



**Sunday Activity
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February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Luke 5:1-11

The people were crowding around Jesus and listening to the word of God while he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there along the lake. The fishermen had gotten out and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon. He asked him to go out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Go out into the deep water and put your nets in for a catch.” Simon said, “Master, we have worked hard all night and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will put the nets in.”

When they had done this, they caught so many fish their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so much that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he bowed before Jesus and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” He was so amazed at the number of fish they had caught, and so were James and John, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to him, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

2 Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus is preaching from the boat belonging to Simon, who would later become St. Peter, the first pope. After preaching, Jesus tells Simon to lower his nets for a catch. Simon is a professional fisherman. He knows it is the wrong time of day to catch fish. In fact, he is just finishing his work, and he hasn't caught anything. Still, he obeys Jesus and catches so many fish that he can't handle them all without help. Simon recognizes a miracle and does something we may find surprising; he asks Jesus to leave him. But it is not really all that surprising. Simon recognizes that he is a sinner, and feels unworthy to be in the presence of Jesus. But Jesus looks down at Simon, the sinful fisherman, bowing on the deck of his boat; and He sees Peter, the great saint, who will become the Rock that Jesus will build the Church on.

Jesus sees all of us like that. We tend to focus on our weaknesses, and how we can never do anything great for Jesus – not like the saints did. But Jesus sees what we can become, if we only follow Him. Simon was amazed at the number of fish he caught, but that was nothing. Jesus was going to have him catching people. What might He be calling us to do?

3 Discussion Questions

Do we ever hear the stories of the saints and believe that we could never be heroes like they were? What do we need to follow in their footsteps?

How did Peter go from being an ordinary fisherman to a great saint?

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Vocabulary

- **“Fisher of Men”** – A term used about followers of Jesus, especially priests, who are called to bring people to Jesus
- **Preaching** – Speaking to people about God
- **Pope** – The bishop of Rome, and visible head of the Catholic Church. St. Peter was the first pope.
- **Saint** – A person who follows Jesus and is in Heaven.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) After a life of serving God, the man died and became a _____.
- 2) We saw the _____ when we visited Rome.
- 3) James wanted to be a priest when he felt Jesus calling him to be a _____.
- 4) The priest was _____ to the people so they would know Jesus better.

- 1) What miracle happened in Simon's boat?
 - A) They caught an amazing number of fish
 - B) The boat didn't sink in a storm
 - C) Jesus raised fish from the dead
 - D) The men could walk on water

- 2) Why did Simon Peter want Jesus to leave him?
 - A) He didn't believe in Jesus
 - B) He thought Jesus would ruin his business
 - C) He was a sinful man
 - D) He was afraid he'd get arrested

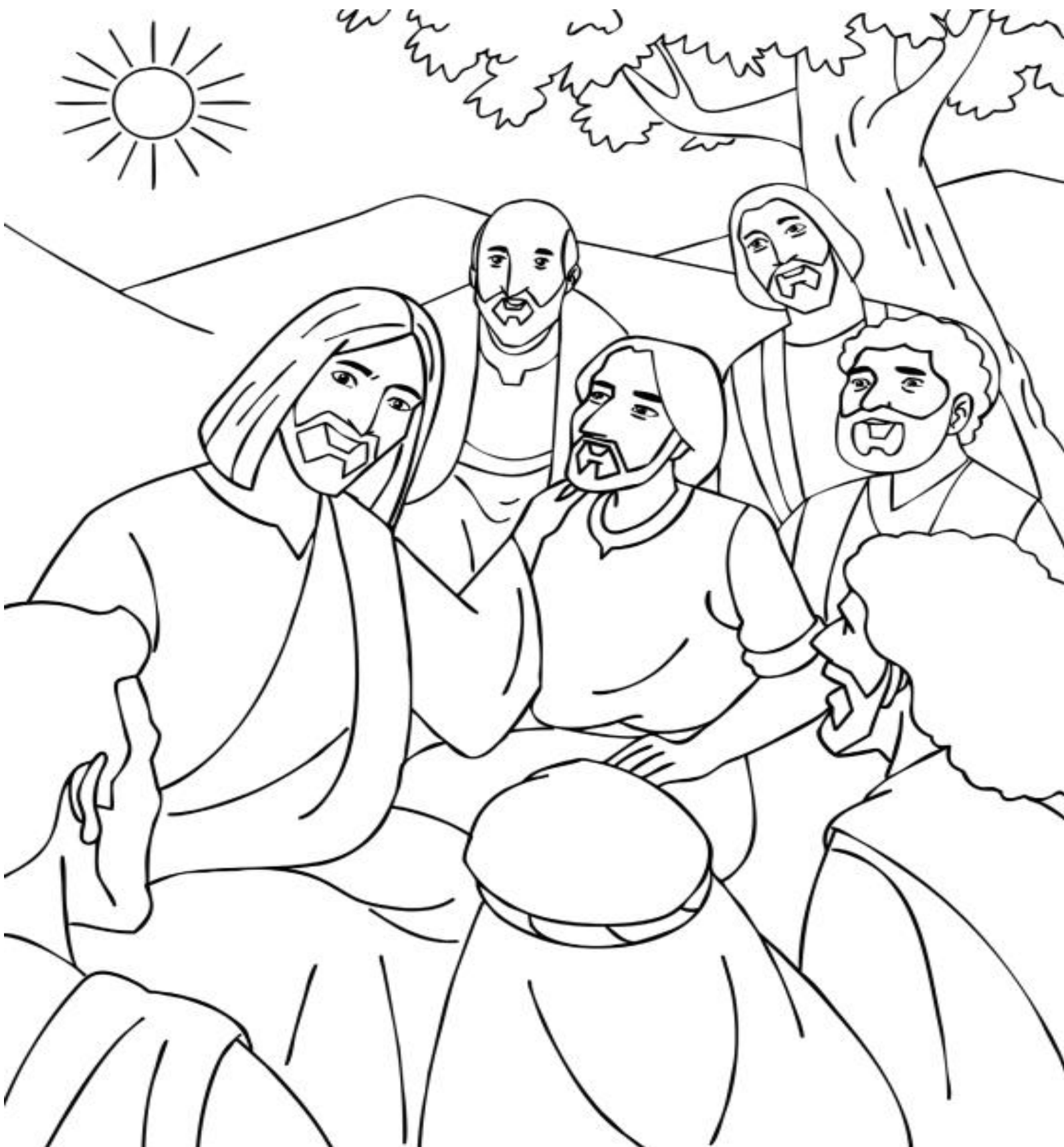
- 3) What did Jesus tell Peter he would be catching from now on?
 - A) More fish
 - B) Ducks
 - C) Baseball
 - D) People

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FISHER OF MEN
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 PETER
 POPE
 PREACHING
 SAINT





Fill in the Blank

- 1) Saint
- 2) Pope
- 3) Fisher of men
- 4) Preaching

Quiz:

- 1) A – They caught an amazing number of fish
- 2) C – He was a sinful man
- 3) D – People