

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Matthew 4: 12 - 23

# Resurrection

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



# Fishing for People

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

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. An animal without legs that lives in water  
A. turtle B. dog C. fish D. hippo
- \_\_\_ 2. A small vehicle for traveling on water  
A. bicycle B. boat C. car D. fish
- \_\_\_ 3. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other  
A. swim B. fish C. walk D. sitting
- \_\_\_ 4. The land along the edge of the sea, lake, or wide river  
A. water B. boat C. nets D. shore
- \_\_\_ 5. Two or more males who have the same parents  
A. sisters B. aunts C. cousins D. brothers
- \_\_\_ 6. To move along behind someone  
A. follow B. fish C. shore D. nets
- \_\_\_ 7. Open fabric made of threads or cords used to catch fish. (Plural)  
A. boat B. fish C. nets D. people
- \_\_\_ 8. Men, women, and children; human beings  
A. fish B. people C. follow D. walk

# Fishing for People



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

## Jesus Calls His First Disciples

One day as \_\_\_\_\_ was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I will show you how to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_!” And they left their \_\_\_\_\_ at once and followed him.

A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, sitting in a \_\_\_\_\_ with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT)

Andrew	fish	James	John	people
boat	follow	Jesus	nets	Peter

# Fishing for People



Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

1.	W	O	C	B	M	A	A	F		A	I	D	X	Z	A	J	Y
2.	U	X	F	E	L	Z	S	S		O	R	E	Y	L	X	N	D
3.	X	P	S	Y	L	W	S	E		U	Y	N	P	H	B	N	I
4.	H	I	T	Z	I	P	G	O		O	A	T	M	P	T	T	N
5.	D	O	N	J	F	S	X	N		T	S	U	D	N	H	B	C
6.	H	K	D	F	I	S	H	E		M	E	N	O	J	Q	X	K
7.	T	C	X	K	P	E	O	P		E	S	V	L	E	Z	D	O
8.	C	Y	D	G	A	L	I	L		E	K	Q	Z	B	Y	L	E

shore  
sea

Galilee  
boat

nets  
fishermen

afraid  
people

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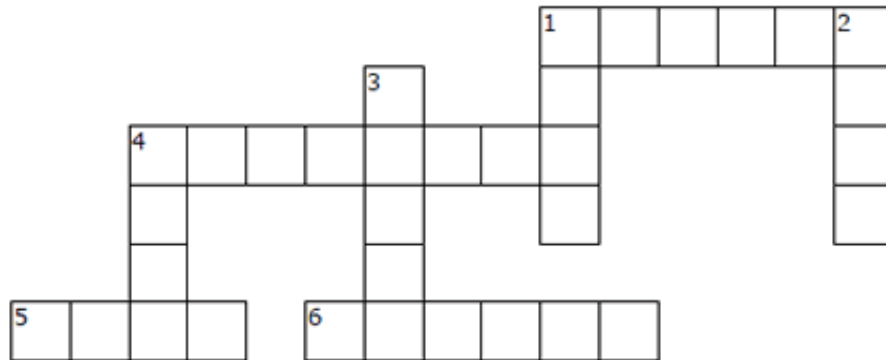
The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).

M D A E W B C W P E T E R G F  
 J L M S L A R P A G N E T S F  
 U O K L U W T R E L F I S H K  
 C Y J T O P K J B O K B C Y I  
 X O H L R G K T R G P I O C A  
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 B N S L D O L E A V I N G H I  
 D X B U H Y B S I T T I N G N  
 N C F S S C B W B U W E F Y G

BROTHERS	JAMES	NETS	COME	GALILEE
BOAT	PETER	WATER	FOLLOW	BEHIND
ANDREW	LIVING	JESUS	SITTING	FISH
WALKING	PEOPLE	JOHN	SHORE	LEAVING

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BOAT  
SHORE

PEOPLE  
WALK

FISH  
FOLLOW

NETS  
BROTHERS



# Following Jesus

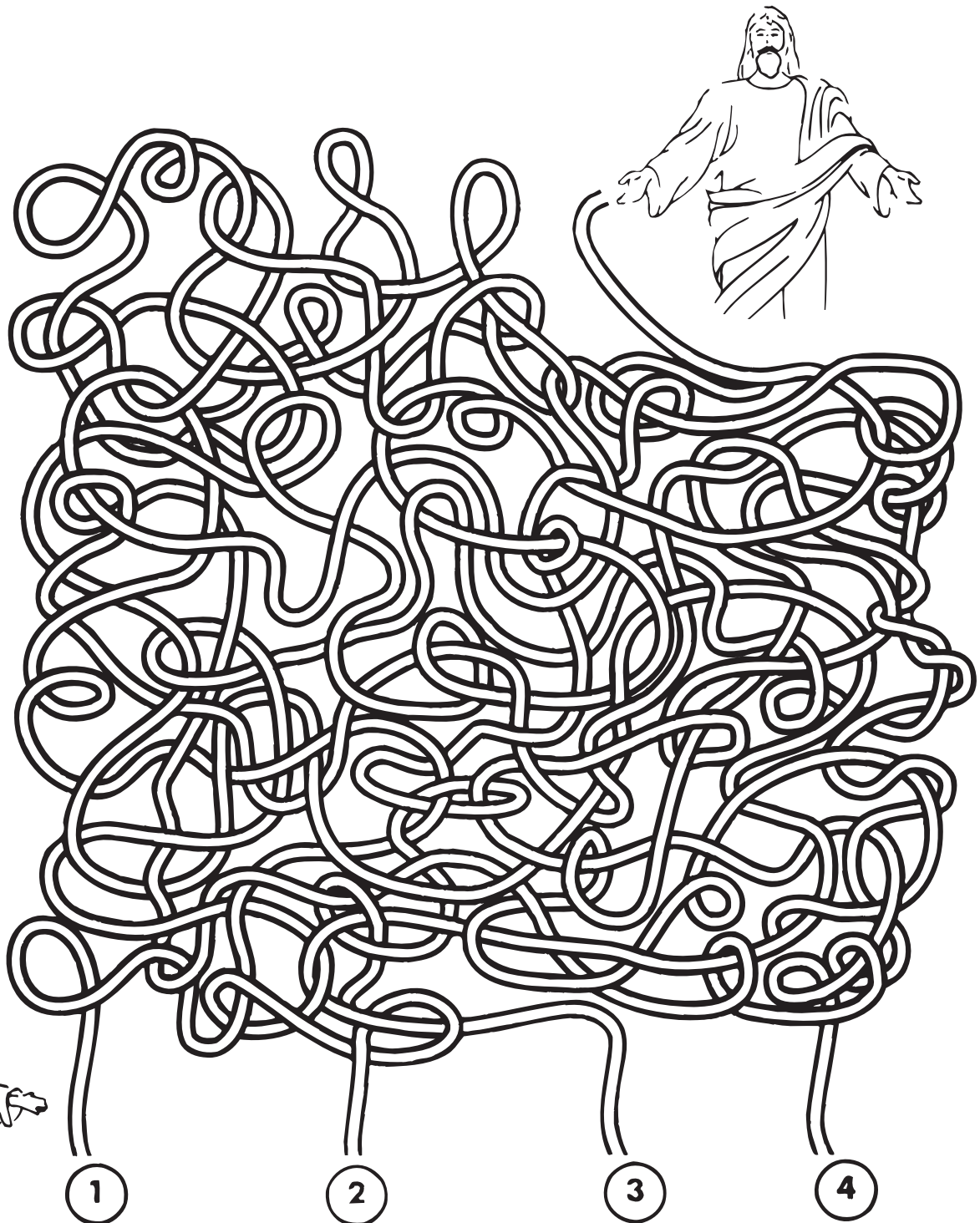
## The Twelve

—Matthew 9;  
Luke 6; John 1

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The apostles are ready to follow Jesus. They want to learn from him and help him in his ministry. Can you help them find the right path? Mark the route. There's only one right way to go!

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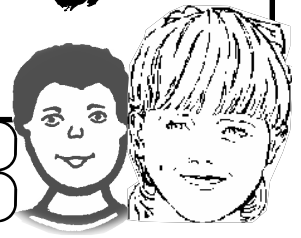


# Speak, Lord

Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3  
Psalm 26  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17  
Matthew 4:12-23

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

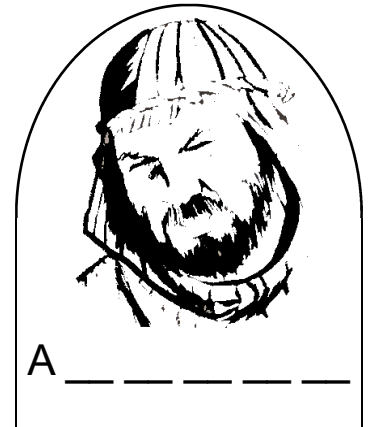
Year A — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Jesus goes to Capernaum ... ... the town by the lake.

**HE CALLED  
4 MEN TO  
FOLLOW  
HIM.  
THEY  
WERE ALL  
FISHERMAN**

Listen to the story and fill in the names of the 4 people Jesus called. Then colour in the pictures.



*Do you want to follow Jesus like these 4 people?*

What would you say to Jesus if he called you to **follow** him, **be** with him and **work** with him?

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