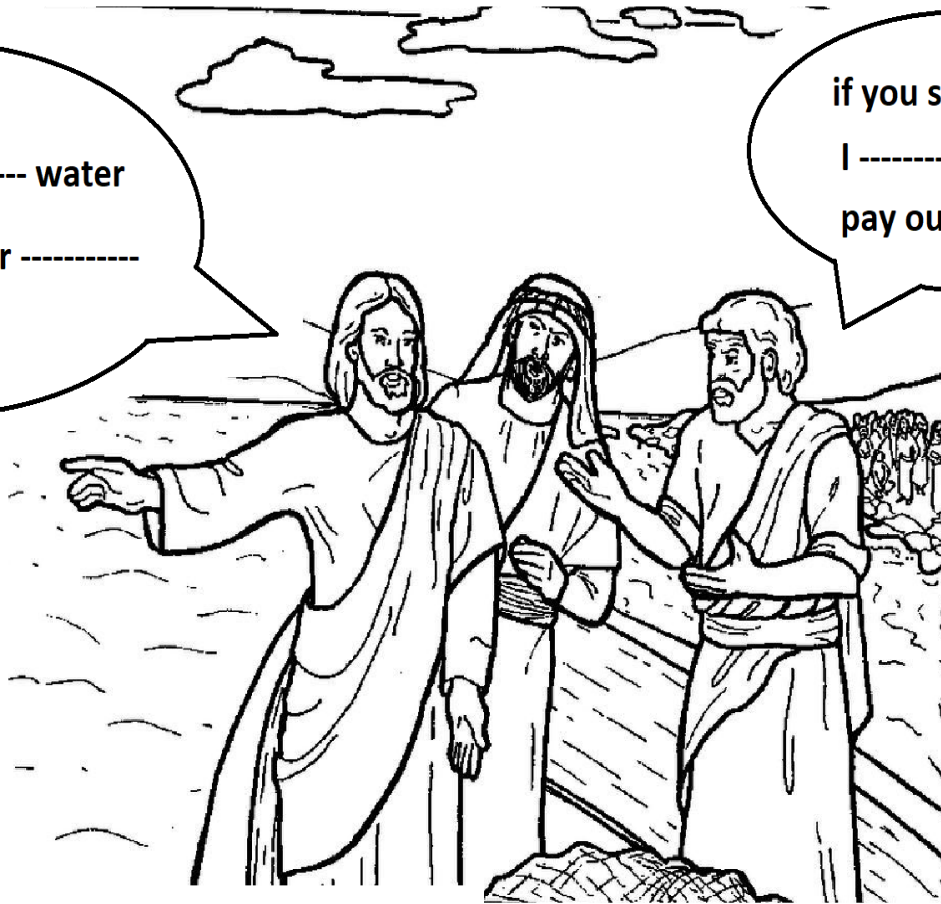
Do we remain to be good to others despite of our tiredness or hopelessness? Do we allow Jesus to use our areas of our livelihood to spread his love? Simon Peter allowed Jesus to use his boat and he trusted and obeyed Jesus despite his professionalism. Do we trust and obey Jesus ? Or does our ‘PRO’ attitude block us from giving Jesus a chance to work in our life?

Simon was blessed by his obedience. Blessings never made Simon Peter greedy. It made him realize and recognize Jesus, the real blessing. The abundant catch opened Simon’s eyes to see the greatness of Jesus and into a deep knowledge of himself and his helplessness. Simon realized that not his skills or any of his merits led to the blessings. But the Grace of God. To what does our blessings lead us to? Does the blessings and providence in our life makes us realize the unconditional love of our God and his power? Does it create in us humility and gratitude to God? Simon Peter realized that JESUS was someone powerful and unreachable. He confessed his sinfulness and asked Jesus to go away from him. He thought he was not worthy to be God's own. We too think that God is too holy that we are not worthy for him. But Jesus said not to be afraid and accepted him and commissioned him for the eternal mission with him. Jesus’ invitation to follow him made Peter realize God’s unconditional love. Simon and his friends found the real treasure, beyond Earthly gains and above all his unworthiness. They left everything and followed him for the real catch with the creator- for Gods Kingdom. We are redeemed and forgiven in Jesus. He is calling us to follow him, to live in grace. Are we ready to go?

Let us allow Jesus into our boats of life. He is ready to help us at all times. Let us give time to listen to him and to receive his Living Word. Let us allow Jesus to use us and the boat of our life to spread his love. Let us trust and allow Jesus to direct our life. Let us confess to Him everything and be filled in His grace that strengthens us to do everything. Let all our experiences help us to know the greatest treasure- Jesus our lord , his love and power. Let it increase our faith to leave everything and follow him in trust. Jesus calls each of us to spread his word- the net to draw people to the kingdom of God.

Colour the picture given and complete the verses.

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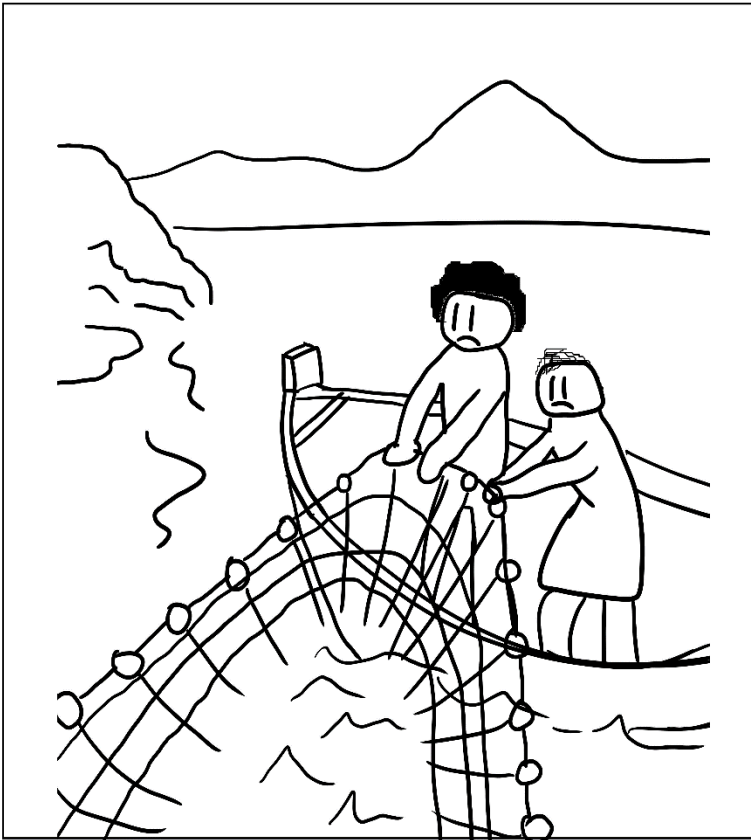


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Can you complete the following Bible Verses?

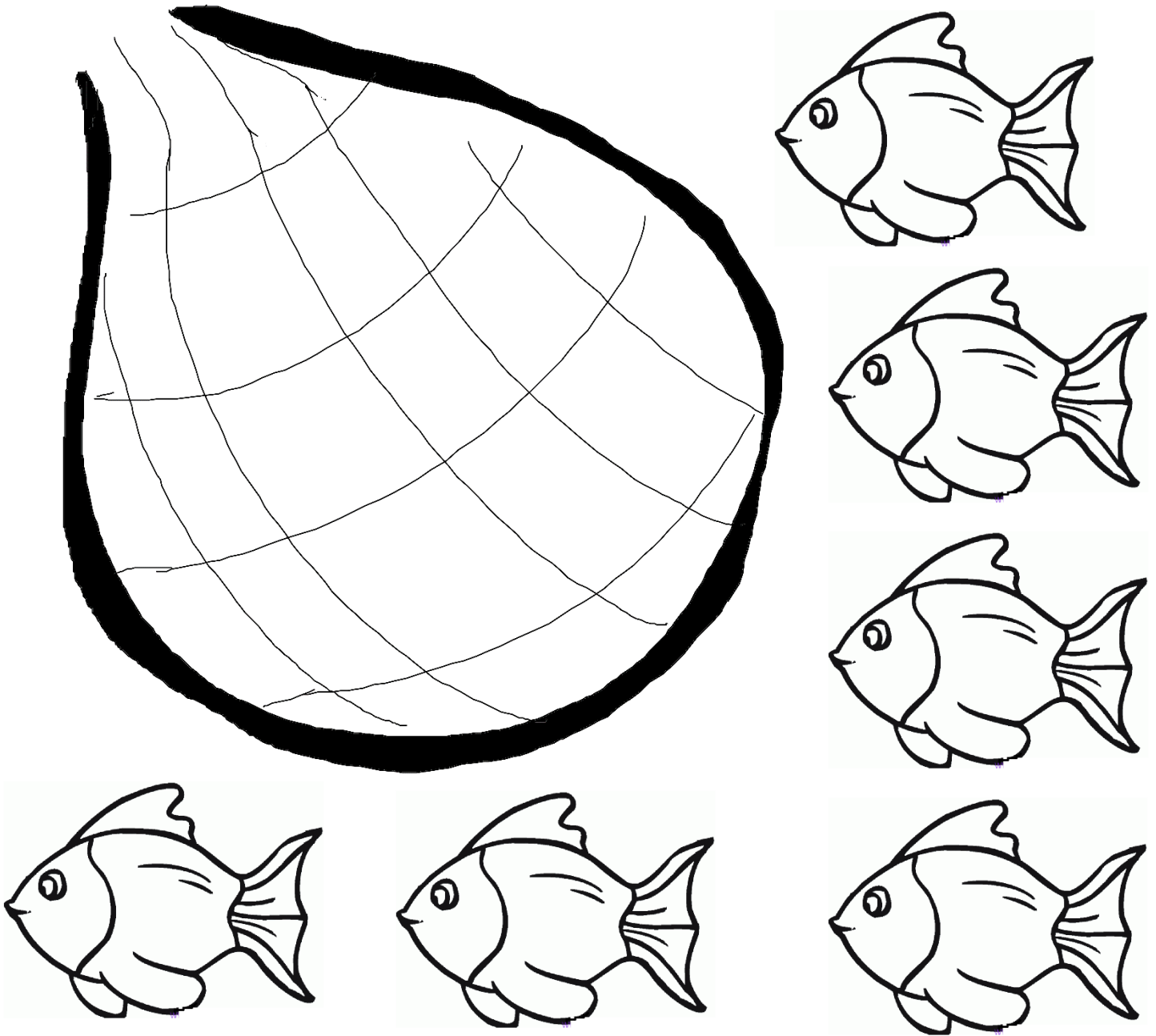
1. "My ----- is sufficient for you, for ----- is made perfect in ----- . -1 Corinthians 12:9
2. For by ----- you have been saved through -----, and this is not your own doing; it is the ----- of God not the result of -----, so that no one may -----.
- Ephesians 2:9

Spot the difference.



Can you guess, 'Who made the difference'?

Cut out the templates. Colour it. Write down on the Fishes the areas, the people whom you would like to bring to Jesus to fill in His grace. Pray the special prayer as you stick the fishes on net.



Let us pray, 🙏

Dear lord Jesus, we thank you for the grace that you shower upon us. We thank you of all providences you are giving us in our life. Help us to know you more and experience your unconditional love through everything. In all our weaknesses and hopeless situations help us to trust in your providence. Help us to realize that it is by your grace 'I am what I am' and to follow you- the greatest treasure . In Jesus' name we pray.