

## Crossword Puzzle

### Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

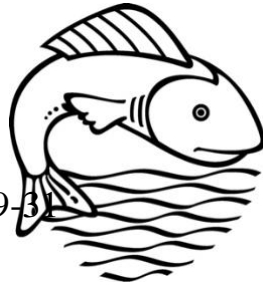
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Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



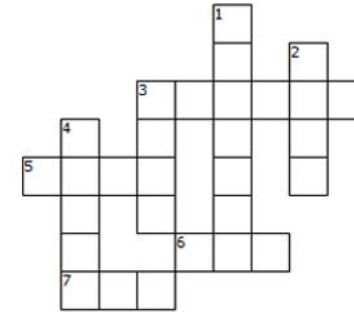
### Third Sunday after Epiphany

Hellooo friends! I'm going for some ice cream. Would you like to follow me? Wonderful! What if I said I was going to the bowling alley? Would you still follow me? Busch Gardens? Great! How about if I said I'm not sure where I'm going...would you still want to come along? It's easy to say yes if I'm going somewhere you like and you know where it is, isn't it?

In our gospel lesson from Mark today, Jesus was calling people to come and follow him. The people he called were fishermen. They caught fish for a living. But Jesus wanted them to come and catch people for God. Do you think Simon, Andrew, James, or John had any training in telling people about God? No! We don't even really know if they knew Jesus that well, or had even heard of him! They didn't really know where Jesus was going but they sensed that Jesus was safe and loved all people. They were caught by Jesus' love for us all! So they followed knowing that somehow it would be ok.

We, too, are caught in Jesus' love and Jesus calls us all to share God's love wherever we are and wherever we go. No matter what else you are doing, even when you're older and have a job like your grown-ups, the first job in your life is to tell others about Jesus! Jesus' love is like a big net that catches us all and connects us all to each other and God. We can catch people with Jesus in the net God's love!

Loving God, help us to share the good news of your love by telling others about Jesus. Amen.



#### ACROSS

3. To get behind someone and go where they go
5. A report of recent occurrences
6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
7. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean

#### DOWN

1. An area of Israel; the place of Jesus' ministry
2. A small vehicle for travelling on water
3. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
4. The Son of God

GALILEE	NEWS	JESUS	FISH
FOLLOW	SEA	BOAT	NET

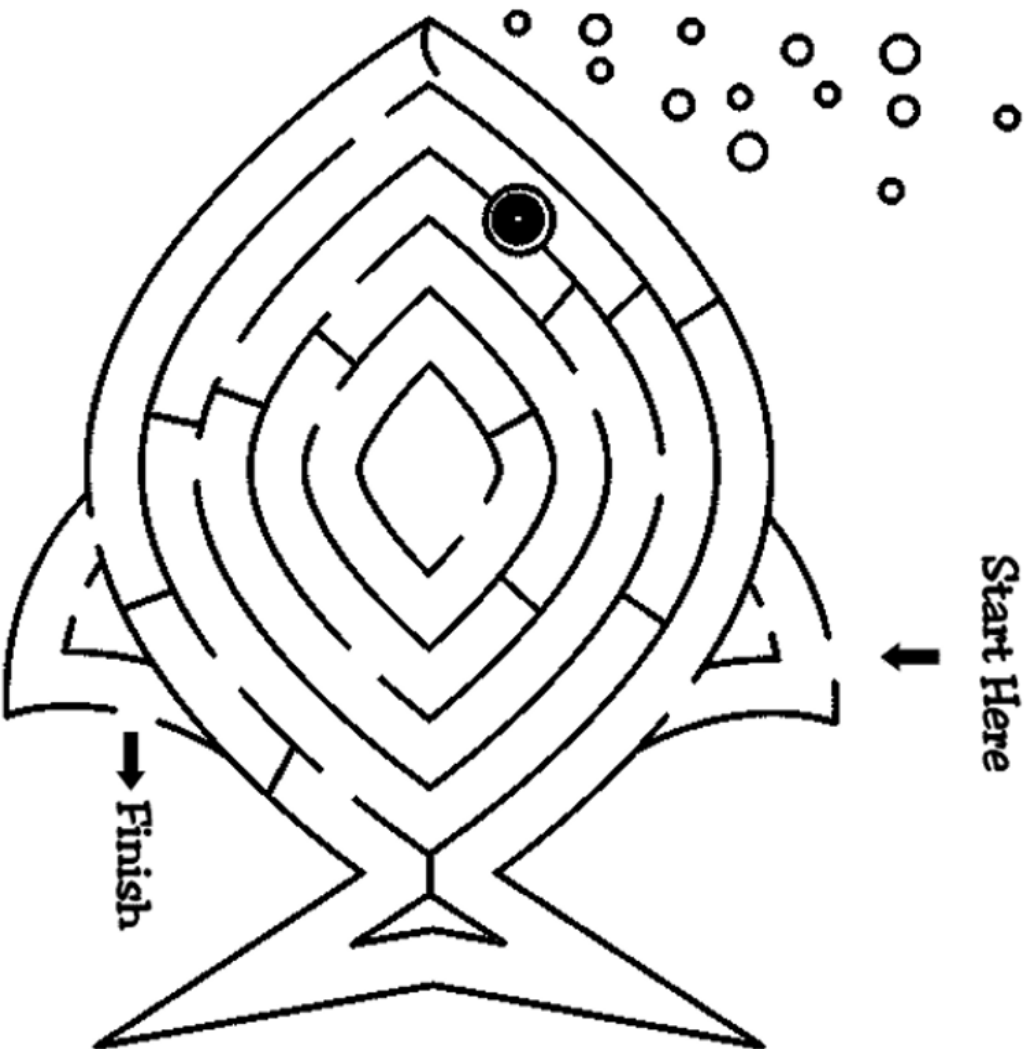
**Activity:** Cut fish shapes out of construction paper. You can use any color you want. On the fish, write what you love about Jesus. Use these fish as reminders of how you can share the story of how much Jesus loves us all! OR put some goldfish crackers in a bag and tie it up with a pretty ribbon. Attach a tag that says "Jesus loves you!" Give the bags out to your neighbors as a reminder that they are loved.

**Discussion Question :** If Jesus approached you and asked you to follow him, would you be like the disciples who dropped everything and went?

#### Family Table Prayer for January:

God of hope and all things new, we know your words are always true. We thank you for a brand new start and we love you with our whole heart. Amen.

**January Memory Verse:** Revelation 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."



**We are Following Our Leader**