

Kids' Worship Guide
Sunday, 24 January, 2021
Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Something's Fishy



Both bible readings today share stories about fish. In the Old Testament, we hear about Jonah and his run-in with a big fish. In the New Testament, we hear about fishermen doing their jobs when Jesus came to see them.

There are LOTS of stories about fish in the bible, especially in the New Testament. I wonder why that is.

Fishing was an important job in bible times. Fish were one of the main sources of food. People knew fishermen. People needed the fish for meals. People could see the rivers and lakes and seas and the boats on them. People understood what fishing was about.

Imagine if bible stories were from Pittsburgh. We have three rivers. Maybe there would be a lot of bible stories about rivers. Can you list anything that happens in or on our rivers? We'll get you started with one idea and you can list more.

1. Waterskiing
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.



Today, Dr. Dalles will help us understand ways God calls us to be followers of Jesus.. God instructed Jonah to do important work as a prophet. Jesus invited fishermen to leave their jobs and join him in teaching others about God.

Our bible readings are from the Old Testament book of Jonah 3:1-5 and from the New Testament book of Mark 1:14-20.

You may not be a prophet like Jonah, and you may not fish from a boat like Simon, Andrew, James, or John, but Jesus calls you to do important work for God too.

Did you know Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter later in the story? I wonder why Jesus did that.

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Imagine telling today's New Testament story using Pittsburgh's rivers as an example.

To help you, here is the story from Mark 1:14-20:

Jesus calls disciples

16 As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. **17** "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." **18** Right away, they left their nets and followed him. **19** After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. **20** At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.



Hint: You could talk about people fishing from a kayak or you could talk about Jesus picking people to join "his team" of disciples and finding them doing things along the Allegheny, Ohio and Monongahela Rivers.

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Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 14:17 (TNIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Mark 1:14-20



- ___ 1. The Son of God
A. Jesus B. Andrew C. Simon D. James
- ___ 2. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
A. net B. sea C. lake D. boat
- ___ 3. An area of Israel; the place of Jesus' ministry
A. kingdom B. Zebedee C. follow D. Galilee
- ___ 4. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
A. net B. sea C. fish D. boat
- ___ 5. A report of recent occurrences
A. boat B. news C. sea D. nets
- ___ 6. A large body of water, smaller than an ocean
A. pond B. river C. sea D. creek
- ___ 7. A small vehicle for travelling on water
A. fish B. net C. boat D. news
- ___ 8. To get behind someone and go where they go
A. fish B. news C. repent D. follow

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Jesus Calls the First Disciples

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W O J W E I E E B A N P L X N P H J A J
Y C R T F S D K D M X E J W I N R O J D
A B O K T H M E Y E P O U X T H B P H W
N I Q E E E E N L S B V Q D S O X E E U
D K R A M R G T O L R E I I A J E F Q W
R Y Y U N M S G S X A S Z V C L O J Y F
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ANDREW

GOOD

NETS

BOAT

GOSPEL

NEWS

CALLED

HEARTS

PEOPLE

CASTING

JAMES

PETER

DISCIPLES

JESUS

SIMON

FISH

JOHN

SONS

FISHERMEN

KINGDOM

TEACHING

FOLLOW

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TRUST

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LIVES

WORKERS

GOD

MARK

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