

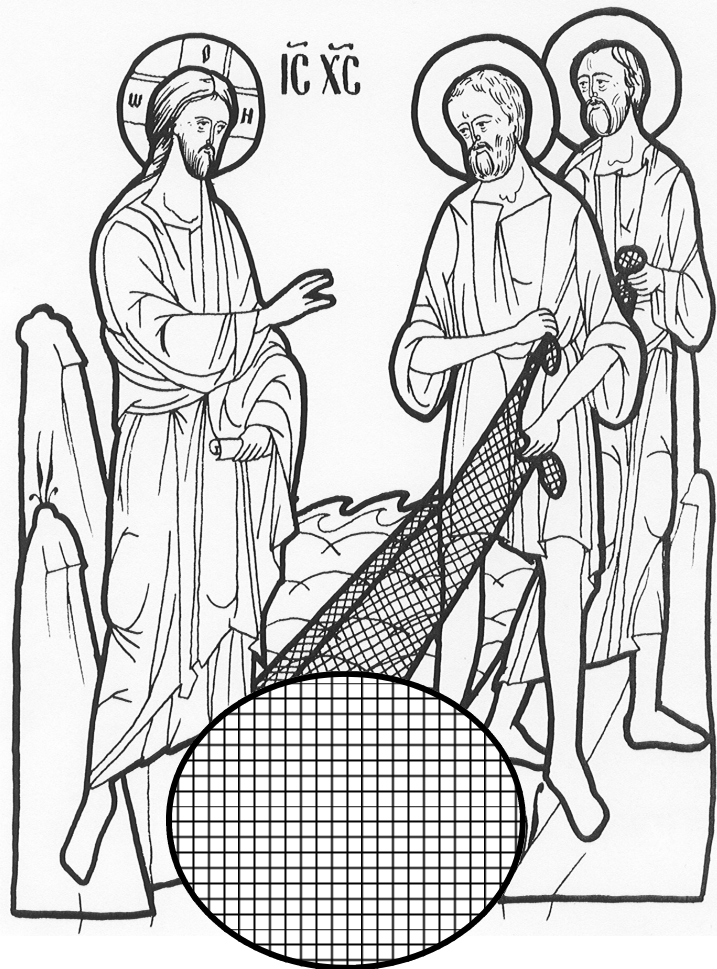
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Simon pulled the net to get it out of the water. He pulled and pulled and pulled. It could not come up! It was full of fish! Simon called his brother Andrew to help. They could not get the net up. They called their friends James and John to bring their boat and help. All four men pulled up the net and filled up both boats! The boats were so full that they started to sink. Simon was scared. He knew that Jesus was holy, because Jesus had done the miracle of making the fish come into the net. Simon told Jesus to go away from him because he was not holy.

Jesus told Simon that he should not be scared. He said that Simon should follow Him. He said Simon would help people follow God instead of catching fish. When the boats got back to the shore, the men left all of their stuff. Instead, they followed Jesus.



In the net, you can draw the fish that Andrew and Simon caught.

## Thinking About God's Word . . . Luke 5:1-11

1. Look at the icon. Can you find Jesus? The other two men are Simon and his brother Andrew. Do you know anyone named Andrew?
2. Simon and Andrew were fishermen. Can you find a fishing pole?
3. They used a net to fish! The net was lowered into the water to catch the fish.
4. Have you ever caught a fish?
5. Sometimes you wait for a very long time before you catch a fish. Simon and Andrew had fished all night and caught nothing.
6. After Jesus told them to put the nets back in the water, what happened?
7. Jesus told them they would be gathering men to follow Jesus, just as they had caught the fish.

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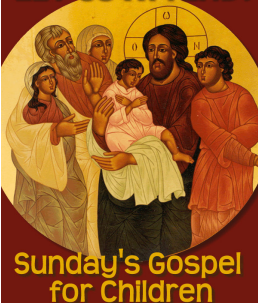
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## Thinking About God's Word . . . Luke 5:1-11

1. Why did the people get so close to Jesus when He was by the lake? Do you try hard to hear God's Word, too?
2. How long had the fishermen been working? Did they have a lot of fish before they helped Jesus?
3. What happened when obeyed Jesus? How did he know Jesus was holy?
4. Would you leave all your stuff and follow Jesus like these men did?
5. We follow Jesus when we do what is right, when we pray, and when we come to church.

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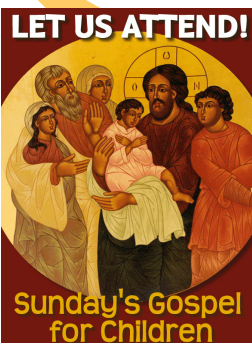
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And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

## Thinking About God's Word . . . *Luke 5:1-11*

1. Who is pressing in on Jesus?
2. What did they want to hear?
3. Listen carefully to the words we say when we sing the second part of the second antiphon in the liturgy. It begins "only-begotten son and word of God." Who are we calling the Word of God in this song?
4. So, who were the crowds in this gospel trying to listen to? And what did they want to hear from him?
5. Where can you hear the word of God, or God's message?
6. Andrew, Simon (Peter), and many others followed Jesus. They literally followed, with their feet. What is one way that you follow Jesus?



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### Focus questions

1. What problem does Jesus have when he is standing by the lake of Gennesaret?
2. What does he see that could solve this problem?
3. Does he ask if he could use the boat before he gets into it?
4. How would you feel if someone came and sat in your family's car without asking and then asked your parents to drive him to the airport?
5. Who could do something like this without offending you? Your cousin? A person from three blocks away? A stranger? The president? A policeman?
6. What do the people who could do this have in common?
7. What is this gospel suggesting about Jesus by saying he could just get into someone's boat without asking?

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1. Why are the crowds pushing in on Jesus?
2. Listen to the part of the second antiphon during the divine liturgy that begins "only begotten son and Word of God." Who are we calling the Word of God in this song?
3. So, who were the crowds trying to listen to in this gospel? And what did they want to hear?
4. According to the antiphon, "only begotten son," why did the only-begotten son and word of God become incarnate and was crucified? So, what word or message does the Word of God bring?
5. What do you think this phrase "word of God" means?
6. In the photo, can you tell if these teens are Christians? Would you respond differently to the photo if they were wearing crosses? Is it important to wear a cross? Why, or why not?

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