

Jesus wants us to follow him

Theme- How we can follow Jesus.

Games

Catch the dragon's tail Materials: a large scarf or handkerchief or piece of light material. All the players line up and put their hands on the waist of the person in front of them. The last person in the line tucks one end of the scarf in their pocket, belt, or waistband. The first person in the line tries to grab the scarf. When "head" get the "tail" they take the scarf and becomes the new tail. The person second in line becomes the new head. Form two or more teams, each being a "dragon" trying to catch the others' tails.

Mirror Game Get the children into pairs and sit down facing each other. Get the pairs to choose a leader then their partner has to mirror their movements. Swap over after a couple of minutes.

Memory verse *"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except through me." John 14 verse 6.* Write each word as anagrams on cards and stick around the room. Give out paper and pencils and get the children to work out the verse. Once everyone has completed it, the verse can be learnt.

Introduction Play a game of follow my leader. You could have the children in teams lined up in a single file. Put some music on and the person at the front of the line is the leader and the rest must follow and copy whatever their leader is doing. Allow different children to be the leader. You could also lead from the front by doing an aerobics workout.

Story The story of the calling of the disciples. Luke 5 verse 1-11. This is good on the Miracle Maker.

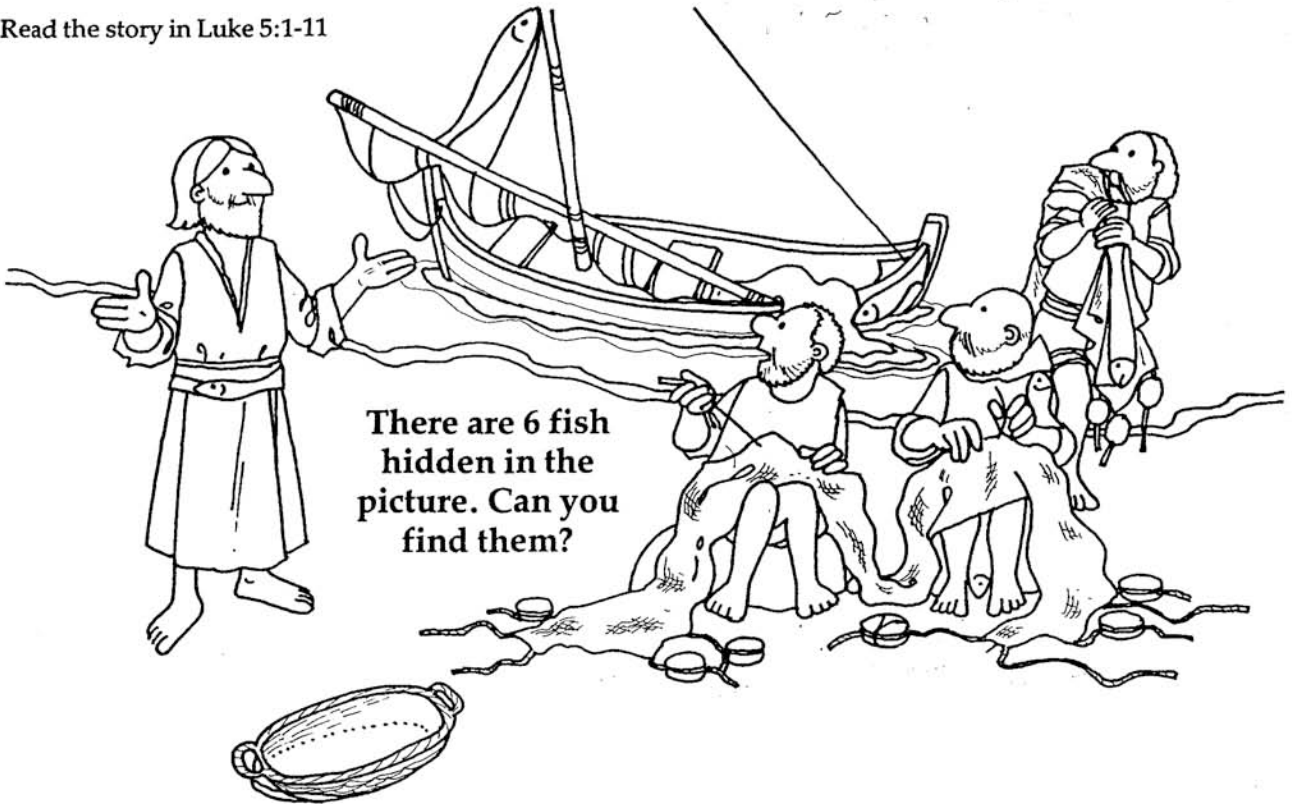
Application Ask the children who they follow – a football team, pop star, TV personality etc. say that this is fine but there are times when our 'idols' let us down (football teams lose, people however famous sometimes go 'off the rails'). Jesus is always there and he never lets us down. He wants us to follow him. Have a discussion on how you can do that.

Prayer Make a chooser, see resources section.

Resources There is a funsheet and prayer resource.

Song I'm Gonna Jump up and down (Be Happy)

Read the story in Luke 5:1-11



There are 6 fish hidden in the picture. Can you find them?

Jesus said

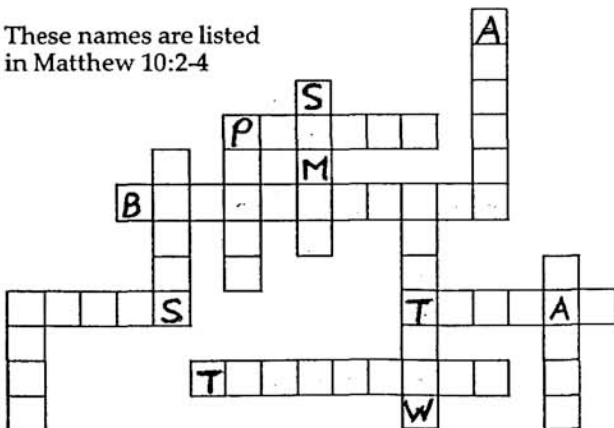
"I am the way the truth and the life;
no one comes to the Father except through me"

John 14 verse 6

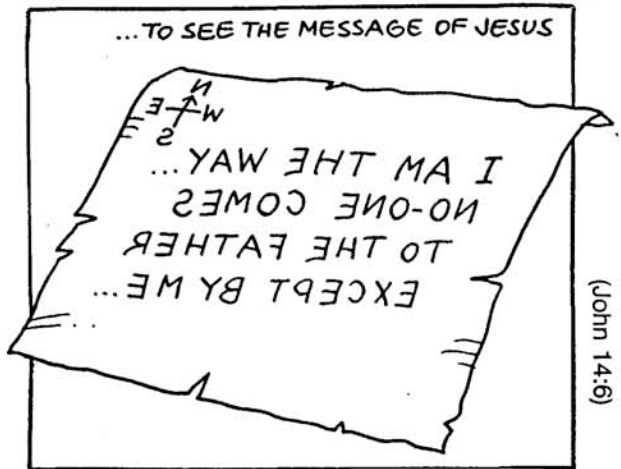
See if you can fit in the names of the disciples:-

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| ANDREW | JAMES | MATTHEW | SIMON |
| BARTHOLOMEW | JOHN | PETER | THADDAEUS |
| JAMES | JUDAS | PHILIP | THOMAS |

These names are listed in Matthew 10:2-4



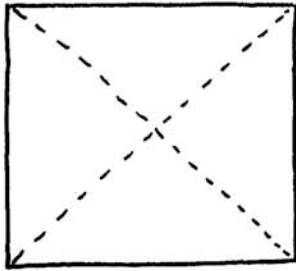
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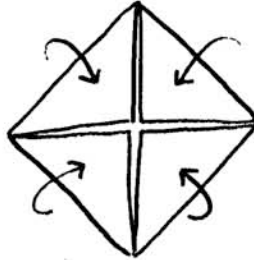
Did you know?

There are 2.1 BILLION Christians in the world?
That is 33% or 1/3 of the world population!
That makes Christianity the biggest religion!

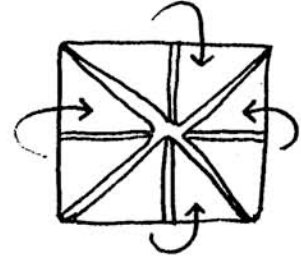
MAKE A 'CHOOSEY'



1. Make folds to find the middle.

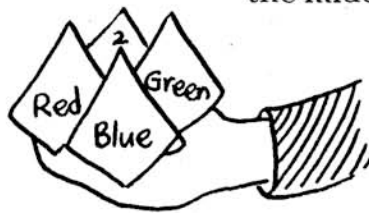


2. Fold corners into the middle.



3. Turn over, then fold corners.

4. Pull out flaps. ►



5. Write on numbers and colours.

6. Inside the flaps write these comforting words of Jesus:

- ★ I shall always be with you.
(*Matthew 28:20*)
- ★ Come to me, I will give you rest.
(*Matthew 11:28*)
- ★ Peace be with you.
(*Luke 24:26*)
- ★ Live in me and I will live in you.
(*John 15:4*)
- ★ Ask and you will receive.
(*Matthew 7:7*)
- ★ Seek and you will find.
(*Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9*)
- ★ Don't worry — your Father knows your needs. (*Matthew 6:32-34, Luke 12:29*)
- ★ I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
(*John 14:6*)

7. Now let your friends hear Jesus' loving words.

They choose a number.

(Work your choosy that number of times.)

Then a colour.

(Work your choosy the number of letters (e.g. RED would be R[1], E[2], D[3]).

Then a number/colour.

Open up and read the message.