



I will follow Jesus, our leader.

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## The Third Sunday after Epiphany 21 January, 2024

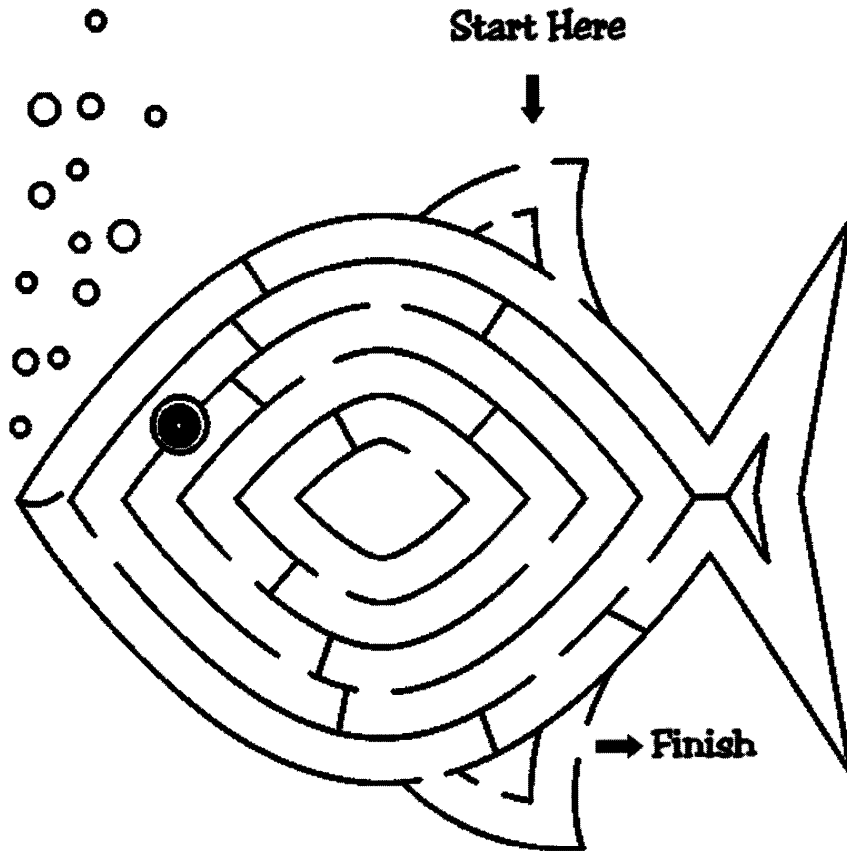
**Mark 1:16-18**

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

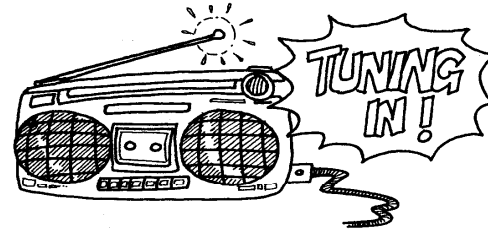
Dear Jesus, you have called us to follow you. May we, like Peter, Andrew, James, and John say "Yes, Lord, I'll follow you -- wherever you may lead." **Amen.**

# Fishing for People

Mark 1:14-20



Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples,  
and I will show you how to fish for people!"  
Mark 1:17(NLT)



Slowly move the tuning knob so your friends hear tiny bits from each frequency . . .

1. Who can identify most radio stations?

Name:                      Number:

2. Listen out specially for your local radio station and see who spots it first.

Name:

## BEING CALLED

DO PEOPLE HEAR GOD'S VOICE WHEN THEY'RE CALLED BY HIM ?

Sometimes it sounds like a real voice – Samuel thought it was Eli calling him at first. But mostly God calls right into our being, so he doesn't need to vocalise it.

### HOW DO YOU HEAR IT, THEN ?

When God calls, you sense that he is communicating with you. It may be through the natural world, another person, something you see or read, or experience.

### CAN YOU MISS HEARING GOD GETTING IN TOUCH WITH YOU ?

Yes, if you try to block him out of your life.

CRUNCH CRUNCH

I LOVE CARROTS

TRY HEARING A MESSAGE WHILE YOU CRUNCH ON A RAW CARROT!

IT'S ALL A QUESTION OF TUNING IN AND BEING HEARD VS. TUNING IN AND BEING HEARD!

Make time for God every day. If you don't feel like praying or don't know what to say, use ready-made prayers.

TIPS FOR GETTING TO KNOW GOD BETTER

When you mess things up, put it right with God straightaway. Let him forgive you and then enjoy making a fresh start.

As you try to treat people as Jesus would, you'll find that you are getting to know God better.

Tell God you're happy to be used in his work and then notice what happens

SEARCH ME OUT, O GOD,  
AND KNOW MY HEART;  
TRY ME AND KNOW MY RESTLESS THOUGHTS.  
LOOK WELL WHETHER THERE BE  
ANY WICKEDNESS IN ME  
AND LEAD ME IN THE WAY  
THAT IS EVERLASTING.  
(- FROM PSALM 139-)

**Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.**  
**Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.**

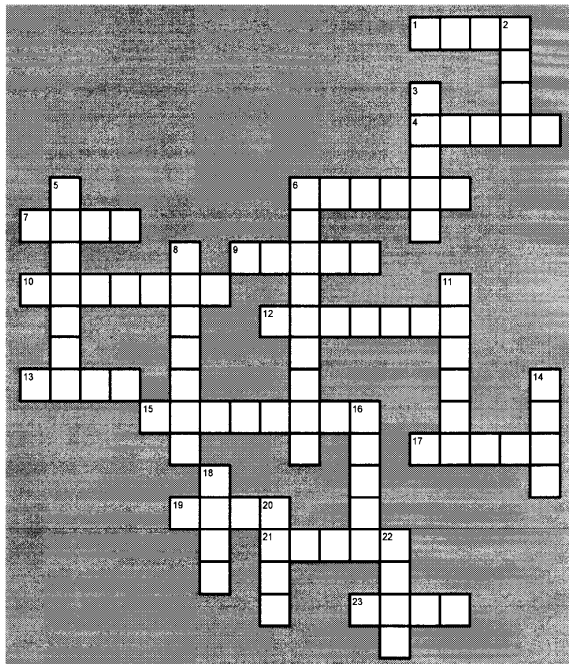


## Word Search: Mark 1:14-20 (CEV)

## Crossword: Mark 1:14-20 (CEV)

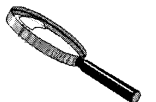
- 14 down) After \_\_\_\_ was arrested, Jesus  
 5 down) went to \_\_\_\_\_ and told the  
 22 down) \_\_\_\_ news that comes from God.  
 2 down) He said, "The \_\_\_\_ has come!  
 10 across) God's \_\_\_\_\_ will soon be here.  
 12 across) Turn back to God and \_\_\_\_\_  
 19 across) the good \_\_\_\_!"  
 21 across) As Jesus was walking \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 7 across) shore of \_\_\_\_ Galilee, he saw  
 16 down) \_\_\_\_\_ and his brother Andrew.  
 6 down) They were \_\_\_\_\_ and were  
 18 down) casting their \_\_\_\_ into the lake.

- 20 down) Jesus \_\_\_\_ to them, "Come with me!  
 17 across) I will \_\_\_\_ you how to bring in  
 11 down) \_\_\_\_\_ instead of fish." Right  
 15 across) then the two \_\_\_\_\_ dropped  
 13 across) their nets and \_\_\_\_ with him.  
 9 across) \_\_\_\_\_ walked on and soon saw  
 3 down) \_\_\_\_\_ and John, the sons of Zebedee.  
 23 across) They were in a \_\_\_\_\_, mending their  
 4 across) nets. At once Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them to  
 1 across) come with him. They \_\_\_\_\_ their  
 6 across) \_\_\_\_\_ in the boat with the  
 8 down) hired \_\_\_\_\_ and went with him.



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| JOHN    | GALILEE | GOOD      | TIME     |
| KINGDOM | BELIEVE | NEWS      | ALONG    |
| LAKE    | SIMON   | FISHERMEN | NETS     |
| SAIS    | TEACH   | PEOPLE    | BROTHERS |
| WENT    | JESUS   | JAMES     | BOAT     |
| ASKED   | LEFT    | FATHER    | WORKERS  |

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Jesus invited two sets of brothers -- Simon and Andrew and James and John -- to be his disciples. Mark 1:14-20



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