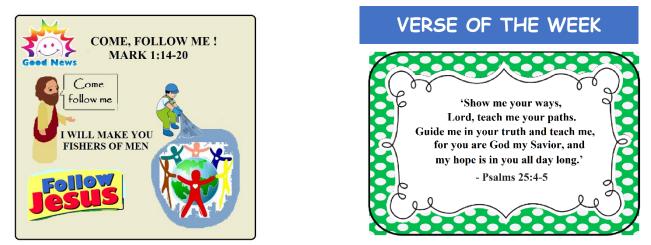
## **Follow Me!**

### Children's liturgy activity January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

In the gospel today, we see Jesus beginning his mission. When John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he proclaimed the good news, Jesus gathered many common people with him for the mission. He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting net in the lake. They were fishermen. Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Then Jesus saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were fishermen too. They were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them to follow him. At once, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

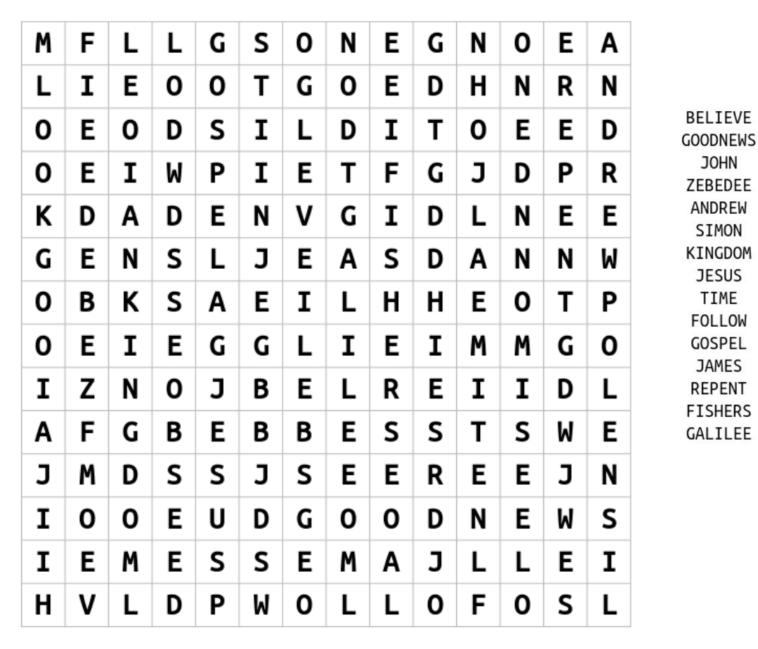
The Good News of God is being proclaimed to all. Are we hearing it? Is it bringing us closer to Jesus? Jesus is calling us too. Are we hearing Jesus's call? Are we ready to follow him, to be fishers of men? For this, we have to listen, respond to his call and follow Jesus. He will lead us and teach us to fish people.

Have you seen fishing? Discuss with parents or siblings regarding fishing. There is a bait for attracting the fish to the fishing line. Here the bait is Gospel. People get attracted to the Gospel and the power of the Gospel in healing, delivering etc. This helps them to come closer to Jesus and know more about Jesus.

Jesus opened the way of salvation and made us enter the kingdom of God. The gospel is the light, the truth and the power of God leading us to salvation. When Jesus proclaimed the good news of God, they left everything what they were thinking that was important and followed Jesus who is the most important. How did they do this? With faith. When the gospel says they left everything, it means they left everything in complete trust on the one who is calling them. They decide willingly in faith to follow Jesus. Do we make our life an offering to the Lord and allow him to use us for his purpose? What can we leave entrusting the lord who is calling us to follow him? Our skills, talents, time etc must be surrendered entrusting in God so that we can use it in his ways. Jesus said to them they will fish men from then on. Jesus is using their skills for the kingdom of heaven to gain children of God. Jesus wanted ordinary people for the mission so that they can do it amazingly in the power of God. The only thing for this is to die to our self and allow Jesus to change us and work through us to be the messenger of salvation to all. Let us offer to God, all talents, skills, and the life God has blessed us, in complete trust to use it for his purpose. Let us follow him and learn from him to gain children of God. Jesus entrusts a mission to each of them who has turned from world's living to follow his. The mission to spread the good news of forgiveness and salvation in Jesus name; that everyone will come to know Jesus and the faith in him is spread over the world. Through faith in Jesus all enter to eternal life by salvation of their soul in Jesus. Those who believe in Jesus Christ have eternal life.

Do you know the Story of Jonah? Jonah was called by God. He entrusted to him a mission. But he ran away without taking it, due to fear and love of his life But God passed him through an experience that brought him back to god's mission. He went to Nineveh and spread the word God asked him to spread. People of Nineveh believed in Jonah and acted accordingly in faith. They were saved from destruction through their faith in god's message through Jonah. So, we must be serious in the calling of God and committed in faith in his mission of spreading the good news, 'JESUS'. So that it instils faith in many in Jesus and are saved. Moreover, we must be attentive to the messages that God gives to us through his messengers. And must act accordingly to what is revealed to us by God for the salvation of souls.

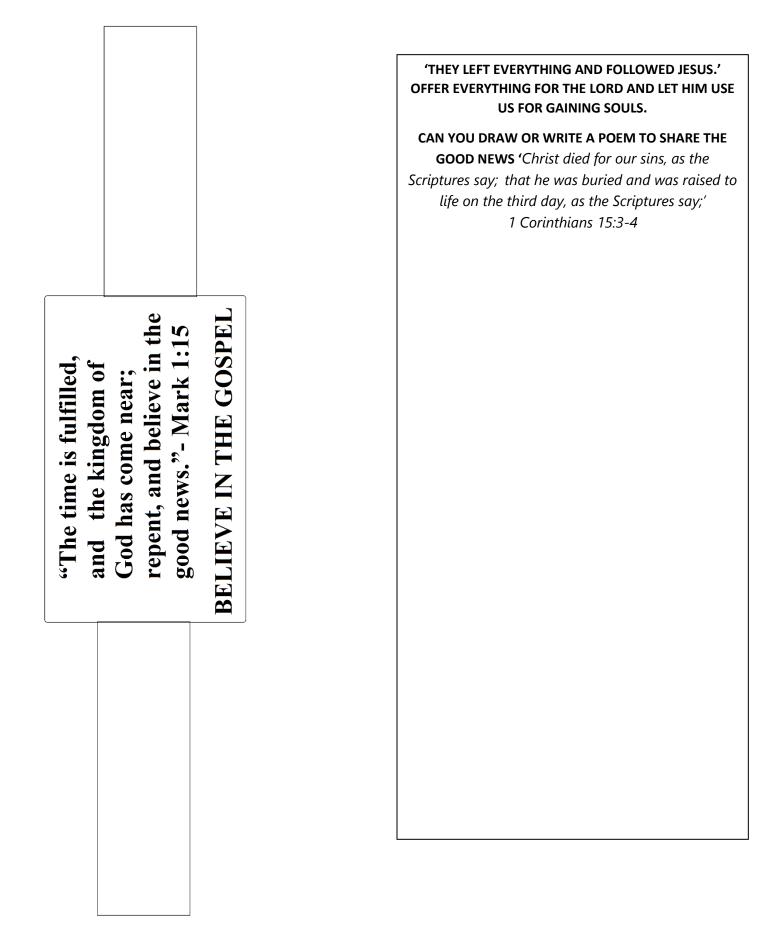
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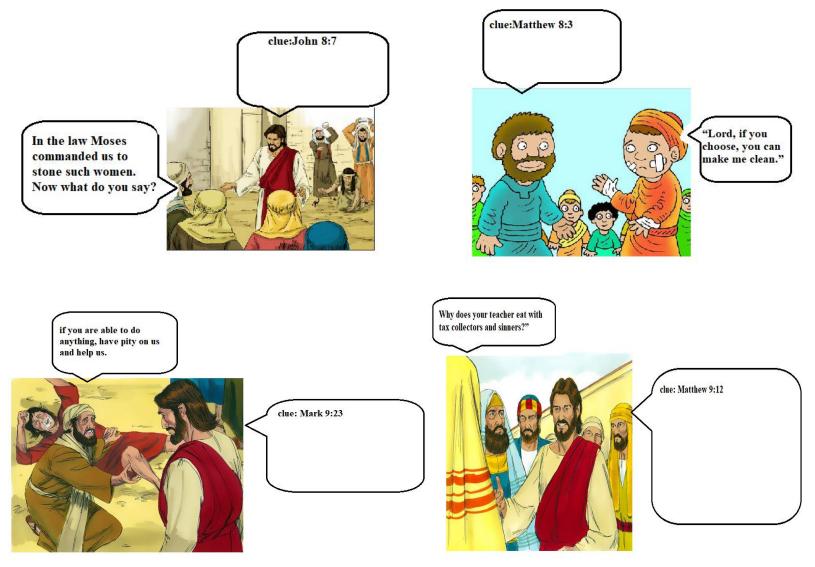
Complete the following verses.

- 1. For I am not ashamed of the ------; it is the ----- of God for ----- to everyone who has faith. (Romans 1:16)
- 2. It has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished ------ and brought ----- and immortality to light through the -----. (2 Timothy 2:10)

### DESIGN A HEADBAND FOR YOU. TO SHARE THE GOODNEWS.



#### FOLLOW ME! CAN YOU FOLLOW JESUS IN EVENTS FROM THE GOSPEL GIVEN BELOW AND FILL IN WHAT JESUS SAID?





Dear Lord, thank you for saving each of us by the Good News 'Jesus'. We offer our life unto you. Teach us your ways and guide us in your truth. Help us to discern your calling and mission. Increase our faith in Jesus by filling us with your love and knowledge in the power of holy spirit. So that, we fully entrust all skills, talents and everything you blessed us, to gain souls for eternal life, to your kingdom, by spreading your love to all through Jesus 'the good news'.

In Jesus name we pray amen.