

YOUTH NEWS

CHRIST THE KING UNIVERSITY Parish

Ordinary Time: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Lead Story Headline:

Don't Be Afraid



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Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

"One day when Jesus was standing on the shore beside Lake Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake. The fishermen were busy washing their nets. Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon, and he said to him, 'Row the boat out where the water is deep. Put your nets into the water, and you will catch some fish.' Simon said, 'Master, we fished all night long and didn't catch anything! But if you say so, we will try again now.' So they put their nets into the deep water. Soon they caught so many fish that their nets began to tear. They called to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. James and John came, and both boats were so full of fish that they almost sank. James and John were amazed at what happened. When Simon saw how many fish they caught, he fell down in front of Jesus and said, 'Lord, go away from me! I am a sinner!' But Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid! From now on you will be gathering people, not fish!' They brought their boats onto the shore and left everything to follow Jesus."

This is the Good News of the Lord.
Novalis. (1990). Sunday Book of Readings Adapted for Children, Year B. Outremont, Quebec: Novalis.

What Do You Think?

1. How do you think Jesus knew where all the fish were?

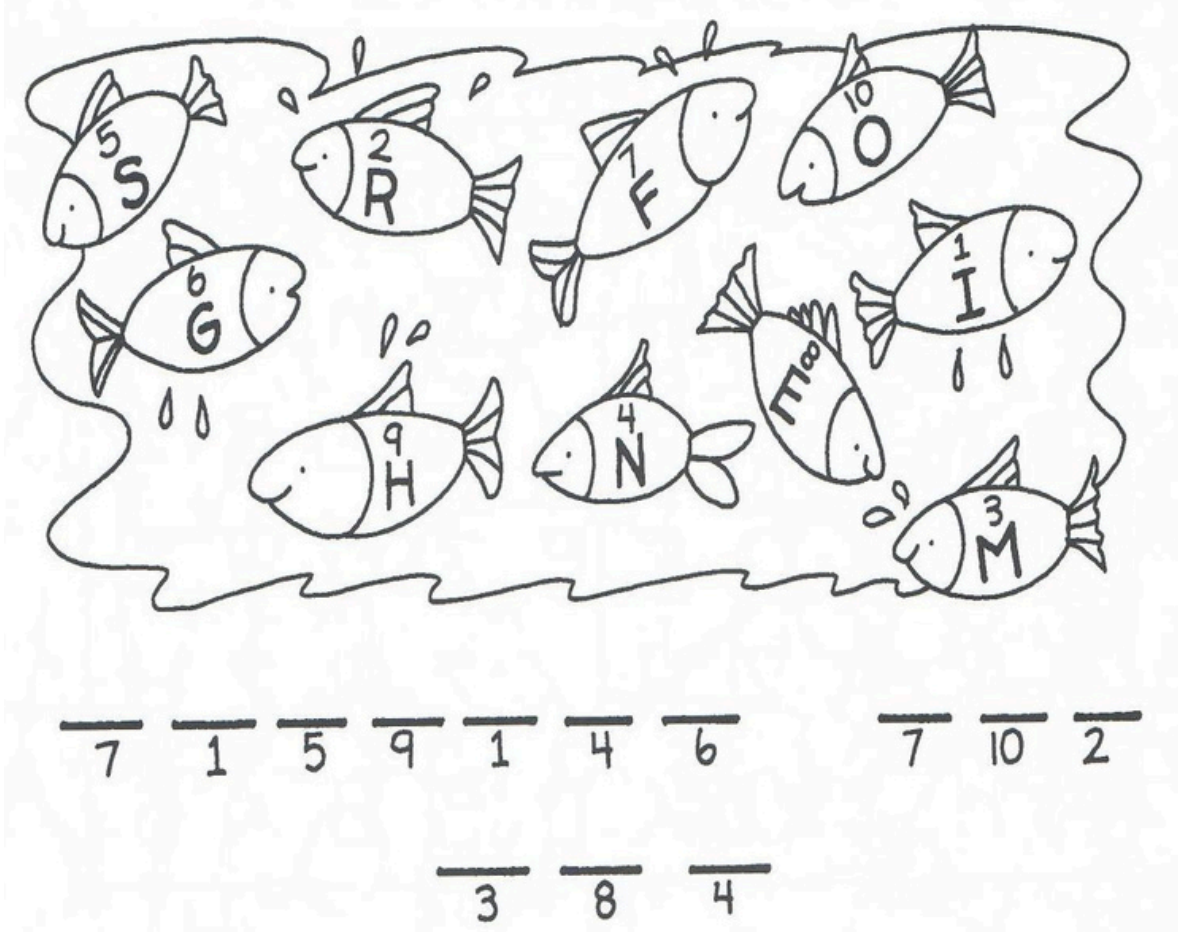
2. How can you be someone who also "gathers people"?

Now Act:
Name three qualities of God that make him a good Father. What line of the Our Father means the most to you? Ask your friends or family the same questions and see what others think!
Glavich, M. (2013). *Totally Catholic!* Boston, Massachusetts: Pauline Books and Media.

Activity: Fishy Words

What did Jesus tell Simon, James and John they would be doing as his followers? Write the letter that appears on each fish in the blank that matches its number.

Lucey, M. (2007). Catholic Corner Puzzles and Activities, Year B (Ages 7-10). Illinois, United States of America: World Library Publications.



Brainstorm:

When something good happens unexpectedly, we often say, 'it's a miracle!' Sometimes something extraordinary happens, for example, when an illness is cured. Why did Jesus work miracles? What miracles do you know of that resulted from people's faith and prayers?

"I am here!
Send me"
Isaiah 6:8

Calling All Saints: Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11th is the day that we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 (a very long time ago), there was a young girl who was 14 years old named Bernadette. She was a poor young lady who lived in Lourdes. She was near a river one day and saw a "lady" at the foot of the mountains. For many months, she encountered this same lady many, many times. These are called apparitions in which someone experiences the appearance of something or someone remarkable or unexpected. In these apparitions that Bernadette experienced, the Lady wanted her to drink from a fountain but there was no fountain for her to drink from.

Bernadette dug in the ground as the Lady told her to and a spring of water began to flow. Anyone who bathed in or drank the water of the spring would be healed. It wasn't until later on that Bernadette found out who the Lady was. The Lady told her she was the "Immaculate Conception." In other words, Mother Mary! Even today, Lourdes is a very popular place that Catholics visit. Every year, thousands of people go there to drink the water and be close to Mary and her son Jesus.

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes - February 11. Companion to the Calendar pg. 47

"Here I am,
O my God,
I come to do
your will."

Psalm 40

