

# Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



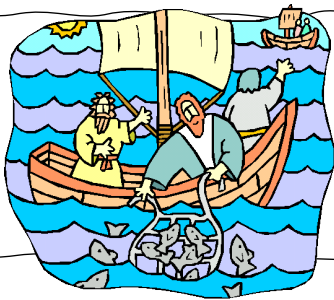
## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of the miraculous catch of fish!

You can find it in your Bible in:

### John 21 v 1–14

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of the miraculous catch of fish. We know that you called the disciples to be fishers of men sharing your good news and love with others. Help us to do the same.

We pray for our friends and family members who don’t know you yet. May they hear and respond to the good news.

Give us the same excitement and longing that the disciples had to be near you and see your hand at work.

Amen

## Discussion

### A question for adults to ask children

*How do you think the disciples felt when they found their nets full of fish?*

Even though Jesus had appeared to his disciples after rising from the dead this story finds them fishing, they have gone back to what they used to do before they met Jesus. This miracle is almost identical to one we can read about in Luke 5 which Jesus performed when he first met the disciples.

The disciples would have been very excited that they had caught so many fish but even more excited to know that Jesus really was back from the dead and walking among them.

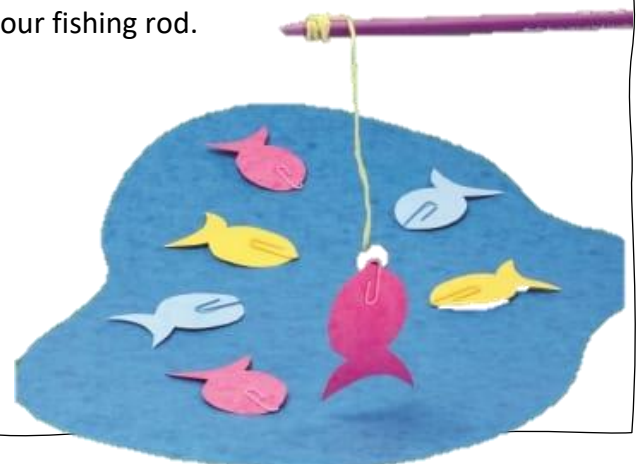
### A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you went ‘fishing for men’ and shared your faith with somebody else?

## Family Activity 1

*You will need: A wooden spoon, some string, paperclips, card and a magnet.*

Make your own fishing game. Cut out some fish shapes from card and attach a paperclip to each. Tie or stick a fridge magnet to a piece of string and attach it to a wooden spoon or stick to make your fishing rod.





## A verse to remember

Matthew 4 v 19

Jesus said, "Come follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

## Family Activity 2

You will need: Paper/Card craft materials, an empty net fruit bag

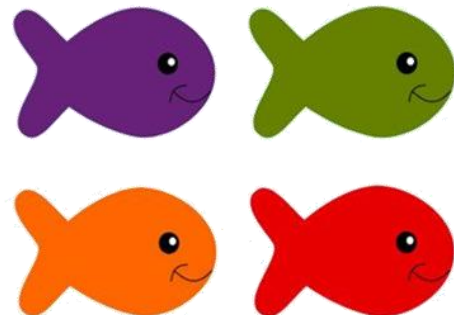
Make your own fishing net craft, cut out and decorate some fish shapes together and then use an empty fruit bag to make your net!



## Active Prayer

Use one of our two family activities to pray for those you know who haven't yet made Jesus their friend and saviour.

Write the names of people you are praying for onto fish. You could take it in turns to catch one with your magnet rod or draw one out of the fruit bag and pray for them.



## Evangelism

Jesus' mission for his disciples was not just for when he was on the earth with them but after he had returned to heaven. They were called to be fishers of men, throwing out God's love and drawing people closer to Him. Jesus never sent his disciples out alone and evangelism is something we can all do together.

Why not spend some time as a family thinking of ways you can share God's love with others and talking about how we can be fishers of men, women and children today!

It can be helpful to practice sharing with one another the Good News about Jesus and our own testimonies and experiences so that we can be even more bold when we share them with others.



# A colouring page you could print and colour together

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and I will

make you

fishers

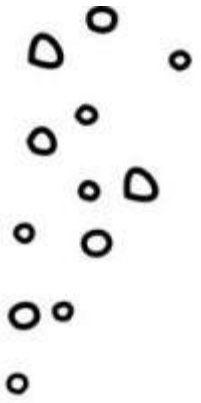
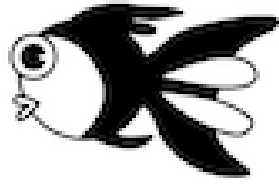
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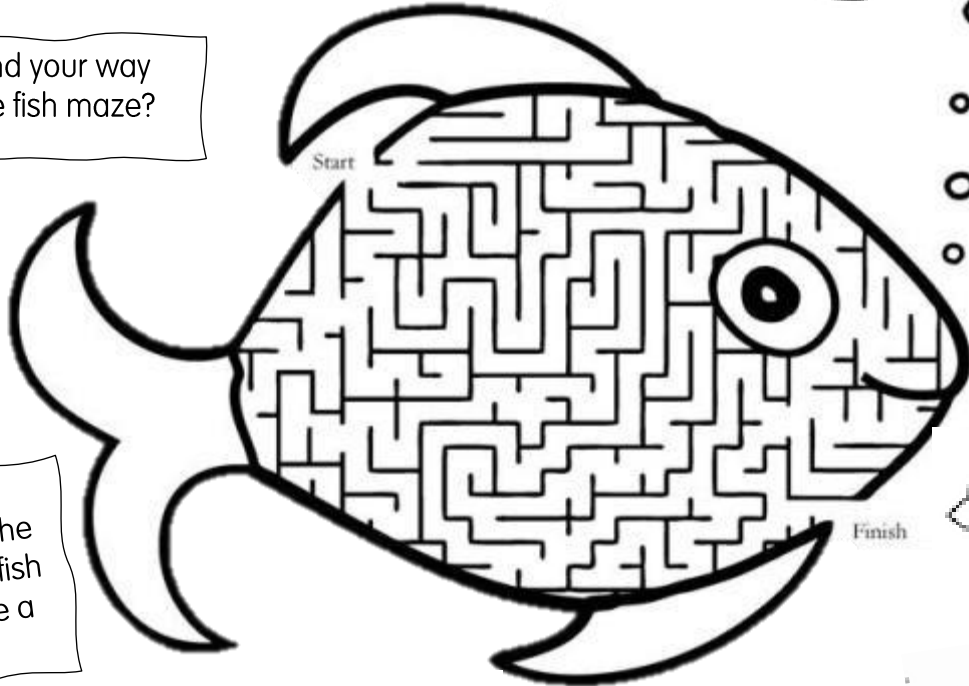
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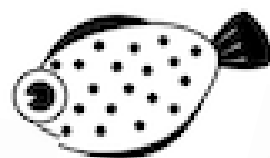
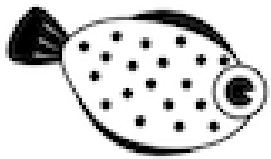
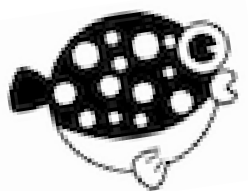
# Puzzle Sheet



Can you find your way through the fish maze?



Colour the matching fish the same – which fish does not have a pair?

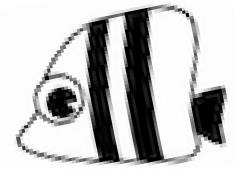
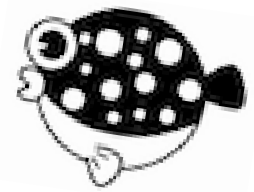


Can you find all these words in the word search?



How many times can you find the word fish in the word search?

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 l d l j g s f l j s  
 j m l p e f h l y h  
 i f n j i u t e j h  
 z d w s e c f i r e  
 p a h z z r s p i d  
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 a o o g x v r r h f  
 t b u c p q a z l v



Jesus  
 disciples  
 fishing  
 net  
 Peter

shore  
 fire  
 bread  
 alive