

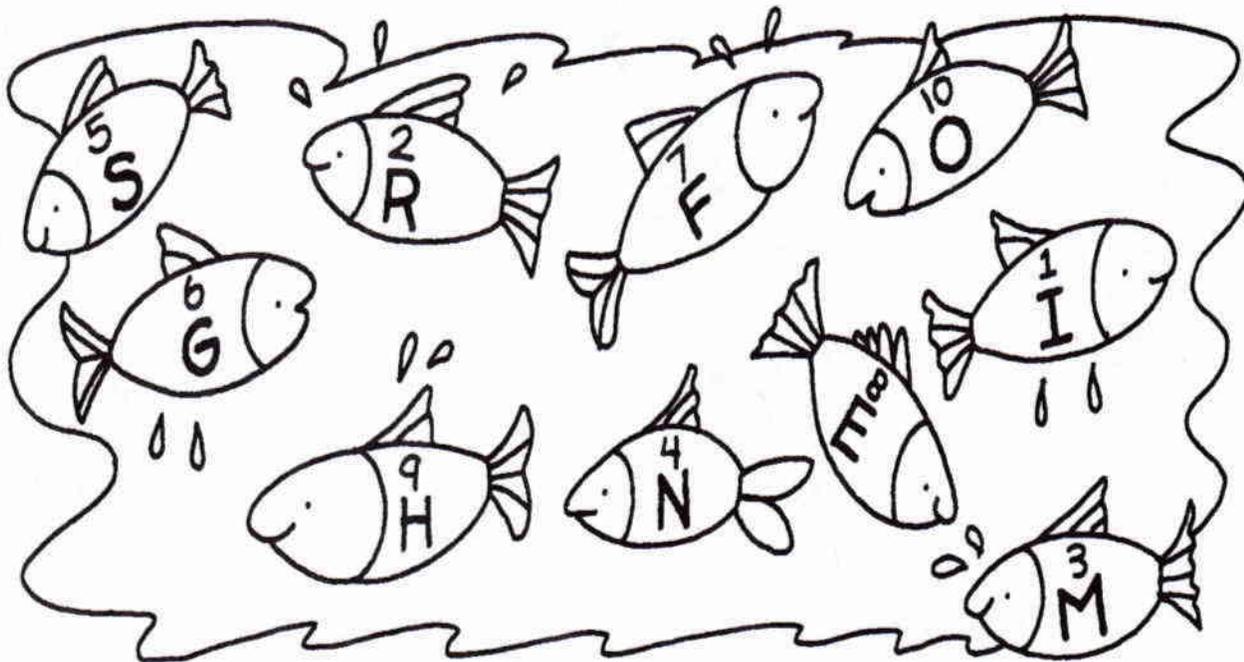


February 10, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What did Jesus tell Simon, James, and John they would be doing as his followers?

Write the letter that appears on each fish in the blank that matches its number.

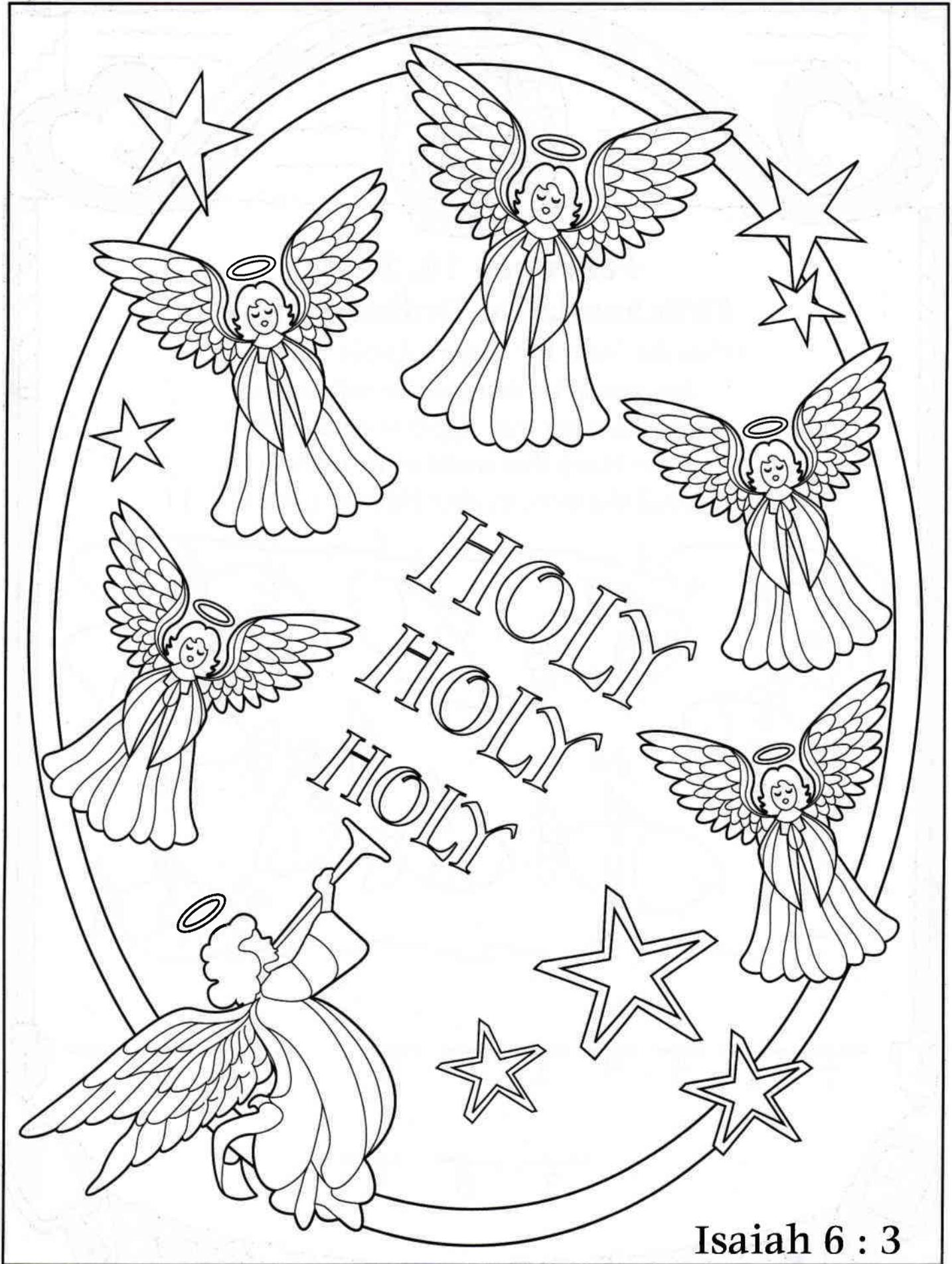
You can read the story in your Bible at Luke 5:1-11.



7 1 5 9 1 4 6

7 10 2

3 8 4



Isaiah 6 : 3



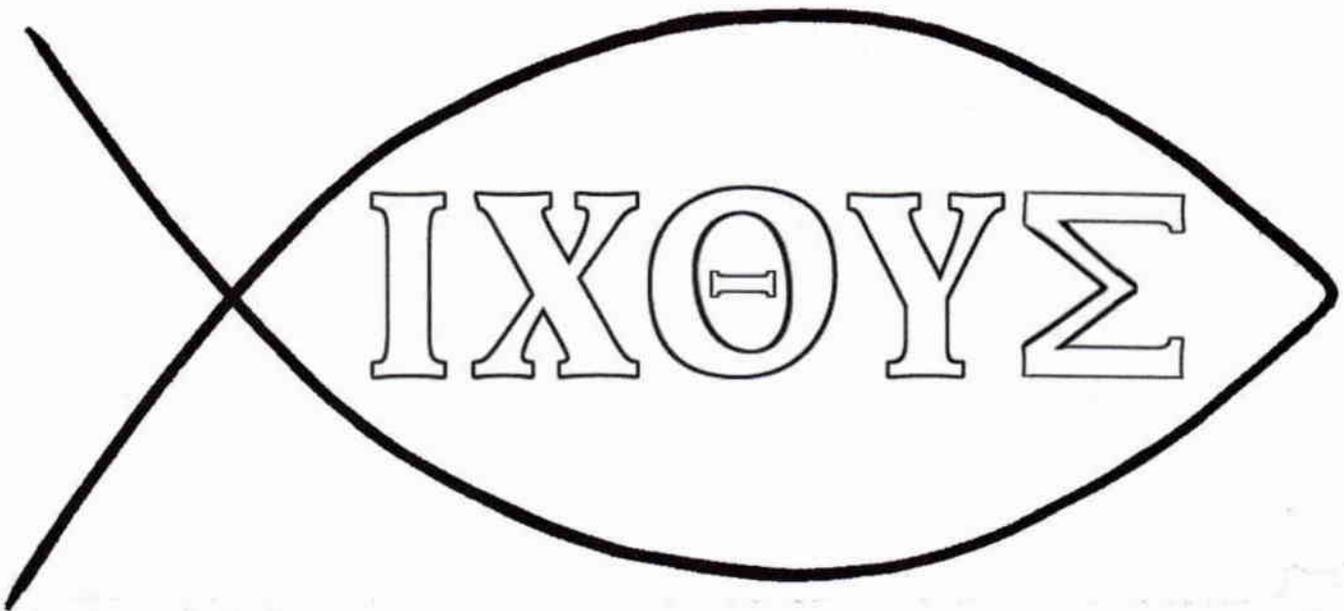
THE SIGN OF THE FISH

The apostles Peter, Andrew, James, and John were all fishermen. Many of the other followers of Jesus were fishermen, too. The early Christians sometimes used the symbol of a fish to represent Jesus. But not because Jesus was a fisherman; the sign of the fish had a much broader meaning.

The followers of Jesus called him by many different names. Some of the titles included Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior. The initial letters of those five words form the Greek word *ichthys*, which means "fish." People began to draw this sign when they wrote about Jesus. Today we still see the *ichthys* symbol in a wide variety of places, from bumper stickers to jewelry to holy cards. Whenever we see it we can think of Jesus and say a prayer.

A prayer called the Jesus Prayer contains some of these titles: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me." You can say this prayer several times each day. Before you get out of bed in the morning, you might say the prayer three times, very slowly, breathing in and out as you say the words. Say the same prayer before you go to bed at night. Soon you will find that it has become an important way to begin and end your day.

Color this *ichthys* shape and fill in the Greek letters. Cut it out and tape it to the window in your bedroom or someplace where you will see it every day. You might want to make several copies and give them to friends and family and share its meaning.



After Simon did what Jesus said,
he caught lots of fish!
Count the fish in each net
and write the number inside the circle.

