

# TRINITY

Episcopal Church & School

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Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

“Fishing for People” is the title of this week’s lesson, from Matthew 4:18-23. This lesson is about the importance of telling others about Jesus. Our memory verse for this week is: “Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ ” Matthew 4:19

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. For teaching this lesson, you will need a rod and reel or other fishing equipment.

To the right of the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child’s individual level. Additionally, below the lesson is an instructional video for a related craft idea.

This week’s group activities can also be found in that list of resources beside the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids. There you will also find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

**Sample prayer for this week:**

*Dear Jesus, help us become fishers of people. Help us tell others what You have done for us and what you want to do for them. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

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### Elementary Discussion:

This week, kids will learn in Matthew 4:12-23 that Jesus called out to two brothers who were fishermen. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Peter and Andrew laid down their fishing nets and followed Jesus. Children will learn that Jesus wants us to fish for people, also, by telling them about Jesus. Bible Memory Verse: "Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!'" Matthew 4:19

#### MONDAY:

- Why do you think Jesus wants us to follow Him?
- Thank God for inviting you to follow Jesus.

#### TUESDAY:

- What questions do you have about fishing for friends?
- Talk to God about your questions.

#### WEDNESDAY:

- Other than fishing for people, what are other ways to reach people for Jesus?
- Ask God to help you find new ways to reach people for Jesus.

#### THURSDAY:

- Who is someone you want to follow Jesus?
- Pray for that person to say yes to following Jesus.

#### FRIDAY:

- What would you like to do this week to help someone follow Jesus?
- Ask God to help you do that thing this week.

### Dove Snack

You'll Need (please use parental discretion with snack items):

- Round crackers
- Cutie oranges
- Jellybeans or mini chocolate chips
- Paper plates- one per child

Do This:

- Get Ready: Peel the cutie oranges so each child gets four small slices.
- Remind children that they are learning about "fishing for people today."
- Give each child a paper plate, one round cracker, one mini chocolate chip or jelly bean and four orange slices.
- Tell the kids the cracker will be the fish body and show them how to place one orange slice on each side to be the fish fins and two at the end to be the fish tail.
- Have them use the chocolate chip or jelly bean as the fish eye.
- Enjoy!

Discuss:

- **As they eat, discuss with children how they can be "fishers of men."**