

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23



“Let’s Go Fishing” Object: A Fishing Pole.

Oh boy! I love to go fishing, don't you? Jesus has invited us to go fishing with him. This fishing trip will be quite different. Instead of catching fish, Jesus has invited us to go fishing for people!

One day as Jesus walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon Peter and Andrew—throwing a net into the water because they fished for a living. Jesus called to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” The Bible tells us that they immediately dropped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

As Jesus, Peter, and Andrew walked along the shore, they saw two other brothers—James and John—sitting in their boat mending nets. They called and invited them to come along too. They dropped their nets, left their boat behind, and followed Jesus.

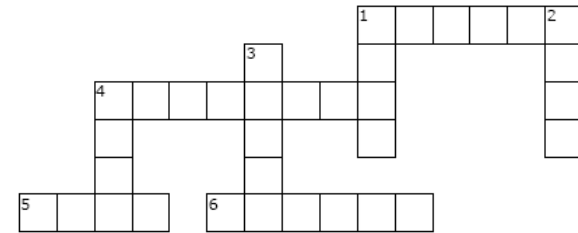
If you have ever been fishing, you know what a thrill it is. Can you imagine what a thrill it is to go fishing for people, to show someone God’s love and they want to become one of his followers? Even though this story in the Bible is about Jesus calling the first disciples, it is for us too. Jesus wants us to go and make disciples.

Dear Jesus, just like Peter, Andrew, James, and John, we want to join you and go fishing for people. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia (Matt. 4:23)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. To move along behind someone
4. Two or more males who have the same parents
5. Open fabric made of threads or cords used to catch fish. (Plural)
6. Men, women, and children; human beings

DOWN

1. An animal without legs that lives in water
2. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other
3. The land along the edge of the sea, lake, or wide river
4. A small vehicle for traveling on water

BOAT	PEOPLE	FISH	NETS
SHORE	WALK	FOLLOW	BROTHERS

FISH SEWING: Help the child to draw and cut 2 paper fish out of construction paper. Let the child decorate the 2 fish. The fish should have holes punched around the edge. Next, put the 2 fish together with a little paper towel in the middle for stuffing. The child can take yarn and sew the fish together. Then the child can hang the fish from their door knob or on the wall in their bedroom for decoration.

FISH BOOKMARKER: The child can draw and cut out a fish. They can decorate it and write today’s Bible verse on their fish. Add a piece of fishing line to the fish and place it inside their Bible.





**Jesus called out to them, "Come, by my disciples,
and I will show you how to fish for people!"**
Matthew 4:19 (NLT)