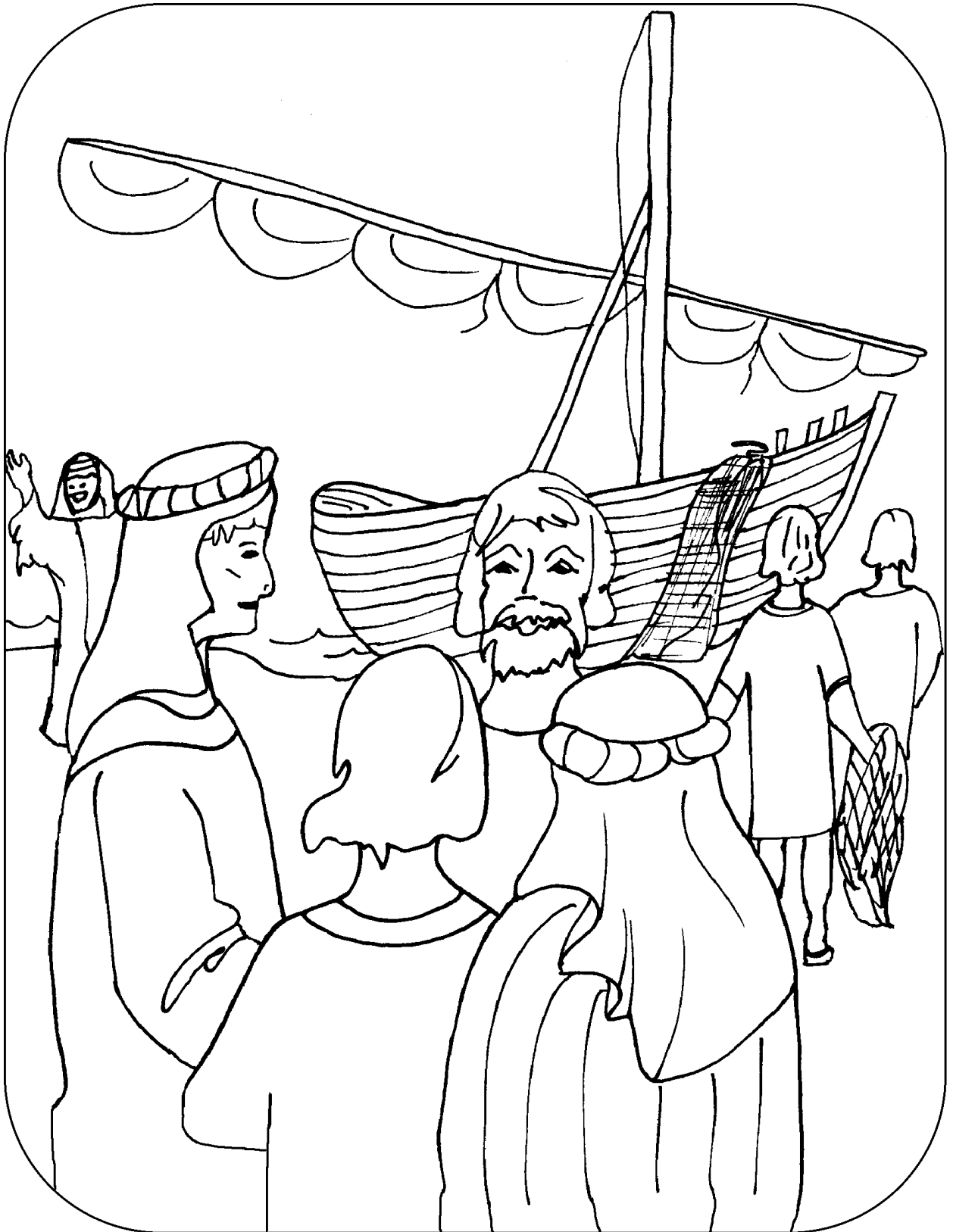


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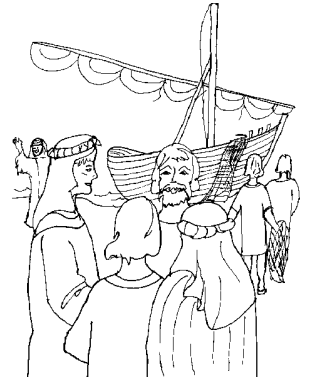
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During the year after Jesus was tempted by the devil a number of events took place which are not recorded in the book of Matthew. Those events include Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana, His cleansing of the Temple, His witness to Nicodemus at night, the final public witness of John the Baptist and Jesus' ministry in Samaria at Sychar. Early that year John had directed two of his disciples toward following Jesus. One of them was Andrew (Jn. 1:35-40).

Then Jesus heard that **John** had been arrested. That's when Jesus left Nazareth and went to **Capernaum** by the sea in Galilee. There Jesus began to preach, calling 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

telling 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 immediately followed.



Jesus traveled all through Galilee teaching in synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and **healing** all sorts of diseases, sicknesses and demon-possessed people. The four fishermen went with Him. News of His healing spread quickly in Syria, and He healed many. Great multitudes followed Him from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and beyond Jordan. The people liked the **miracles** and followed Him because of the good things He did for them. But not many would continue to follow as persecution began and grew.

<b>QUESTIONS:</b>	Where did Jesus go? Who did He call, and what did they do? What did Jesus begin doing? How did the people respond?
<b>PRAYER:</b>	Father, thank you for wanting us to come to You.

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# ACTIVITY PAGE

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## Lesson 22

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<b>PASSAGE:</b>	Matthew 4:11-25 (John 1:35 - 4:42)
<b>VERSE:</b>	Matthew 4:19 And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
<b>SONGS:</b>	"Fishers of Men;" "Oh, How I Love Jesus;" "Jesus Loves Even Me" "Peter, James and John in a Sail Boat"
<b>ACTIVITIES:</b>	<p><b>Fishing Books:</b> Provide books about fish, and tell the children that Jesus called some fishermen to follow Him.</p> <p><b>Boats:</b> Float boats in water. SAY: The fishermen went out on boats to catch the fish.</p> <p><b>Mending Nets:</b> Provide a net type of material such as net bags from produce or some fabric net. Let the children watch you mend a small hole. SAY: Fishing was not easy work. They used nets, and the nets had to be repaired when they had holes in them.</p> <p><b>Individuals:</b> Help the children trace their names in sand. Jesus called the men by name. He wants each of us to follow Him.</p>