

### **Luke 5:1-11:**

This story is so easy to picture.

It follows on from Jesus teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, and also healing people at Simons' house, after the sun went down on the Sabbath.

In between these events, Jesus had travelled around the local villages teaching and healing. This may have been the first opportunity for the people of Capernaum to hear Jesus again.

The people were pushing closer and closer towards Jesus - no doubt keen to hear every word, and to be as close as possible to him.

Jesus realised that they were all likely to end up in the water. He also knew that his voice would travel better if he was on a boat, out from the edge of the shore. It neatly solved a few problems.

While Jesus spoke from the boat, Peter, Andrew, James and John washed the weed from their nets, and checked them for tears - all the while listening to what Jesus was saying. When the people finally turned for home, Jesus suggested that the men do a bit more fishing. They were probably very weary, having been out all night, without catching a thing.



It seems that Peter had the mindset, "Anything to humour Jesus. After all, he can definitely draw a crowd."

So they pushed out from shore a bit, and let down their nets.

Almost immediately they had snared the catch of their lives!

For Peter, and the others, it was one more sign that Jesus was someone very special - a Rabbi - and they wanted to follow him, wherever it might lead them.

They had heard Jesus teach - in the synagogue, and now out in the open. They had seen him heal people of all sorts of diseases, and had seen him turn water into wine. This man was extraordinary!

They didn't know where this decision would lead, but they knew that they really wanted to be with Jesus. They were hooked!

Blessings from Meg

### **Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)**

#### **Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

<sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

<sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

<sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

<sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

<sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Lazy is a very strong word.



I like to call it "selective participation"



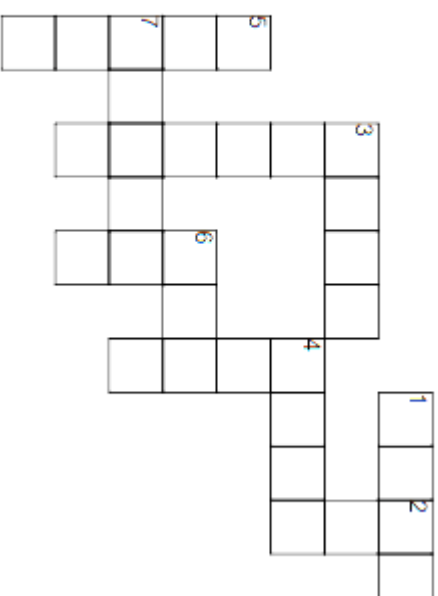
## What a Catch!

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)

The words in this puzzle can be found in Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

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PETER	PREACHING	WASHING	SINKING	AFFRAID
FISHING	SEA	PEOPLE	DEEP	NETS
GALILEE	JESUS	FISHERMEN	SHORE	BOATS



### HORIZONTAL

### VERTICAL

- To go down below the surface of the water
- An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
- An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
- A small vehicle for travelling on water
- The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
- A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean
- The Son of God
- A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean