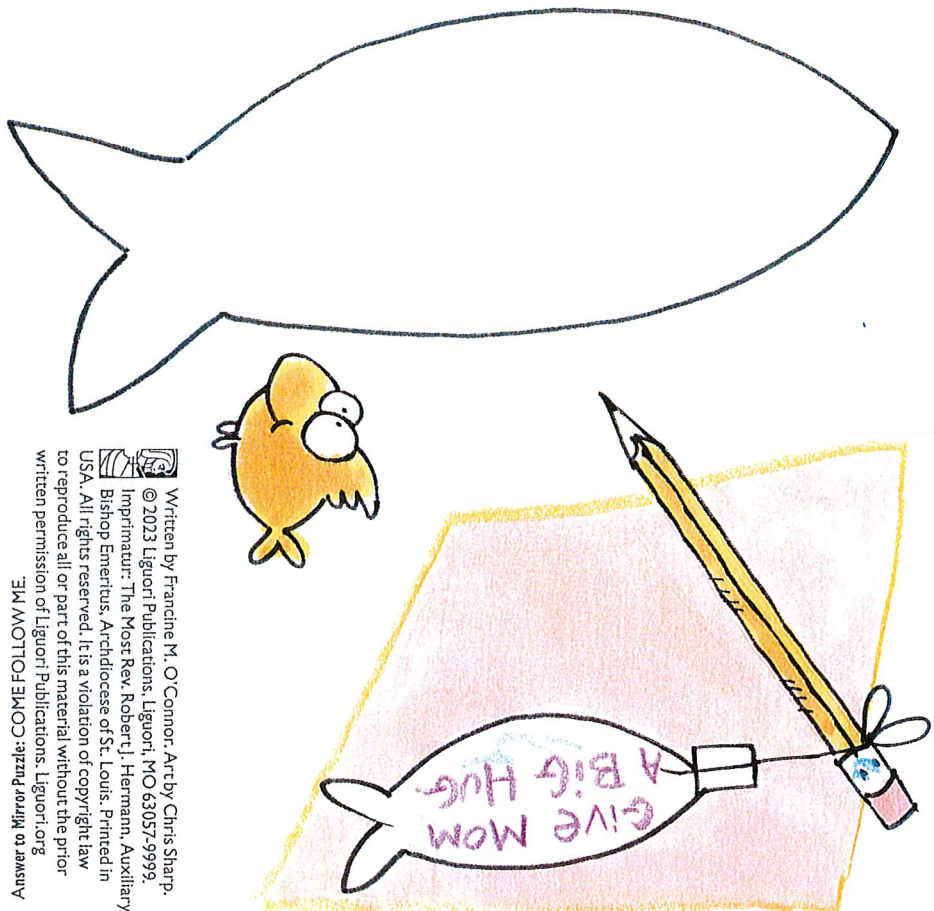


Family Page



You can play a little "fishing" game to help you live out this week's message. First make a lot of fish, using the pattern below. On each fish, write a love-job that needs to be done. The love-jobs don't have to be all work. You can make some of the fish say things like "Give Mom a big hug" or "Play catch with Maria." Now put a small paper clip on the mouth of each fish and place them carefully upside down on the floor. The fish should not be on top of one another or you will catch too many at once. To make your fishing pole, use a pencil or any kind of stick. Tie one end of a string to your fishing pole and the other to a small magnet. Now the family can take turns fishing. Whatever it says on the fish you catch, you have to do.



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 Answer to puzzle: COME FOLLOW ME



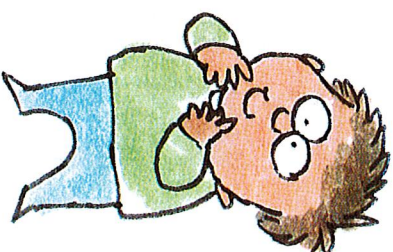
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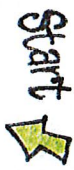
Who Has
Been Called to
Work for God?

Simon



In today's gospel story, Jesus calls Peter and Andrew and James and John. Hold this page up to a mirror to find out what he asked them — and what he is asking you.

Here is a game you can play with your friends. You will need a coin and two buttons. Take turns tossing the coin. Heads means you move one space, tails two spaces. Notice the little love-jobs along the way that will help you to be a disciple right now.

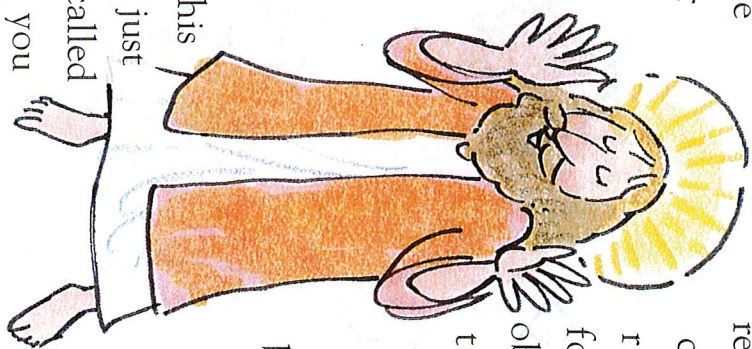


Listen: Jesus Is Calling

Down by the Sea of Galilee, four fishermen were on the shore, working on their nets and boats. Every day these men went out in boats to catch fish for the people of their town. They worked very, very hard.

But when Jesus called out to them, "Come with me," the men followed Jesus right away. They didn't say, "Wait a minute," or "I can't. I'm busy right now."

The men became Jesus' helpers, his disciples, and everything they did was just for him. What would you do if Jesus called you to come and follow him? Would you leave what you are doing and go with him?



Jesus really is calling you right now.

But don't worry! You don't have to leave your home or your toys or friends. It's really not hard to be Jesus' helper. You can follow him at home, in school, or right on your own street. You can follow him by helping others, by obeying your parents, by sharing your toys, or just by being cheerful and loving.

Don't say, "Wait a minute" or "I'll be your helper tomorrow." Just look around and see what you can do right now — today! Then you will be a disciple of Jesus.



For making your bed, advance 1 space

For being selfish with the TV, go back 3 spaces

For going to bed without arguing, advance 3 spaces

For being disrespectful during Mass, go back 4 spaces

For fighting on the playground, go back 2 spaces

For disobeying your mother, return to start

For greeting a neighbor cheerfully, advance 2 spaces

For helping your teacher, advance 3 spaces