

JANUARY 24: FISHERS OF MEN THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

INCLUDED:

Fishing pole
Magnets
People cutouts
Paper clips
String



USE YOUR OWN:

Markers or crayons



MARK 1:14-20



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

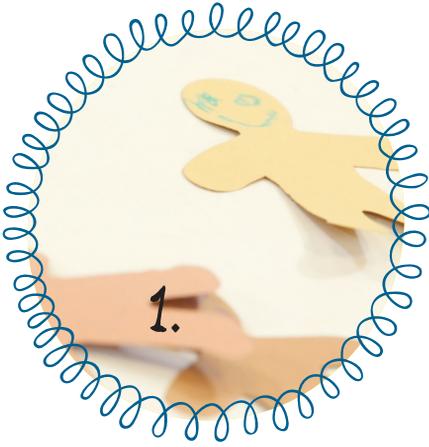
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1. What were Simon and Andrew’s jobs before Christ called them?
2. What do Jesus’ new disciples leave behind?

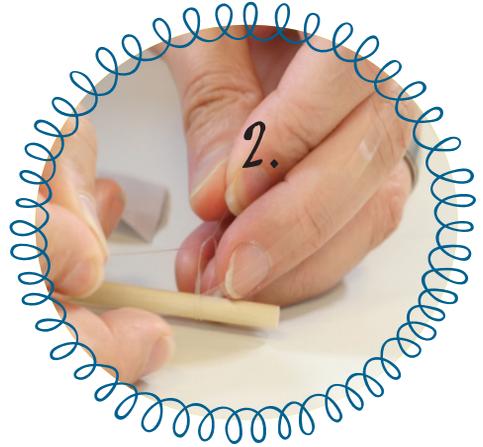
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1. They were fishermen. So the analogy that Jesus uses makes a lot of sense to them.
2. They left behind all the stability in their lives; their nets, their boat, and even their father! They did so because Jesus is more important than anything or anyone.

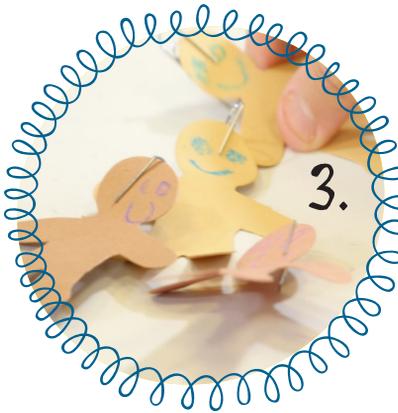
1. Draw faces and clothes on the cutouts with markers or crayons. You can make one for Simon, Andrew, James, and John as the four disciples listed in the gospel.



2. Attach the fishing line by tying one end of the string to the pole and the other end to the round magnet.



3. Put the paperclips on each of the paper people so that the magnet will be able to pick up the metal. Since the last time we made this craft three years ago, we've found circle magnets which make this one a lot easier!



4. Spread out the paper people on the table. Use your fishing pole to "fish for men!"



Jesus is proclaiming the Gospel, which means preaching the Good News. The Good News is Jesus Himself and that everything the prophets had said in the Old Testament was coming true! To be fishers of men means to help Jesus preach and spread the Gospel and lead others to Christ.