

Text Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 4:18-20,  
Mark 1:16-20  
Focus Jesus wants children to follow Him  
Verse John 10:27 “My sheep hear My voice . . .  
and they follow Me.” NKJV

## Songs of Praise and Worship

### Prayer/Offering

Story 1 Following Jesus (Bible)

Craft 1 Follow Me (coloring)

### Snack Time

Story 2 Karen (people)

Craft 2 Karen (stickers)

### My Bible Verse

Story 3 Fishing (game)

Craft 3 Fish Net (gluing)

Story 4 Follow Jesus (puppet)

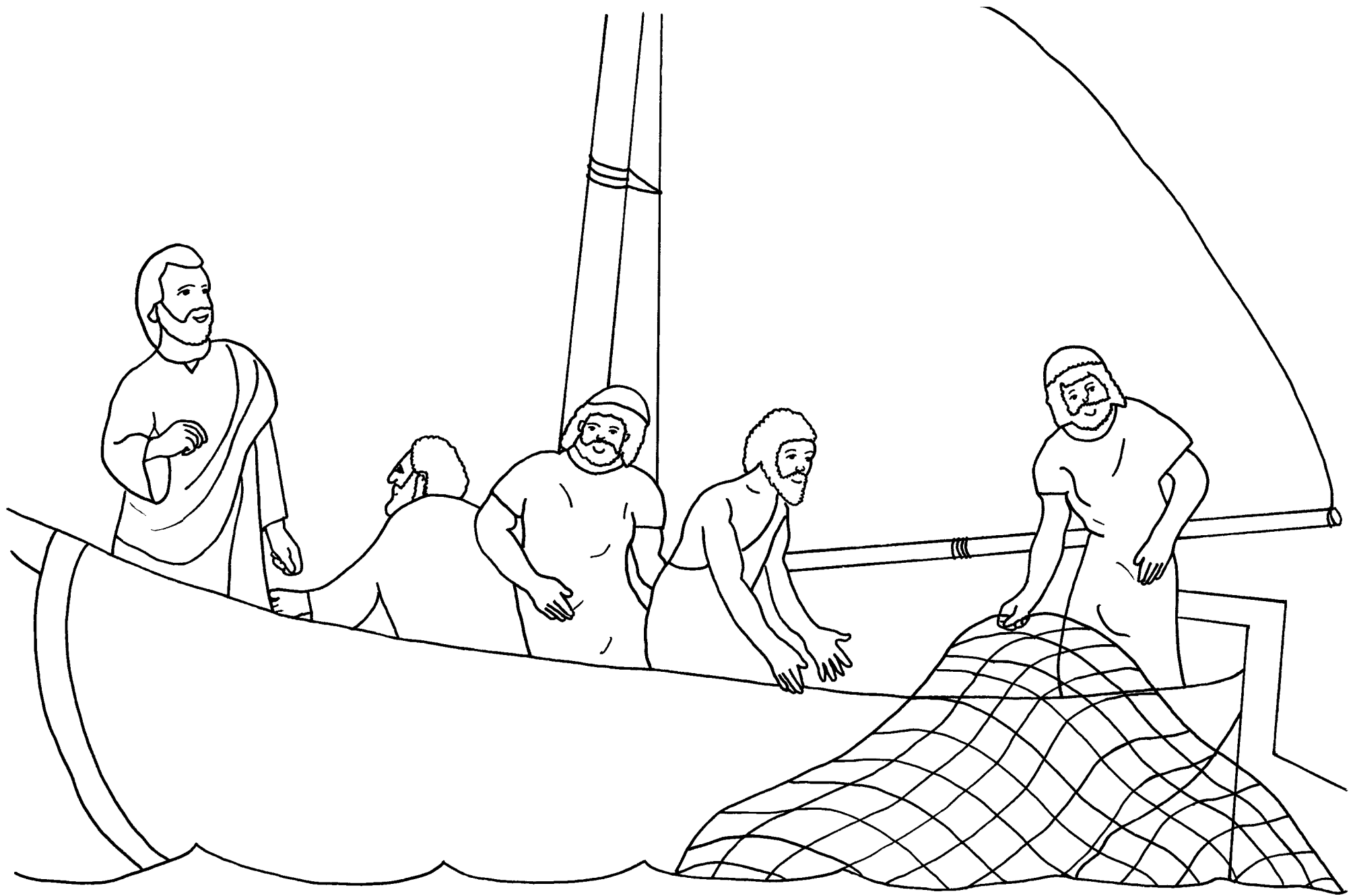
Craft 4 Children Follow (coloring)

# Following Jesus

Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 4:18-20, Mark 1:16-20

Water and Sky Scene, Shoreline Overlay (left shoreline only), Jesus Sitting (5), Jesus Standing (7), Andrew Facing Right (21), Peter (28), James (35), John (55), Men in Boat (83), Men (87), Women (97A), Children (108), Boat (221), Net with Fish (307)

- 1. The people were all around Jesus, eager to hear the word of God.** *Display Water and Sky Scene, Shoreline Overlay (left shoreline only), Boat, Jesus Sitting (in Boat), Andrew Facing Right, Peter, James, John, Men, Women, Children.*
  - A. Jesus saw empty fishing boats.
  - B. He got into Simon's fishing boat and asked Simon to row out a little from the land.
  - C. He taught the people from the boat.
  
- 2. When Jesus finished teaching, He told Simon to launch out into the deep water and let down his nets.** *Remove Boat, Jesus Sitting - Add Men in Boat, Jesus Standing (with Men in Boat), Net with Fish.*
  - A. Simon said, "We have not caught any fish all night, Jesus. But I will do what You have said."
  - B. Simon and his partner took Jesus fishing. Look! Look! There were so many fish that the nets were breaking!
  
- 3. Simon realized that Jesus was the Son of God.**
  - A. Jesus told him, "Do not be afraid. From now on, you will catch men."
  - B. Simon, Andrew, James and John left everything to follow Jesus.
  
- 4. Jesus wants you to follow Him.**
  - A. You hear His voice.
  - B. Jesus loves you and will take care of you.



Jesus said to them, "Follow Me."

## Karen

Karen had a lamb that she loved very much. When he was little, she picked up her lamb and carried him everywhere. The little lamb knew that Karen loved him. He was only happy when he could be with her. Soon, he followed her everywhere she went.

You are Jesus' little lamb. You hear His voice, and follow Him. Jesus loves you and will take care of you.

My sheep hear My voice...  
and they follow Me.

John 10:27 NKJV



# Fishing

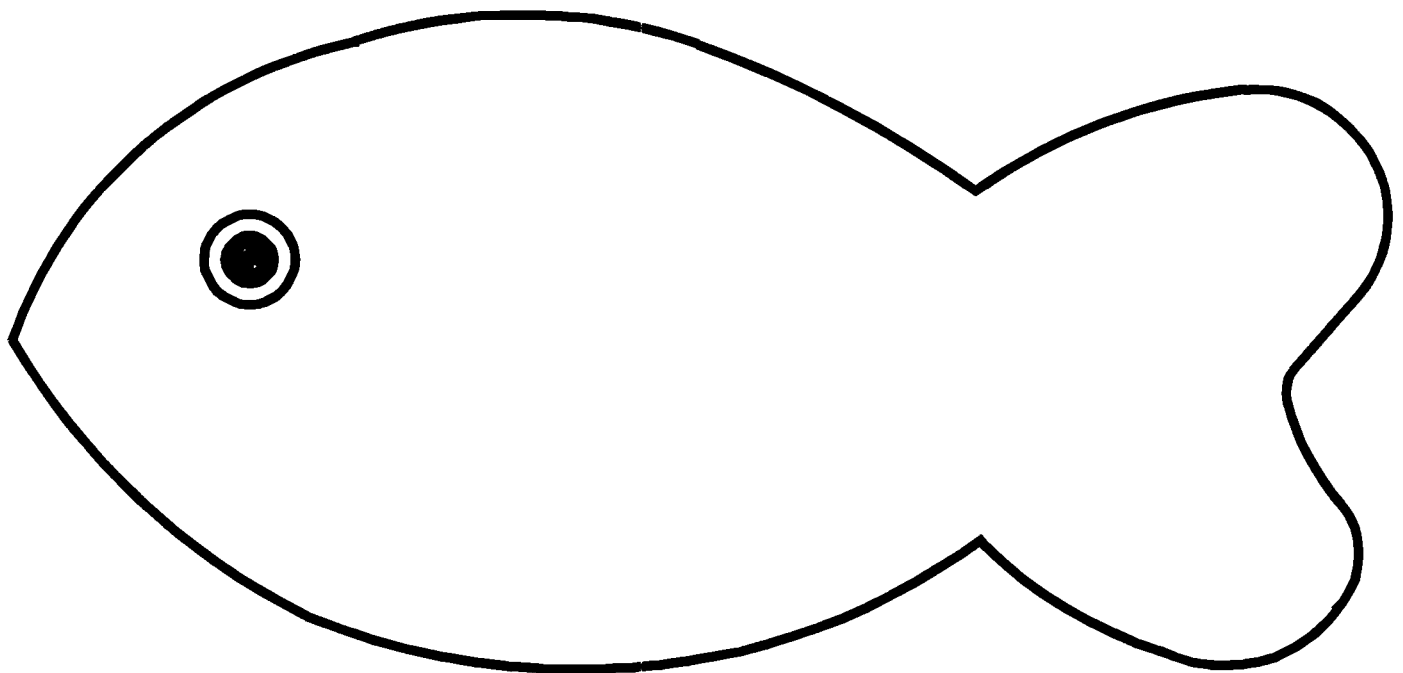
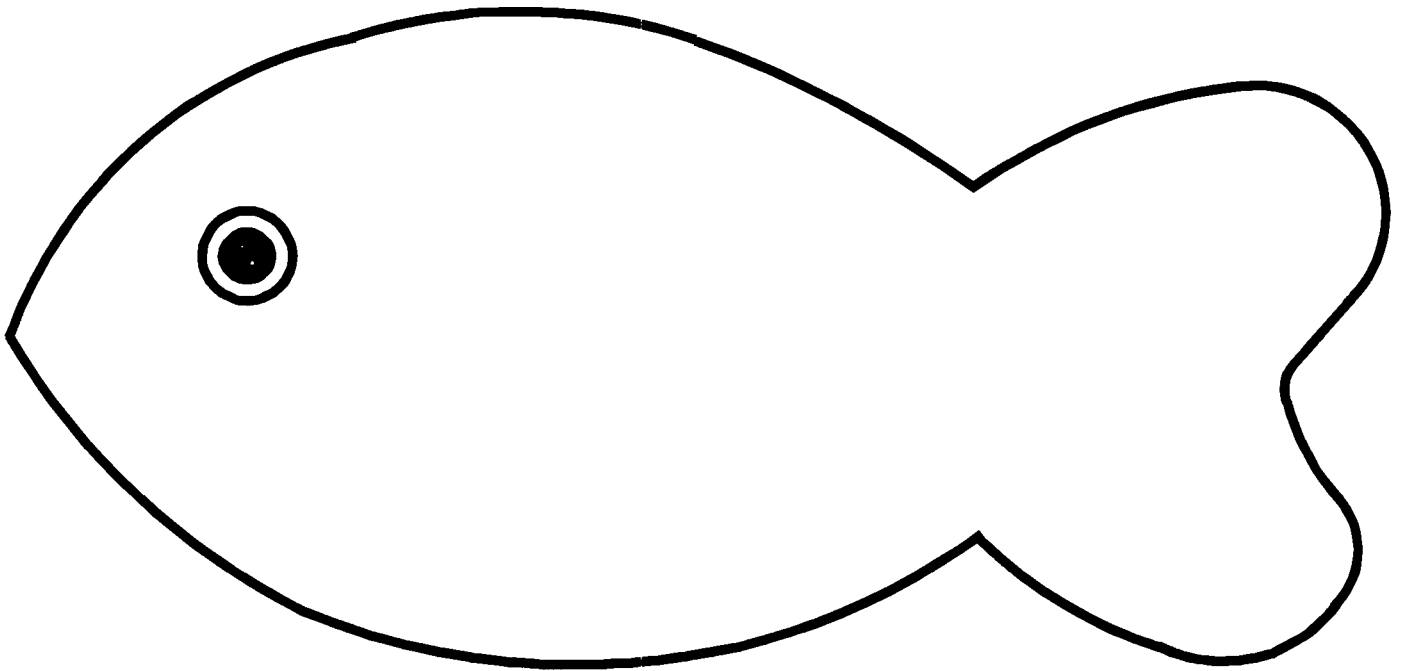
## Preparation:

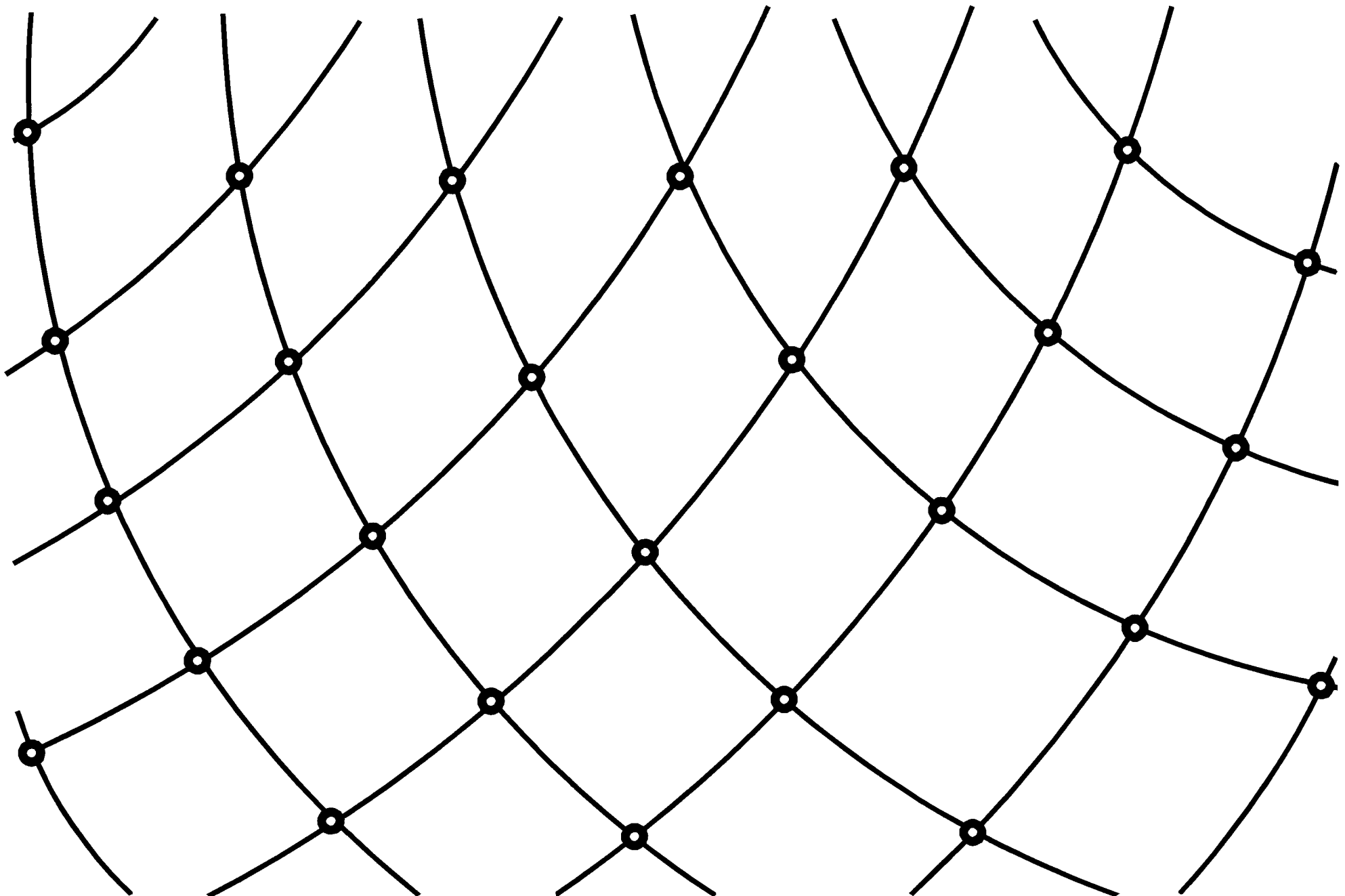
Before class, make fish per instructions in the craft, "Fish Net." Make two fish per child. Bring the fish to class and use them as demonstration aids for this Show and Tell. Place the fish on the floor around the room. After the game is over, use the fish for the craft, "Fish Net."

## What to Tell Them:

We are going fishing. I want everyone to find fish and bring them to me. Peter, James and John were fishing like we are. Jesus came and said, "Follow me." They decided to follow Jesus. Jesus wants you to follow Him also. Jesus loves you and will take care of you.

Copy this page with "Fish" onto colored paper (two fish per child). Copy the page with the "Net" onto blue paper. Cut out "Fish." Have children glue "Fish" onto the page with the "Net." Note: These fish will also be used in the Story as a Game, "Fishing."





Jesus said, "Follow Me."



## Follow Jesus

Characters: Teacher  
Ginger (or your favorite puppet)

GINGER: How can someone follow Jesus?

TEACHER: It is easy. They can listen to their heart.

GINGER: Will Jesus show them what to do?

TEACHER: Yes, He will. He wants all children to know Him.

GINGER: I think Jesus wants them to stay close to Him.

TEACHER: You're right. When they are close to Jesus, they can hear His voice and follow wherever He leads.



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