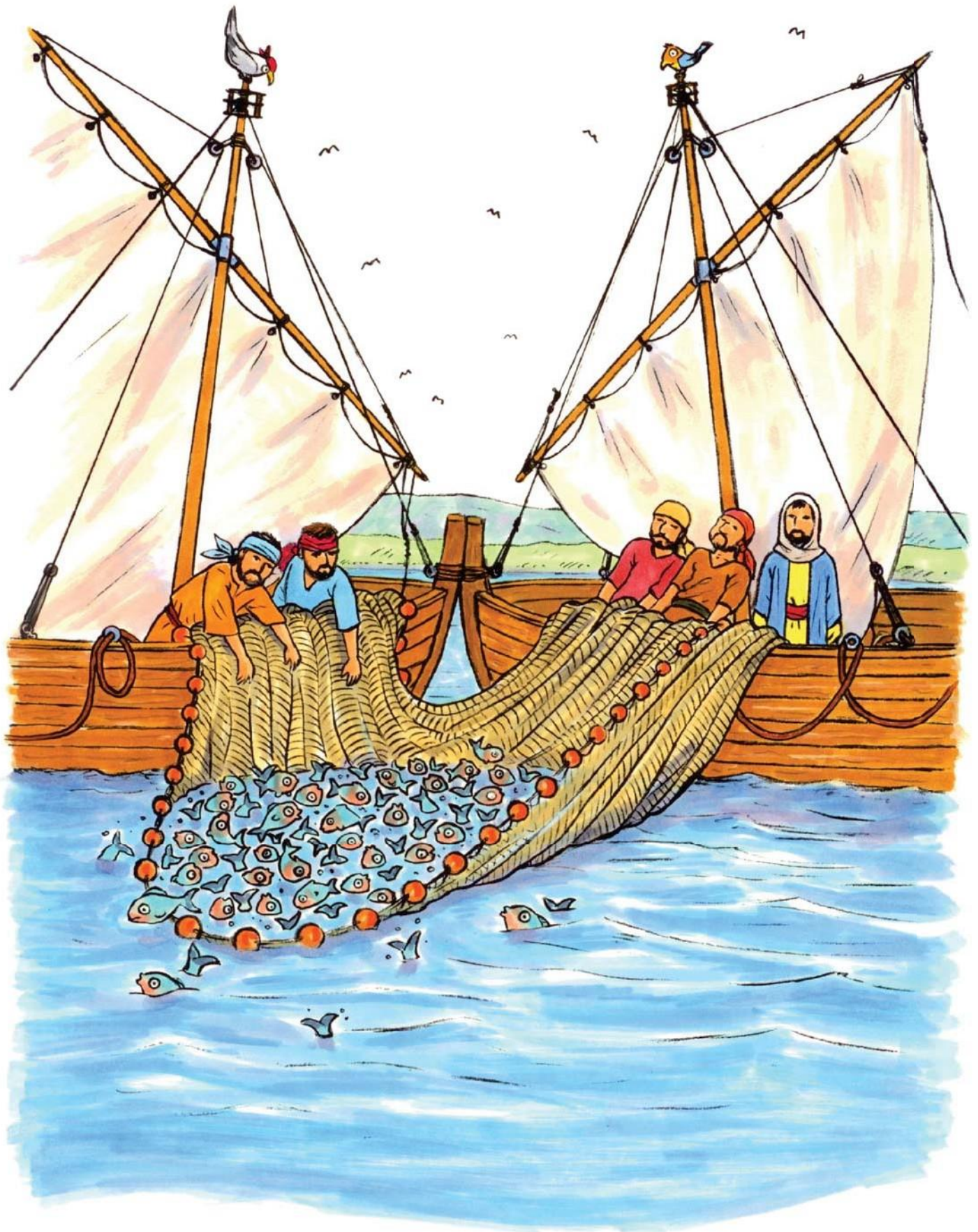


THE GREAT CATCH OF FISH

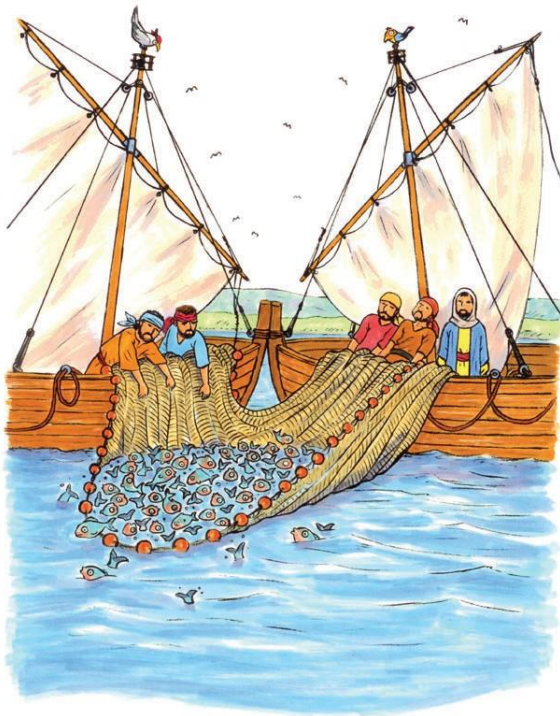
Luke 5:1-11



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Bible Text	Luke 5:1–11

The Great Catch of Fish



After some time, Jesus stopped and told Peter, “Go further into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

Peter replied, “Master, we worked the whole night and caught nothing. But if You say so, I will put the nets in the water again.”

When he put his net out as Jesus instructed he caught such a great number of fish that the net began to break. He signalled his partners to help. John and James came and they filled their boat with fish also. There were so many fish that the boats almost sank!

Peter fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”

Jesus replied, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” Peter, James and John put their boats on land and followed Jesus.

One day Jesus stood on the shore of a lake.

A big crowd had gathered because everyone wanted to listen to Him preach. Jesus saw two boats nearby, but the fishermen had already left and were cleaning their nets.

He climbed into one of the boats, which happened to be Peter’s, and asked if he would push away from the shore.

Jesus continued to preach to the crowd from the boat.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, a net, some fish.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- How do the disciples feel, when do they don't catch anything?
(They are sad and disappointed.)
- Why do the disciples obey Jesus even though they know differently? (They have already experienced His great power. Their trust in Jesus has always resulted in gain.)
- What does Jesus mean when He says, "From now on you will catch men?"
(Jesus wants his disciples to look for people to turn them into faithful believers of God.)
- What do the disciples do afterwards? (They follow Jesus and become fishers of men.)

Have the children repeat...

- Against all odds, Peter did exactly what Jesus told him to do.
- When God speaks to us through His servants, we should trust what they say.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Apostles are messengers of Christ.
- They teach people to follow Jesus.

Repeat the Message

We should trust the Lord and have faith in His word.