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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jesus' miracles are amazing.

CATCHING FISH
LUKE 5:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

"Everyone who heard him was amazed."
LUKE 2:47, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is amazing?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is amazing.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



2. COLOR MATCHING PATTERNS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Color Matching Strips" and "Color Matching Fish" Activity Pages; white, red, yellow, blue, and green cardstock; and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Color Matching Strips" Activity Page on white cardstock and cut apart, one strip per child. Copy "Color Matching Fish" Activity Page on red, yellow, blue, and green cardstock and cut out, at least four fish per child. Lay the strips at each spot on the table. Set the colored fish in the center of the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to stand at a spot at the table and identify the colors they see on the strip. Then, have the children find fish to match each of the colors and line them up underneath the strip to create the same color pattern. When they finish, encourage them to switch strips with a friend and create another matching pattern.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Gather all strips and fish for clean-up.

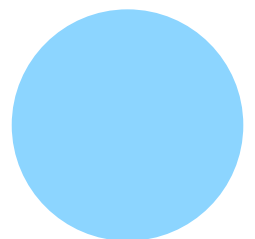
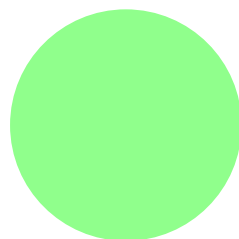
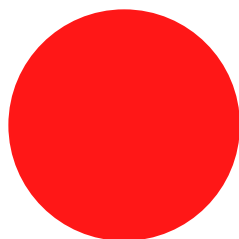
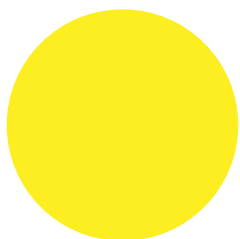
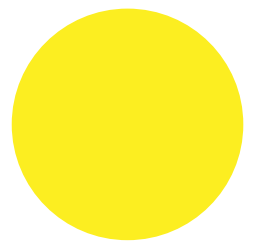
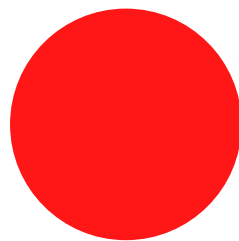
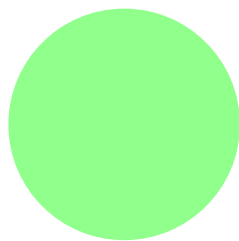
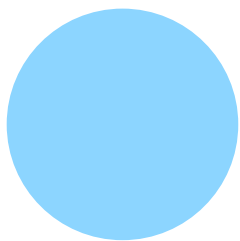
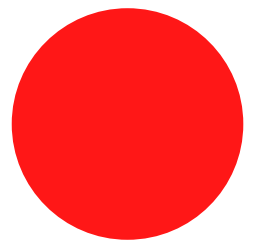
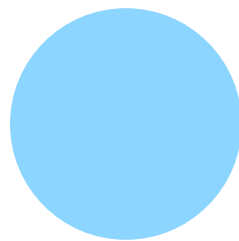
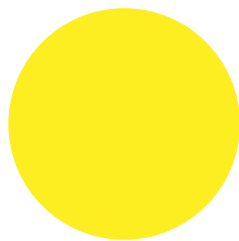
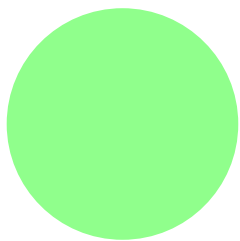
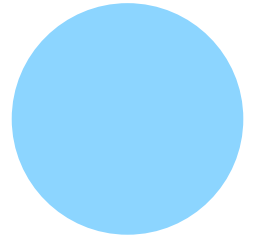
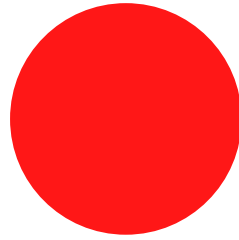
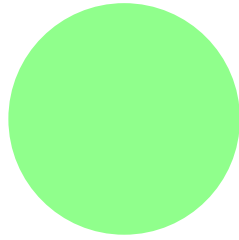
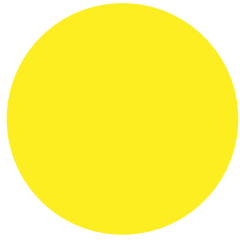
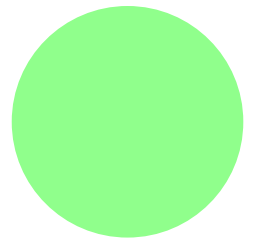
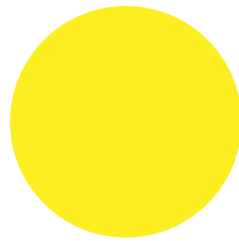
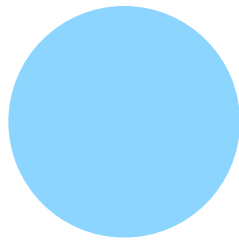
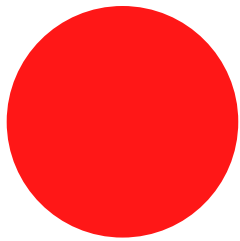
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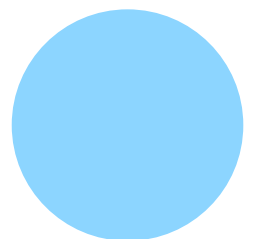
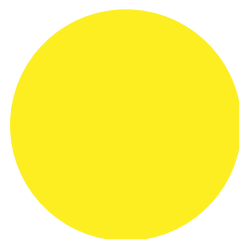
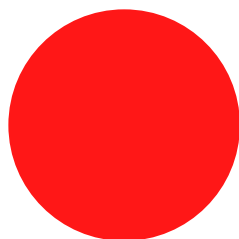
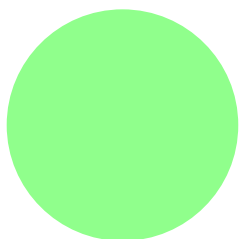
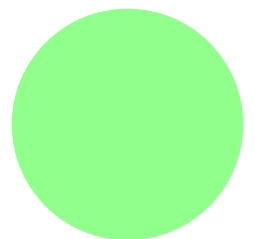
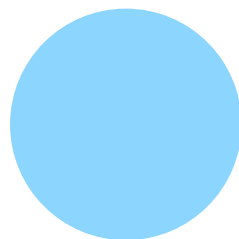
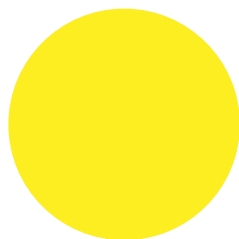
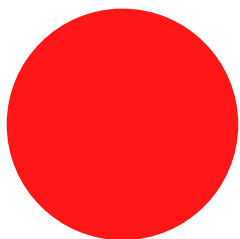
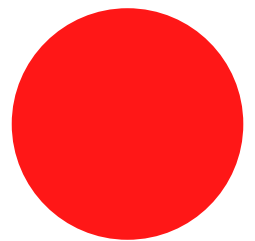
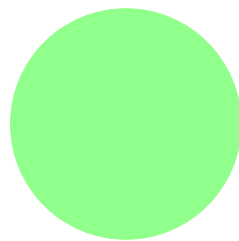
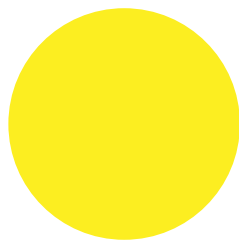
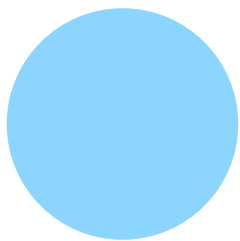
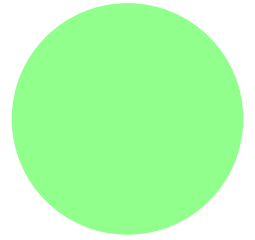
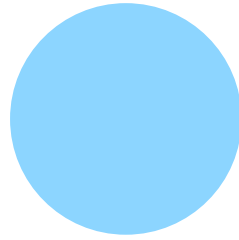
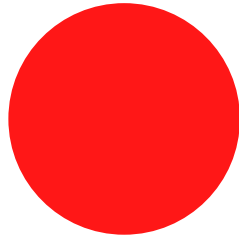
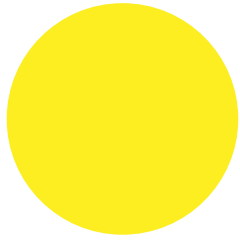
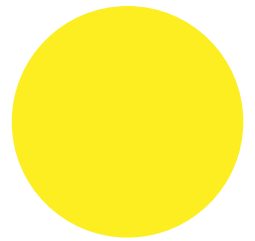
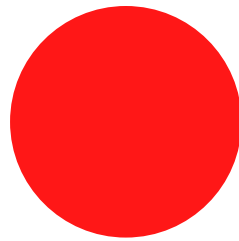
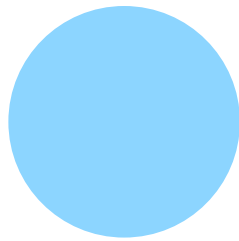
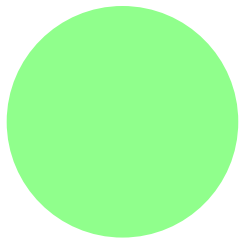
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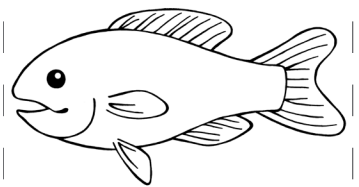
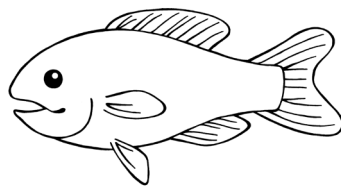
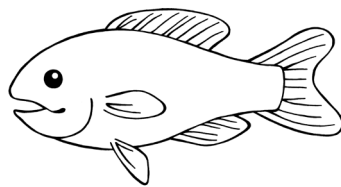
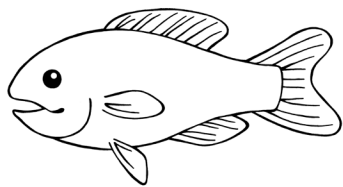
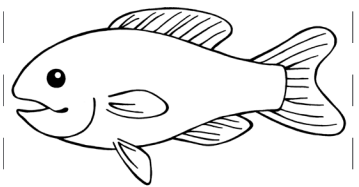
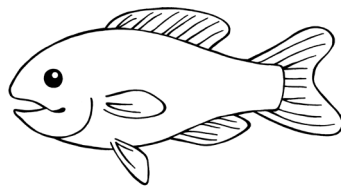
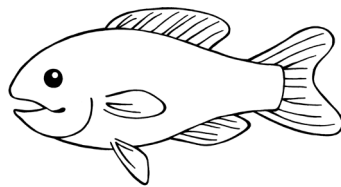
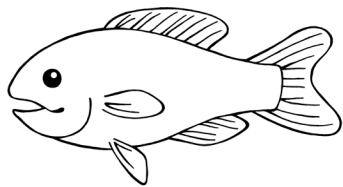
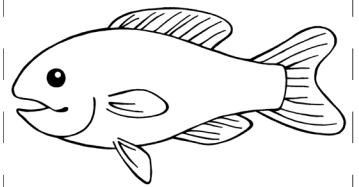
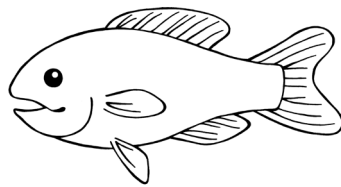
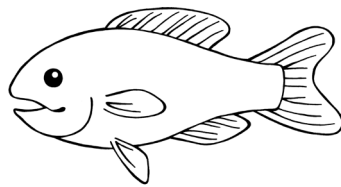
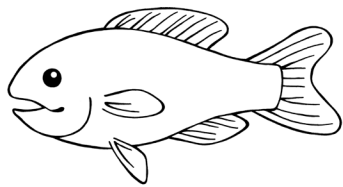
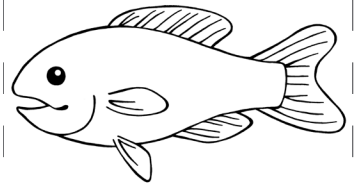
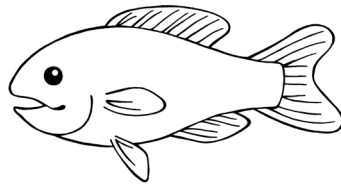
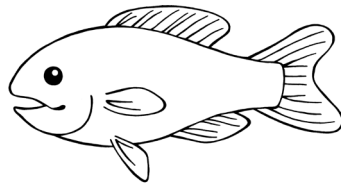
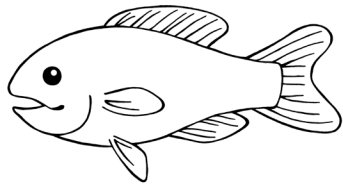
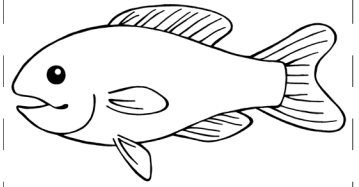
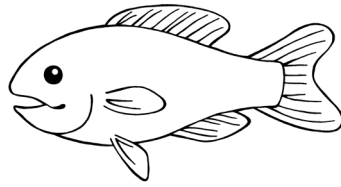
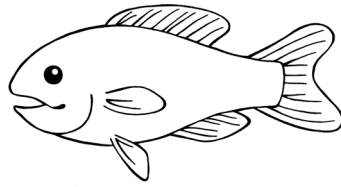
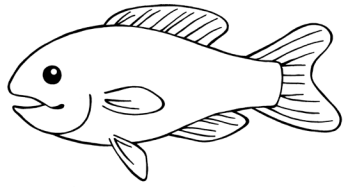
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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great work, everyone! Do you think we'll hear about fish in our Bible story today? I think so! Let's go!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by swimming like fish!









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MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning



3. FULL OR EMPTY**

****Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" and post it at the door to your room.**

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," cardstock, plastic tablecloth, large flat bin, rice or beans, and clear plastic cups

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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CATCHING FISH
LUKE 5:1-10

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock and hang on the door. Fill the bin with about two inches of beans or rice. Cover the table with a tablecloth and set the bin on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather around the bin and fill up a cup with rice or beans. Ask the children if the cup is full or empty. Dump out the contents of the cup and ask again if it's full or empty. Let the children select a cup and call out full or empty as they fill or empty their cups.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Place all cups in the bin and move the bin out of reach.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, gather around the table with me. Let's play Full or Empty!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Fill the cup and hold it up.) "Is this full or empty? (Pause.) That's right, it's full. (Pour out the rice/beans.) What about now, full or empty? (Pause.) Yes, it's empty! Let's share the cups with our friends and practice making them full or empty. Ready?"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Way to go, friends! In our Bible story today, we'll hear about something that was empty then it was completely full! I'll give you a hint. It has to do with fish. Let's go hear about it."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by calling out full or empty as children show that with their bodies. For instance, they might puff out the cheeks to make a big bubble or circle their arms in front of their tummies for "full" and hold their hands out like an empty bowl or put their arms tightly to the side for empty.

MEMORY VERSE

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LUKE 2:47, NIV

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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's
natural desire to move
to help them learn



1. MEMORY VERSE PUZZLE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Puzzle" Activity Page,
cardstock, scissors, permanent marker, and lunch sacks

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Memory Verse Puzzle"
Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, one puzzle per

child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pass out a puzzle to each child. Demonstrate how
to put them together to create a fish. Point to one of the puzzles as you repeat
the verse together.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Write each child's name on a lunch sack and place
their puzzle inside. Set aside for pick-up.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit at the table. I have a fun puzzle to
put together today! It has a special message: our memory verse for this month.
I'll give you one BIG hint. As you put it together, it makes a fish!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Our puzzle says, 'Everyone who heard him was
amazed,' Luke 2:47. Let's say it again. 'Everyone who heard him was amazed,'
Luke 2:47. Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone who heard Jesus' teaching was amazed.
Everyone who saw Him send Peter out to catch all of those fish was amazed!
Jesus is out-of-this-world amazing. **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing.**"

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2. SO MANY FISH!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Story Pictures" Activity Pages and cardstock

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Story Pictures" Activity Pages on cardstock, one set per small group.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Read the words on each story picture to the children. Work together to put them in order as they happened in the Bible story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how miracles are things that only Jesus can do, which is one reason why Jesus so amazing!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. We heard an amazing story from the Bible about a miracle Jesus did. A miracle is something only Jesus can do."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have four pictures from our Bible story today, but they're not in order. Will you help me put them in order like they happened in the story? (Pause.) Great! Okay, let's see what happened first." (Read the pictures, one at a time, and put them in the correct order. Lay the pictures on the floor or table, in correct order, for all of the children to see.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look! We did it! The story pictures are in the right order now. Thank you! I love hearing stories about all of the amazing miracles Jesus can do. Jesus helped the fishermen catch so many fish that their boat began to sink! Jesus can do that because **Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!**"

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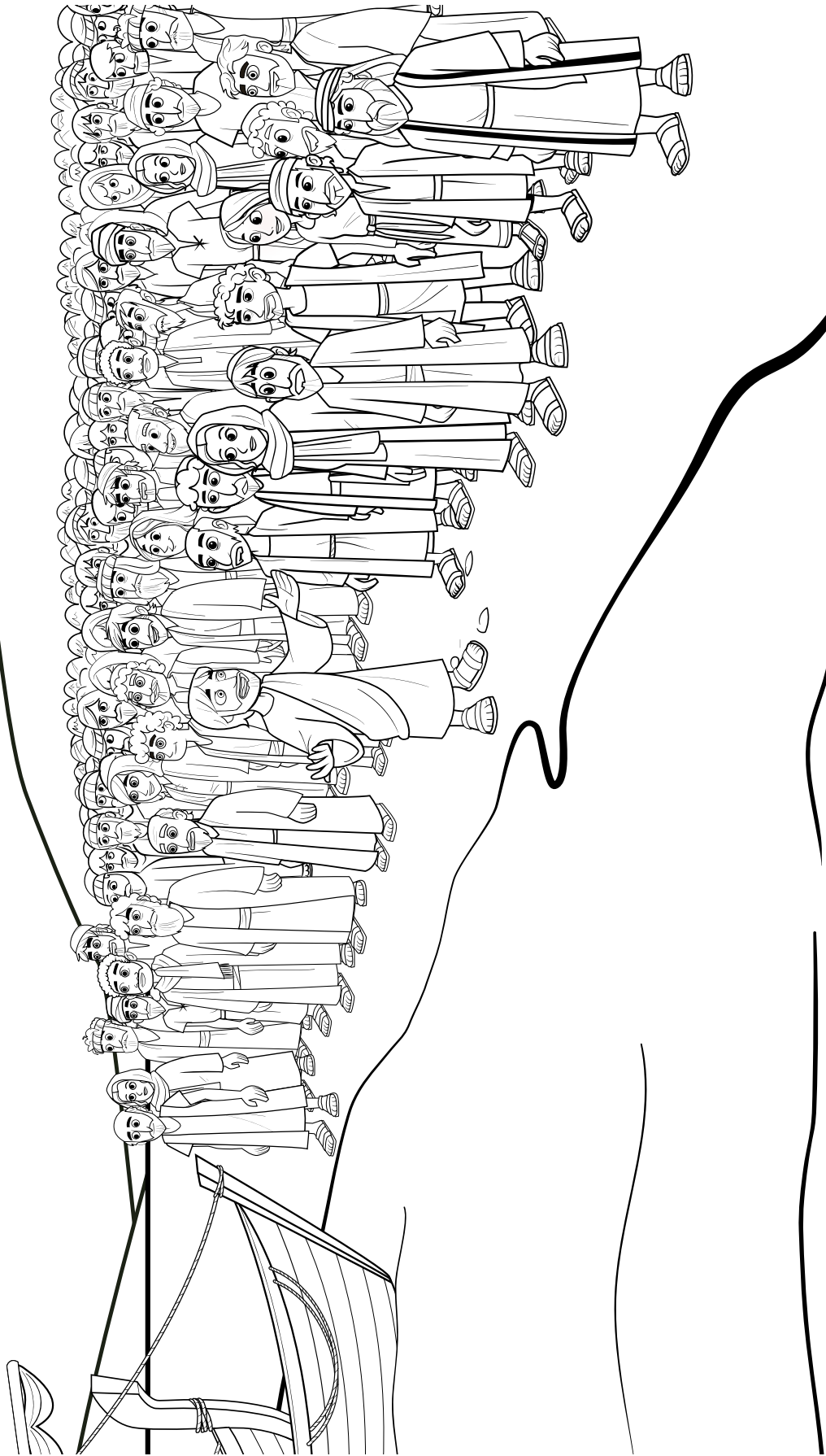
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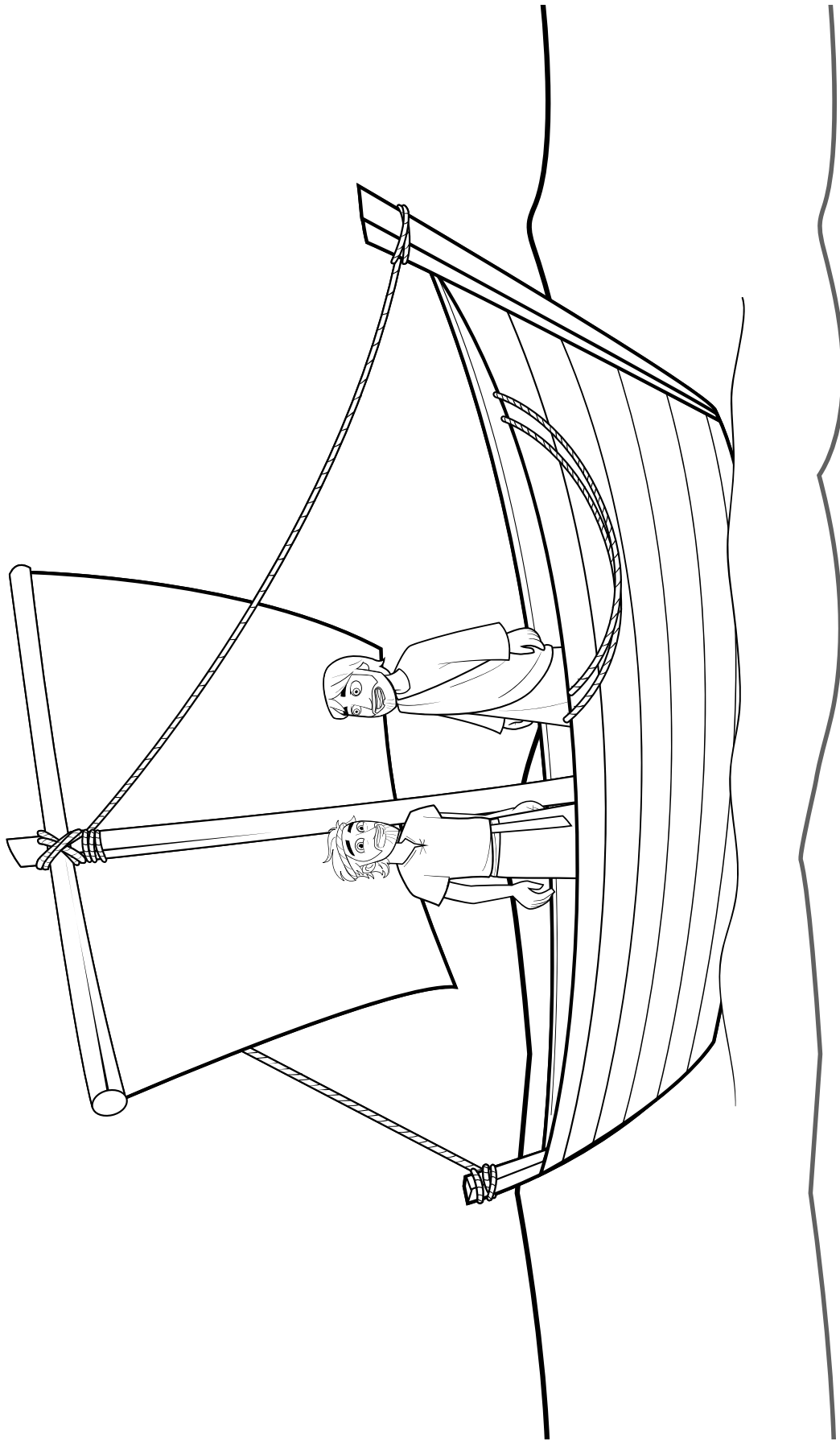
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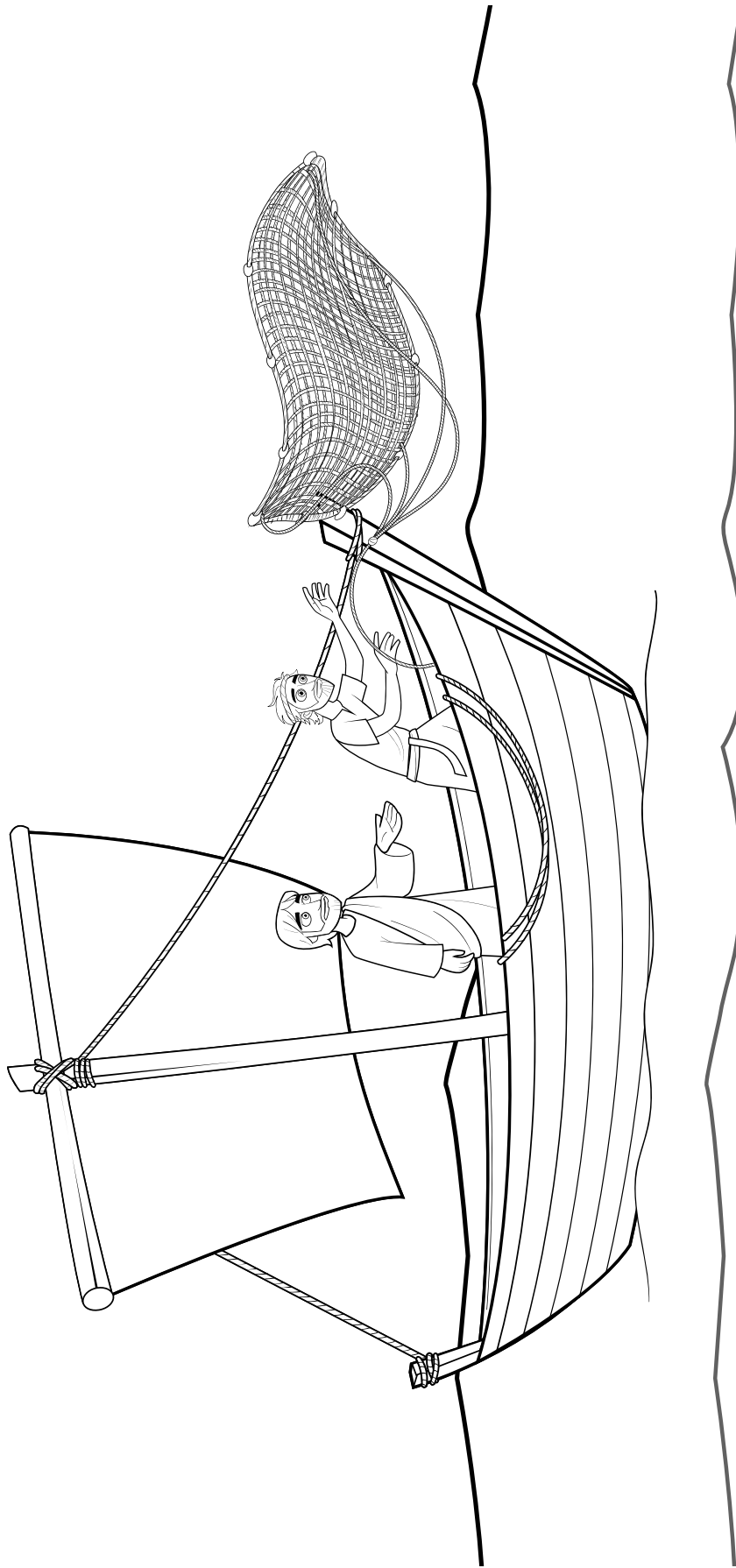
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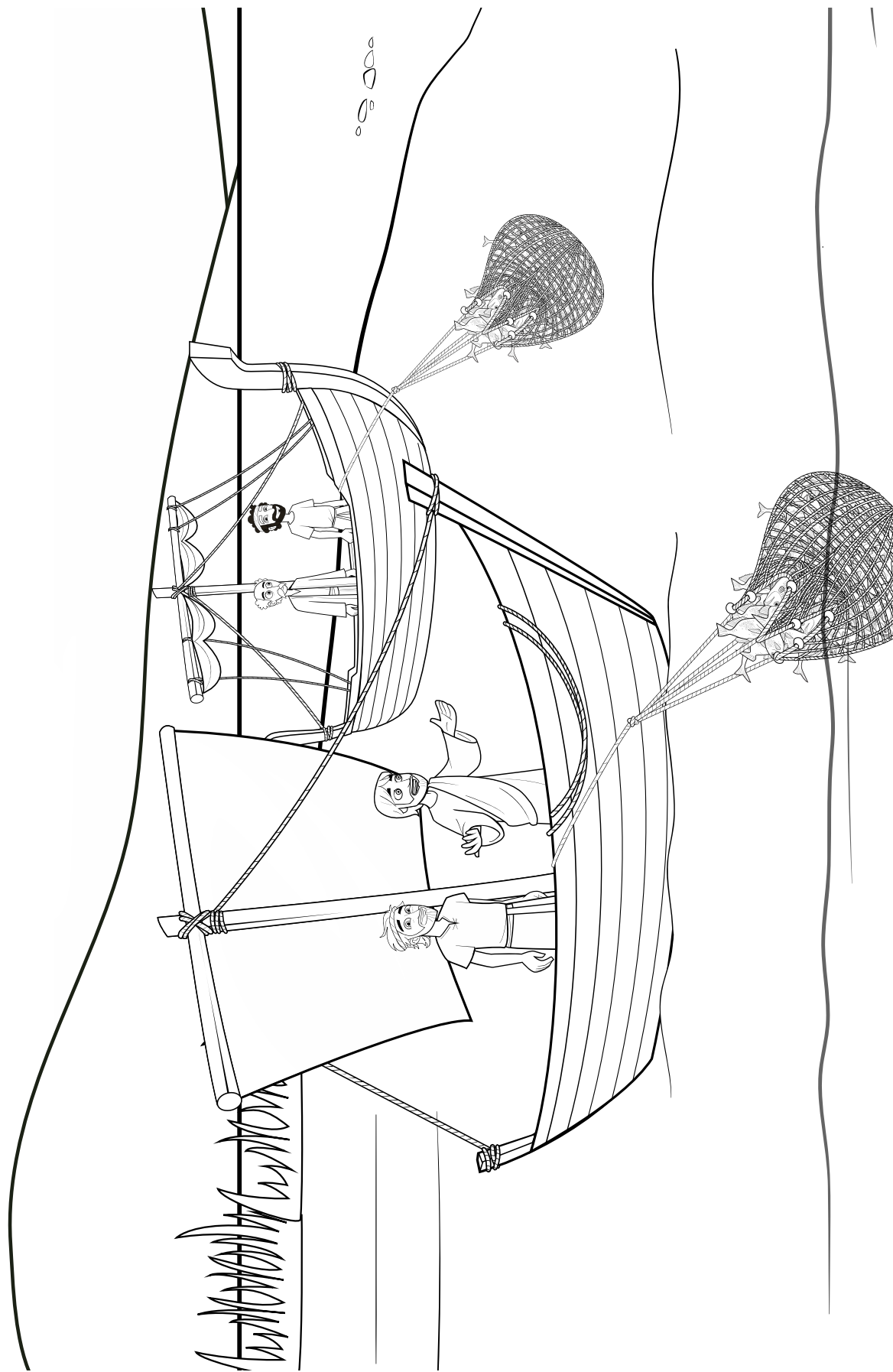
"One day, Jesus was standing by the water teaching people about God."



"Jesus saw two boats. He got in the boat that belonged to Peter and asked him to take him out in the water. Jesus taught the people about God from the boat."



“When Jesus finished teaching, He told Peter to go out further in the water so they could catch some fish. Peter did what Jesus said, even though he hadn’t caught any fish.”



"Peter caught SO many fish that he had to have help pulling them in. The fishermen filled both boats with so many fish, their boats began to sink! Everyone was amazed at what Jesus had done!"



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3. STAR LACING

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Star Lacing Cards" Activity Page,
cardstock, a single hole punch, shoelaces, and clear tape;
Optional laminator or laminating sheets

*NOTE: Since children will lace within the actual star
formation (and not around the edges of the card), we recommend laminating
these cards and using shoelaces instead of yarn because the plastic end is
easier for preschoolers to use.*

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Star Lacing Cards" onto cardstock and
lamine, if desired. Cut out cards, one per child. Hole punch the marked
holes on each constellation. Run a shoelace through one hole of each card and
secure the end to the back of the card with tape. Set all of the lacing cards on
the tables.

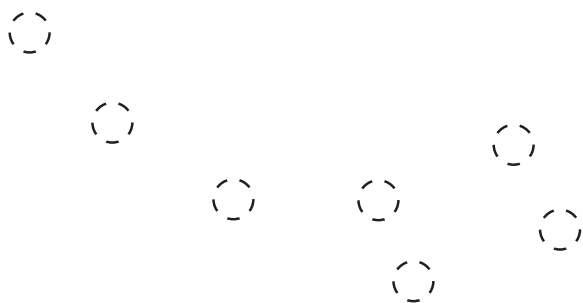
DURING THE ACTIVITY: Show the children how to push the shoelace in one
hole and out another to lace the star card as they choose.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Collect the lacing cards for clean-up.

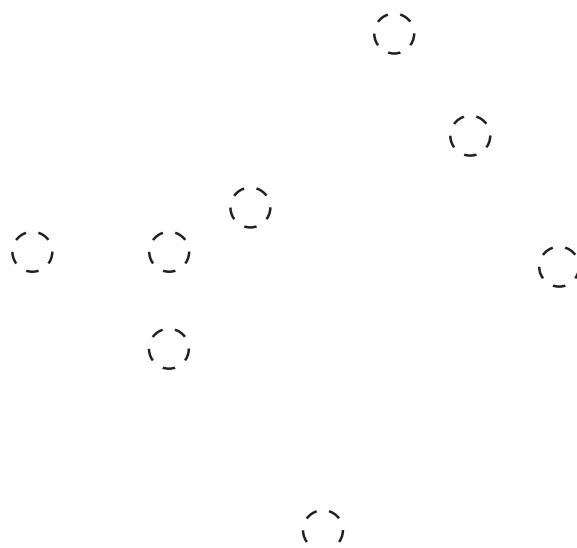
WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, do you know what is on each of these
cards? These are called constellations. Aren't they amazing! You find
constellations when you look at the night sky. Each of these holes is a spot for a
star in a constellation. The stars make pictures in the sky. Isn't that so cool! Let's
lace our stars by pushing our shoelace into the hole. You can lace them any way
you choose!"

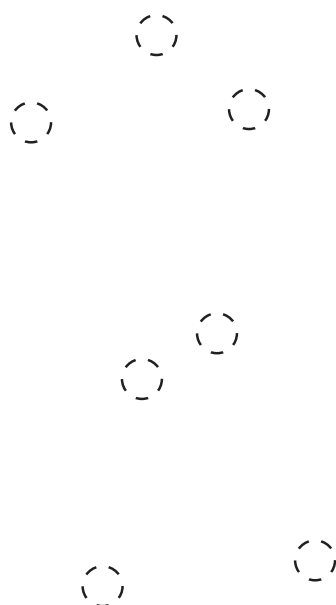
AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great lacing, friends. Aren't these stars amazing?
They're out of this world! Jesus is out-of-this-world amazing, too! Why?
Because **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** That's amazing. **Who is
amazing? Jesus is amazing!**"



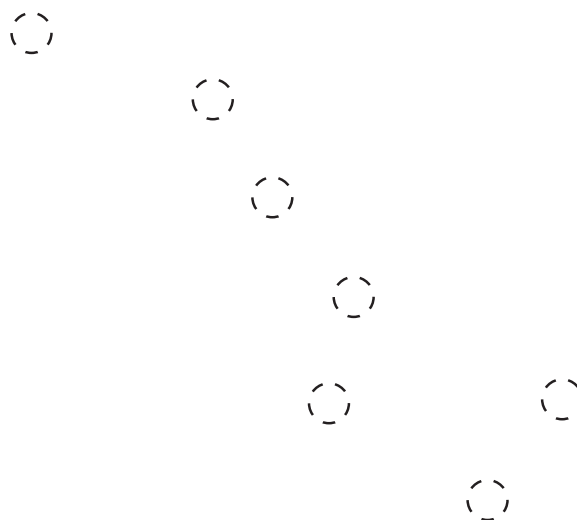
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25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jesus' miracles are amazing.

CATCHING FISH
LUKE 5:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

"Everyone who heard him was amazed."

LUKE 2:47, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is amazing?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is amazing.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



5. SPACE HELMET

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Space Helmet" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, crayons, and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Space Helmet" on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Write child's name on the back of their helmet.

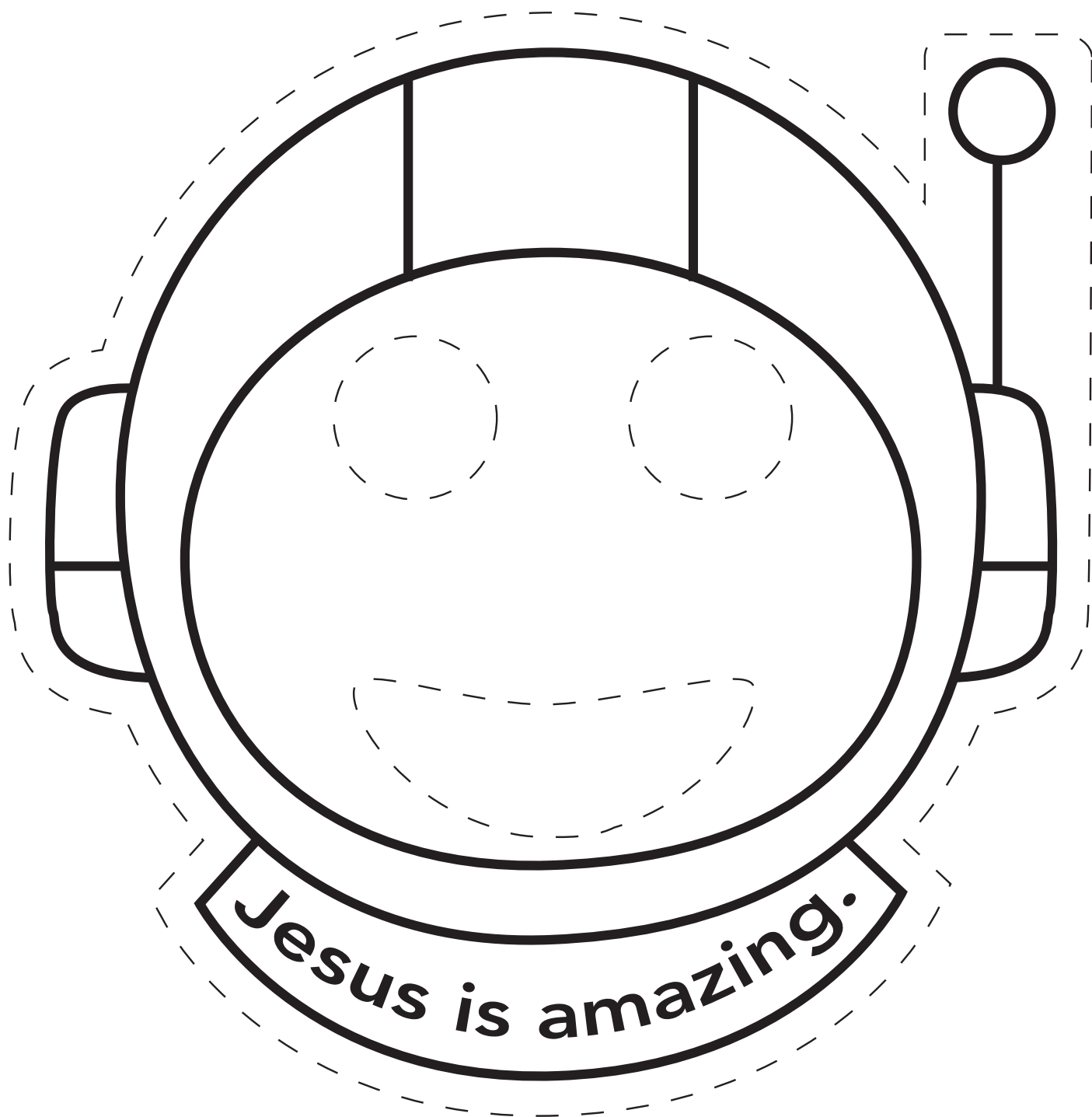
DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children color their helmets. Have children hold their helmets up to their faces and act like they are in outer space.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus is out-of-this-world amazing! Who travels around in outer space? (Pause.) That's right, astronauts! Let's make our own astronaut helmets."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Color your helmet any way you want. (Pause.) Great job! Now, hold it up to your face like this. (Demonstrate.) Let's pretend to be astronauts and walk around the room. (Demonstrate.) Okay, out-of-this-world friends, come sit with me."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "All month long, we've learned about how out-of-this-world amazing Jesus is. Jesus is God's Son, Jesus is an amazing teacher, Jesus calmed the storm by telling it to stop, and helped the disciples catch two boats full of fish! **Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing.**"





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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Luke 2:47, journal, and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Let's pretend we are little fish, like this . . . (*demonstrate a fish face and flutter your hands like fins*) and swim to our small group spot. Come on little fish! Follow me! (*Pretend to swim like a fish as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

"We're almost there! Keep swimming! We made it! Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Our Bible story, today, was about a miracle Jesus did. A miracle is something that only Jesus can do. Who remembers what Jesus did? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus made Peter catch so many fish that they filled two boats! Peter and the other fishermen were amazed! That's why we're learning this Bible verse. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

"Everyone who heard him was amazed, Luke 2:47. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*) "Let's stand up and say that together with the motions."

CHILDREN AND SGL:

"'Everyone (*arms out and around*) who heard him (*hands behind ears*) was amazed,' (*hold hands like binoculars, open and shut*) Luke 2:47.'" (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: "People were amazed by Jesus because of the amazing things only He can do. **Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**Jesus is amazing!**"

SGL: (*cheering*) "Yes! **Jesus is amazing!** Okay, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"We have talked a lot about things only Jesus can do. Jesus can make people better, stop storms, and teach us about God. The most amazing thing Jesus ever did is when He died and came back, just like He said He would. Jesus is alive today, and He wants to be your friend forever. **Jesus is amazing!**

"I want you to think about your favorite Jesus miracle. When I say your name,

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tell me your favorite Jesus miracle, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name so you can tell me your favorite Jesus miracle.

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"This is awesome! Let's use the list we made when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Jesus really is amazing! He did so many amazing things while He was on Earth, so we know that He is Your Son. Jesus *(read the list the children made)*. And the thought that Jesus is alive today and wants to be our friend forever is the best news ever! Thank You, God! In Jesus' name, amen."