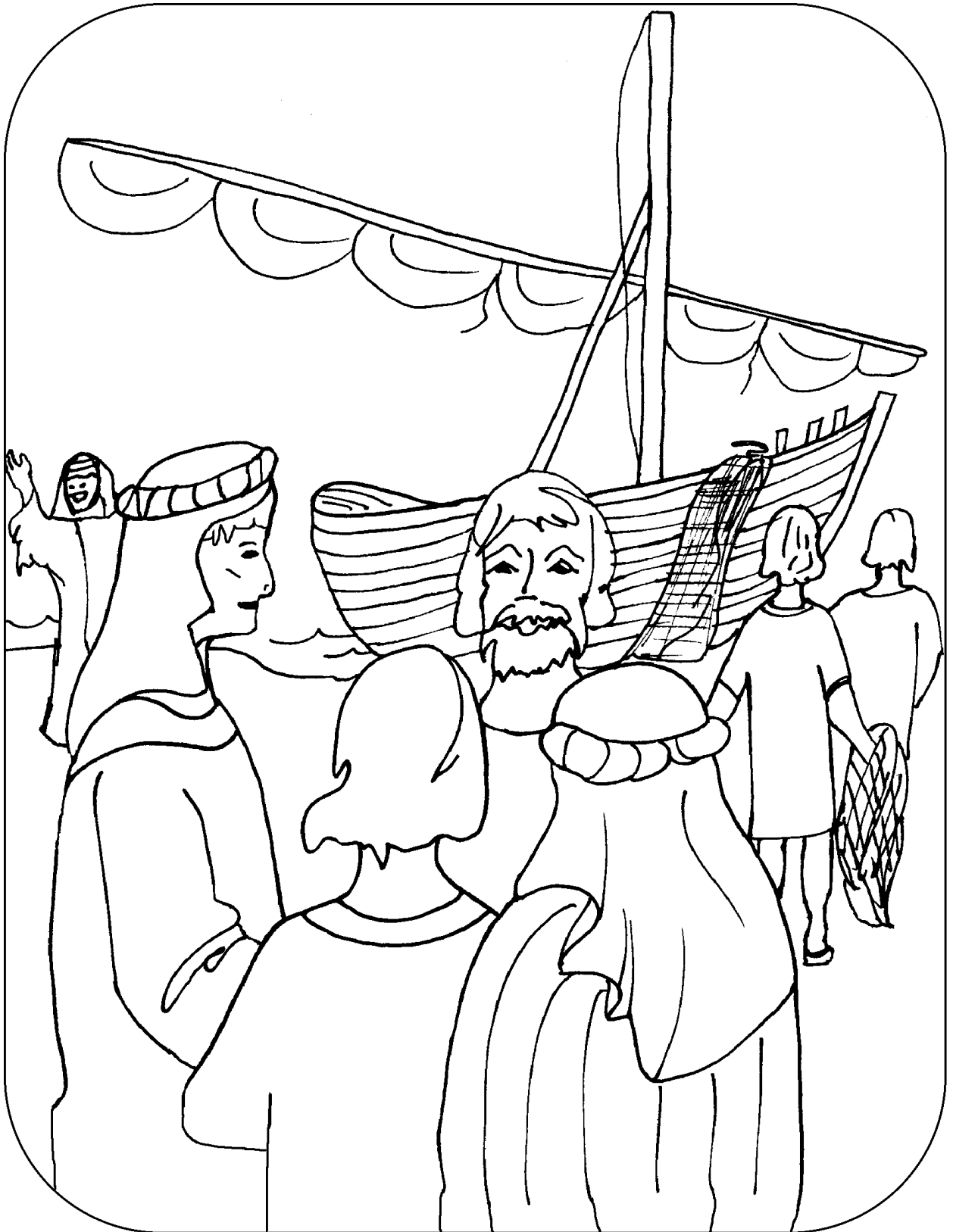


Jesus Begins His Ministry



*And He saith unto them, Follow me, and
I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19*

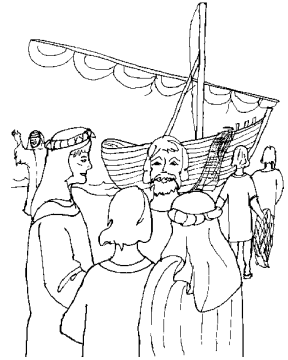
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During the year after Jesus was tempted by the devil a number of events took place which are not written in the book of Matthew. Those events include changing water to wine at the wedding in Cana and cleansing the Temple. He witnessed to Nicodemus at night. John the Baptist finished his final public witness. He ministered in Samaria at Sychar. Early that year John had sent two of his disciples toward Jesus. One of them was Andrew (Jn. 1:35-40).

Then Jesus heard that Herod had arrested John. Jesus left Nazareth and went to Capernaum by the sea in Galilee. He began to preach. He called for repentance because the kingdom of heaven was at hand. He fulfilled the Scripture which said that those sitting in darkness by the Sea of Galilee, beyond the Jordan, would see a great **light** (Mt. 4:15-16).

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon and **Andrew**. They were fishermen, casting a net into the sea. Jesus called to them. He told them that He would make them **fishers** of men if they followed Him. They quickly left their

nets and followed Jesus. Then Jesus came to the brothers, **James and John**, who were mending **nets** with their father. Jesus called them also, and they quickly followed.



Jesus went all through Galilee teaching in synagogues. He told about the gospel of the kingdom. He healed all sorts of diseases, sicknesses and demon possessed people. The four fishermen went with Him. **Fame** of His healing spread quickly in Syria. He healed many. Many people followed Him from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and beyond Jordan. The people liked the miracles. They followed Him because of the good things He was doing for them. But not many would continue to follow as persecution began and grew. Who are you following today and why?

QUESTIONS: Where did Jesus go?
Who did He call, and what did they do?
What did Jesus begin doing?
How did the people respond?

Lesson 22: Jesus Begins His Ministry

DAY 1 - 2 **PASSAGE & ACTIVITY:** *Matthew 4:12-25*

Please unscramble these Bible story words. Can you find them in your Bible?

onhJ _____
 aesJm _____
 Aendrw _____

iomnS _____
 ighl _____
 etsn _____

After Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Nazareth and went to Capernaum. He began preaching, and called four fishermen to join Him. Trace their names, "Peter, Andrew, James and John."

Peter Andrew

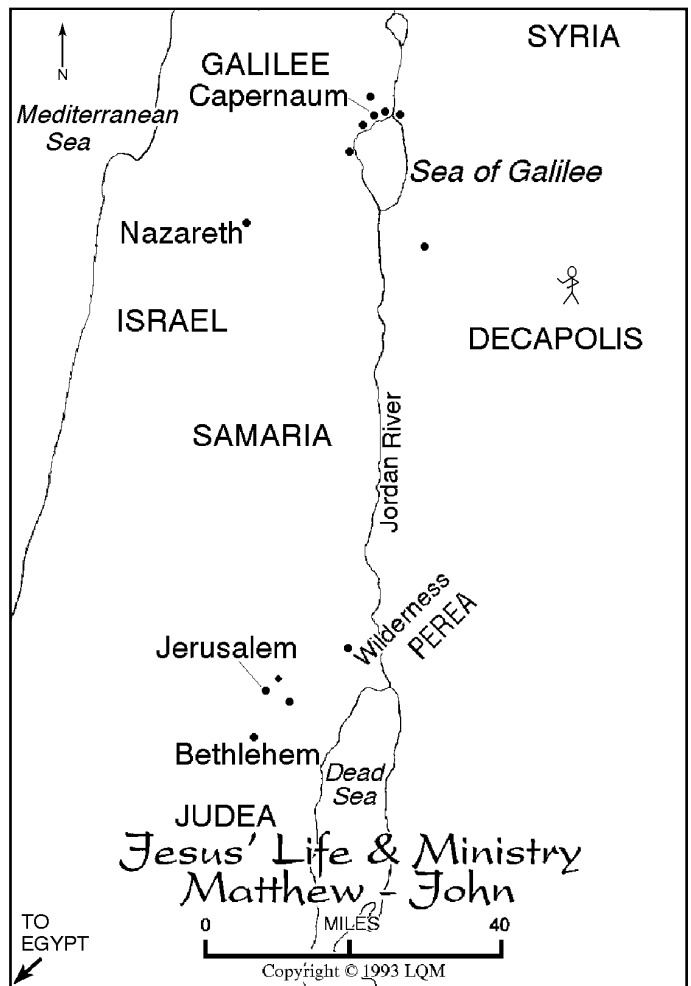
James John

Circle the places on the map showing where Jesus went preaching and healing. (Mt. 4:13-18)

- Nazareth
- Galilee
- Capernaum
- Sea of Galilee

Draw stick figure people on the map next to the places showing where the multitudes came from. (Mt. 5:25)

- Galilee
- Decapolis
- Jerusalem
- Judea
- beyond the Jordan



DAY 3  **BIBLE VERSE:** Use the reference to find missing words.

Matthew 4:19


And he saith unto them,

_____, and I will _____ you
fishers of _____.



DAY 4  **SENTENCE BLANKS:** Please fill in the missing letters.

1. Jesus went to the area of G _____ and settled in
C _____ by the s _____. (Mt. 4:12-13)
2. Jesus began to preach "R _____: for the k _____ of
heaven is at hand." (Mt. 4:17)
3. Jesus called four f _____: P _____,
A _____, J _____ and J _____. (Mt. 4:18-22)
4. Jesus was teaching and h _____ all kinds of disease and
s _____. (Mt. 4:23-24)
5. Great m _____ followed J _____. (Mt. 4:25)

DAY 5  **THINK, TALK, DO:** What do you think; who can you talk with; what will you do?

1. What would you do if Jesus called you today?
2. What do you do when your parents call you?
3. What does immediately mean?
4. How can you respond immediately today?