

Martin's Story

Key Word: **Follow**

Key Verse: Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." *Luke 5:5*

Martin dusted the box with his sleeve, and peered at the picture. It looked easier than he remembered; quite a simple church with some stained glass windows and a spire.

Martin tipped out the contents of the box onto the kitchen table. There were hundreds of matchsticks of varying lengths, but all quite small. It looked as if it might prove to be a fiddly job.

Then he reminded himself he was making this model for his grandma, and felt better. He poked about in the kitchen drawer for some of his brother's modeling glue. The instructions had long since disappeared, but Martin didn't think it would matter too much. All he had to do was follow the picture.

The project began well. Martin started with the base of the church and began to build up the walls, carefully gluing each matchstick in place. It was a little tricky around the door, but he managed it.

The problems began with the windows and the spire. Try as he would, he couldn't get the matchsticks to fit. Martin could feel himself growing angrier by the minute.

James peered over his shoulder, saying, "You need to start with the spire. Build that first, and everything else will fit."

Martin screamed at his brother, "Think you're so clever, just because you've made a few model cars? What d'you know about buildings? Nothing!"

James shrugged. "Okay," he said, "I'm off to play football."

Angrily, Martin returned to his model. He decided to try the spire, if only to prove James wrong.

As he glued the matchsticks together, the spire grew and took shape.

When it was complete Martin returned to the rest of the model, and soon the church began to fit snugly to the spire. His final task was to cover the windows with tiny pieces of colored cellophane, to look like glass.

At last he was finished, and was delighted with his work. It looked better than he could ever have imagined. Grandma would be thrilled.

Just then James came in from football, and nodded. "Told you so," he said.

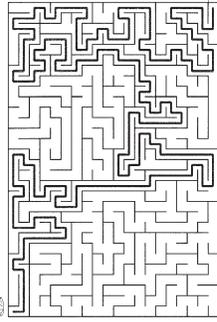
Questions

What happened to the fishermen when they followed Jesus' instructions?

In the story, what happened to Martin when he followed his brother's advice?

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| Have | Partners |
| Asked | Washing |
| People | Began |
| Nothing | Brought |
| Catch | Beside |
| Afraid | Water |
| Crowd | Taught |
| Break | Amazed |
| Jesus | Signaled |
| Boats | Saying |
| Filled | Caught |
| Other | Master |

Fill In The Space

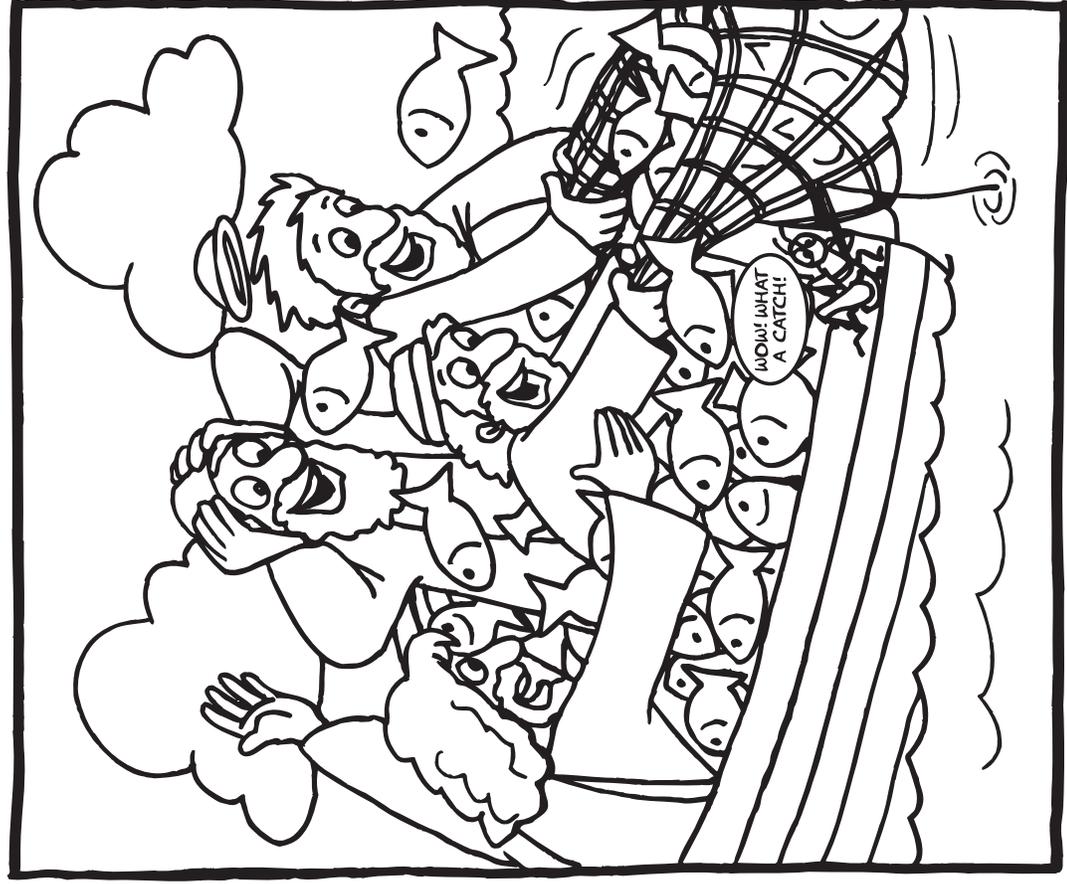


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Answers

Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.

Fallen Letter Puzzle



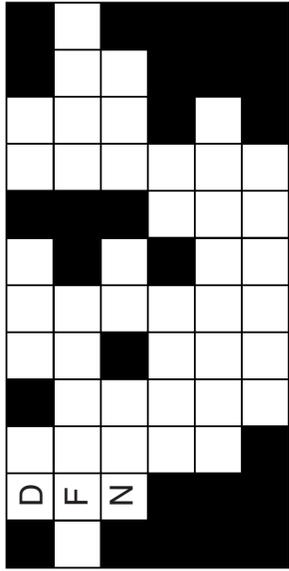
Gospel Grams



Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 5: 1-11

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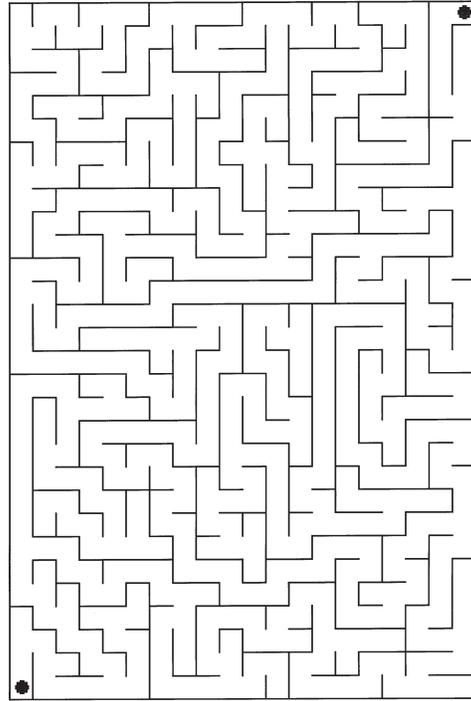
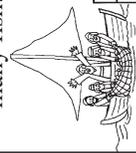
Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words. The phrase is a verse in today's Gospel story, Luke 5:1-11. One column has been done for you!



O A L D E
 C I T L T F R
~~F~~ O A E O H B N E
~~X~~ R P N O N L E O O
 A ~~Ø~~ W W I C P I B G U M

Maze

Today's Gospel lesson tells about Jesus getting into the boat with Simon. Jesus asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus taught from the boat. After he was finished, he told the fishermen to put their nets out and they caught many fish. Help the fishermen get back to the shore with their full nets.



Fill In The Space

Place one letter of the alphabet in the blank space to make a word from today's Bible verse. Words are at least 5 letters long (except one 4 letter word). Use each alphabet letter only once. We have included an alphabet chart to mark off the letters as you use them. The first two are done as samples.

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