

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

24th January - Epiphany 3



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Our stories now move from Jesus' birth and childhood to the time when he started preaching and teaching. People think that he was about thirty when this started. One of the first things he did was to gather a group of special friends who travelled with him. This morning's story is about how the first of them started to follow him. We call them 'the disciples', which is a word which means people who are being taught and are learning.

Now after John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who baptised Jesus in the River Jordan, was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; change your hearts, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Jesus said that he would make his disciples fish for people. What do you think he meant?

Have you ever been fishing? It's quite hard work and you have to be very quiet and still to get the fish to come to your hook.

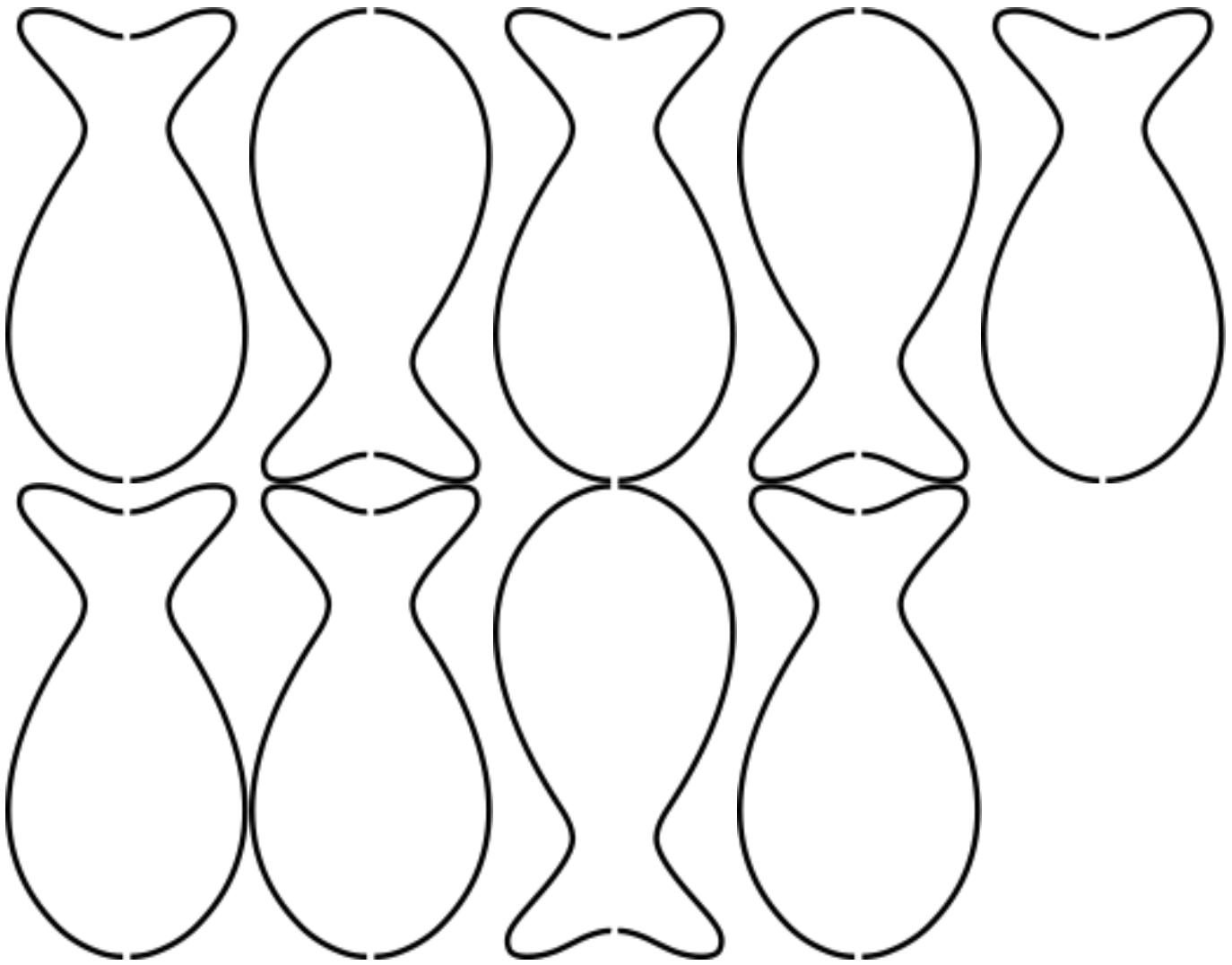
You can make yourself **a fishing game.**

Colour and cut out the fish on the next sheets

Put a paper clip on the 'nose' of each fish

Make yourself a fishing rod: you can use a chopstick, or the handle of a wooden spoon. Tie a length of string to it. On the end of the string you need to fasten a magnet – you can use a fridge magnet – and you can stick it on to the line with blu-tack.

Put the fish in a large bowl, or a box, and take turns trying to catch them and lift them out of the bowl.



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WORD SEARCH

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ANDREW
 BAPTIST
 FISHERMEN
 FOLLOW
 GALILEE
 JAMES
 JESUS
 JOHN
 LAKE
 MENDING
 NETS
 PREACHING
 SHORE
 SIMON
 ZEBEDEE



Come, follow me, says the
Lord, and I will make
you fishers of men.