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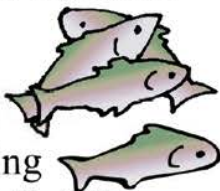
"Let the little children come to me" - Matthew 19:14

Fishers of Men

February 9
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Sunday's Gospel reading, Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!



Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.

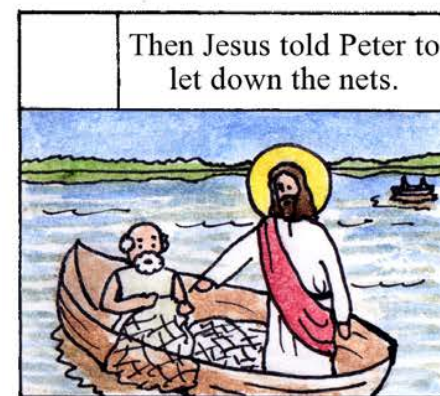
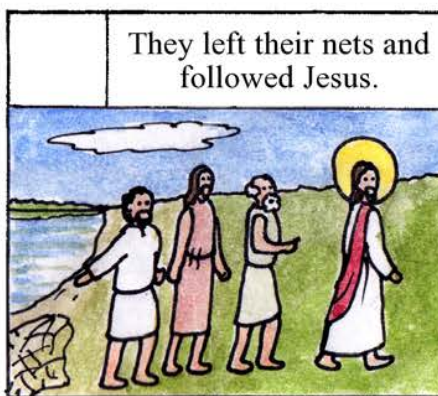
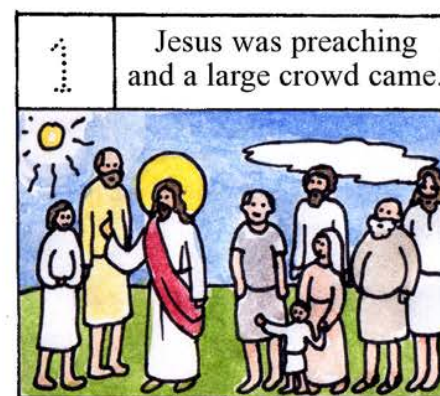
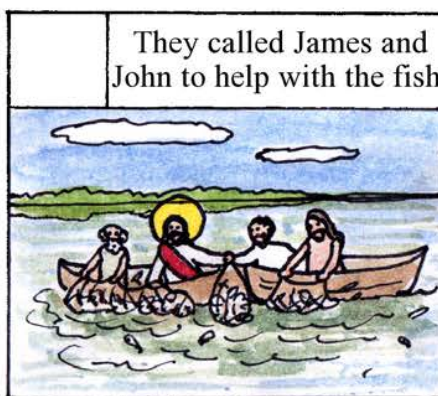
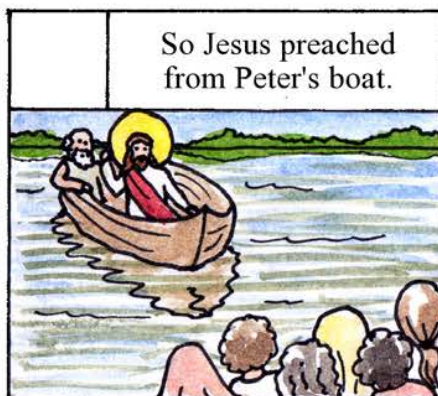


Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

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Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

The pictures for this story are all mixed up!
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.



Ask the Bishop

Q. Have you ever read the Superkids from the Superkids Reading Program?

- Sister Lydia Marie's 2nd grade 2A class, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Newport News

A. I am not familiar with the Superkids Reading Program, but I know teachers want to show that reading can be fun! I was not a great reader in elementary school, so I was encouraged to read something called "Highlights" - you may have seen the magazines that have fun stories, puzzles and other activities.

Q. Why can't we see God? Is God all over the Earth?

- Mrs. Mauney's 1st grade theology, Charlottesville Catholic School

A. Jesus says, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (Jn 3:8).

God is all powerful, all knowing, and **all present**, but he is pure spirit, so we don't see him like we see one another.

But God did show himself to us in his Son - Jesus spent time here on Earth, eating, drinking, talking, and living. That was 2,000 years ago, but he continues to reveal himself in physical signs, like his real presence in the Eucharist.

We also see God in those around us. Jesus said that when you do things for the least of others, you do things for him. When we care for the poor, we see Jesus. When we visit the sick, homebound, imprisoned, lonely, or discouraged, we are meeting Christ, because his Spirit dwells in the hearts of his faithful.

So, in many ways, we *can* see God!

Kids 12 and younger: make sure to check with your parent/guardian, then email Bishop Knestout **YOUR** question. AskTheBishop@catholicvirginian.org Include your full name, age, and home parish.