



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle B - III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Jonas 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 24; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1, 14-20*

### Fisher of Men

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

### Reflection

**Jesus proclaimed the Gospel, or good news, of God. What was the good news?**

(The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe. This meant the King was here to save them.)

**Jesus sees Andrew and Simon working. What was their profession?**

(Fisherman) **What did Jesus say to them?**

(Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.) **What does this mean?**

(They were to bring souls to Jesus to save them.) **How did they respond?**

(They immediately left everything and followed Him.) **Jesus also calls James and his brother John to follow him. How did they respond?**

(They also followed Him immediately.) **Jesus wants us**

**to be ready to follow Him in whatever mission He gives us. He invites us to complete our daily responsibilities with effort and dedication, even those things we don't like or don't feel like doing. He is always with us, helping us during the difficult times. With our example, we too can fish souls for Jesus.**

### Activity

On the following page, cut and color the fish. On the back, write a person or group of people that need to be saved (they don't believe in God, they are alone, hungry, sad, sick...). Hide the fish and have the kids find them. Then have them each take their fish and put them in a basket by the altar and each pray, "Jesus, I give you...so you may save him (them)."

### Prayer

Jesus, many times we refuse to listen to you or are afraid to do what you ask of us. Give us a listening heart and the courage to follow in your footsteps knowing that you are always with us. Amen.

**Song:** I Want to Know You Lord, Apple Crisol, <https://youtu.be/3UzW7wfn0L0?si=tWPFhjFtLrYOkxHt> (3-7yrs)

I Will Follow You, Roy RN, <https://youtu.be/jpVuBcbZ24c?si=bv3z9zliZpvNHFUQ> (8+ yrs.)

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UXPFMp55xaXZKdXd36GtRQ6YsRdS6YS/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UXPFMp55xaXZKdXd36GtRQ6YsRdS6YS/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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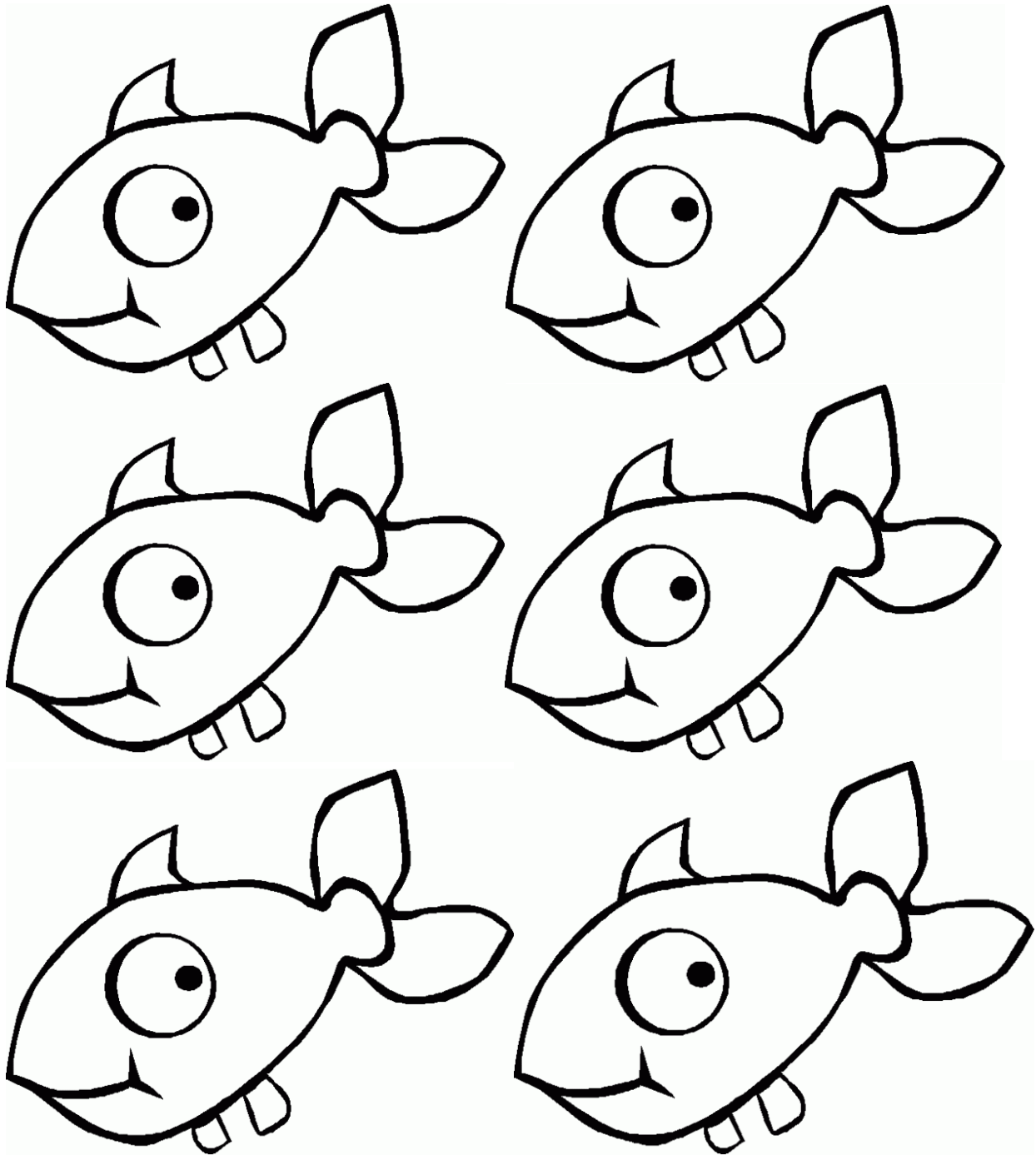




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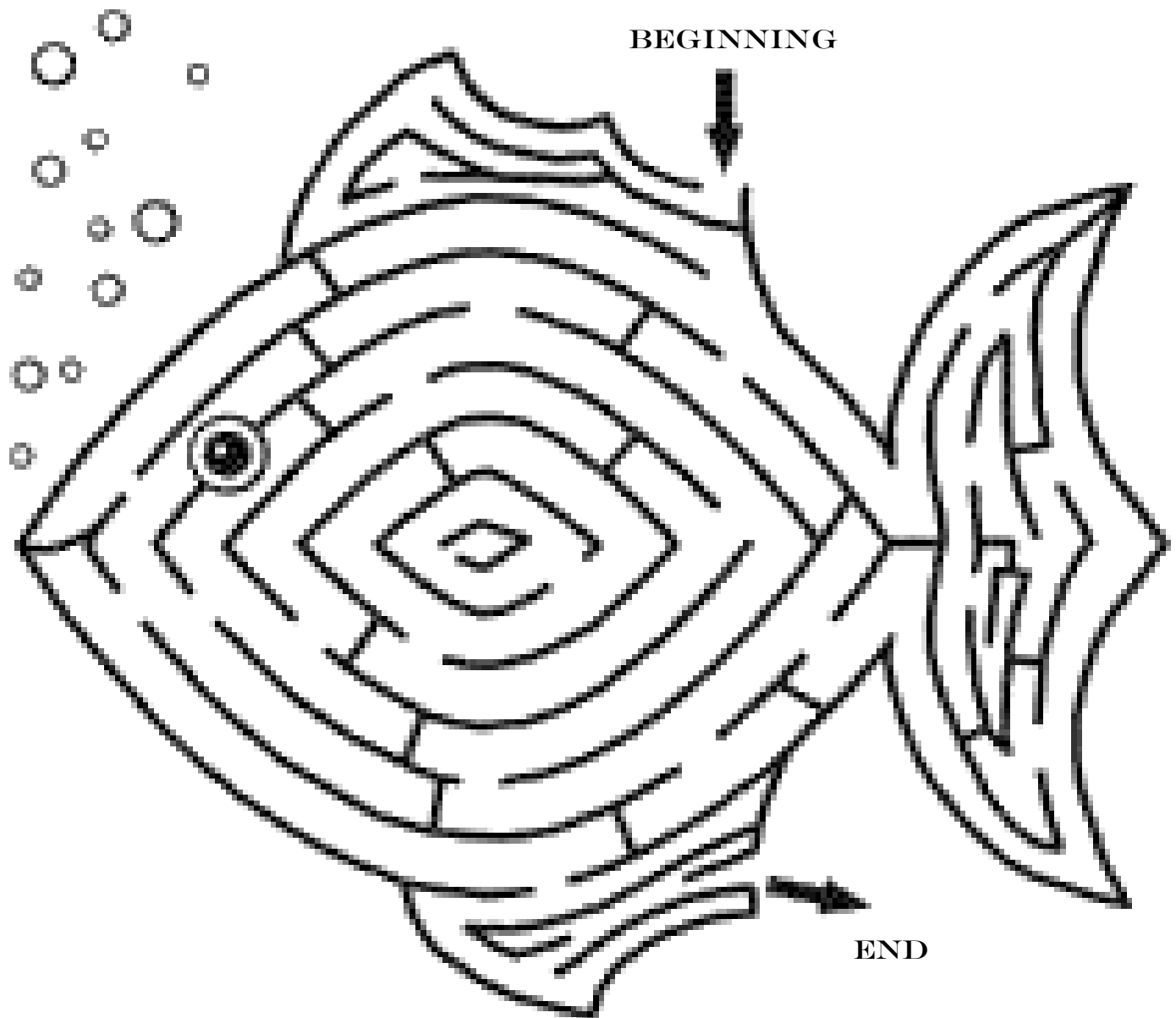
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# I WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS

FIND THE WAY TO THE END.



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