



Companion Guide

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WHAT WE ARE TEACHING: Subscribe Now



If only we could really get to know the people behind our favorite YouTube channels! The ability to “subscribe now” gives people the impression that connection is that easy. But connection takes a bit more effort, it takes following and learning from those we want to know. Kids look for places of belonging, places where forgiveness exists, places where they can experience a genuine connection. The Gospels teach us that places like these exist. In these stories kids learn that we can know God through Jesus, we can know forgiveness because of Jesus, that Jesus knows us and wants us to follow him. The message of Jesus is powerful and something we can subscribe to!

MEMORY VERSE: John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the
way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the
Father except through me."

John 14:6

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JESUS ANSWERED, "I AM THE WAY

(point to your eye)

AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

(sweeping gesture with your hand in front of you)

NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER

(shake your head "no")

EXCEPT THROUGH ME."

(point to yourself)

We can know God through Jesus.



THE BIG IDEA:

We can know God through Jesus

THE BIBLE:

John 1:1-18

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:6

ACTIVITY:

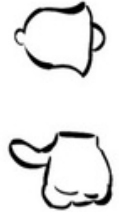
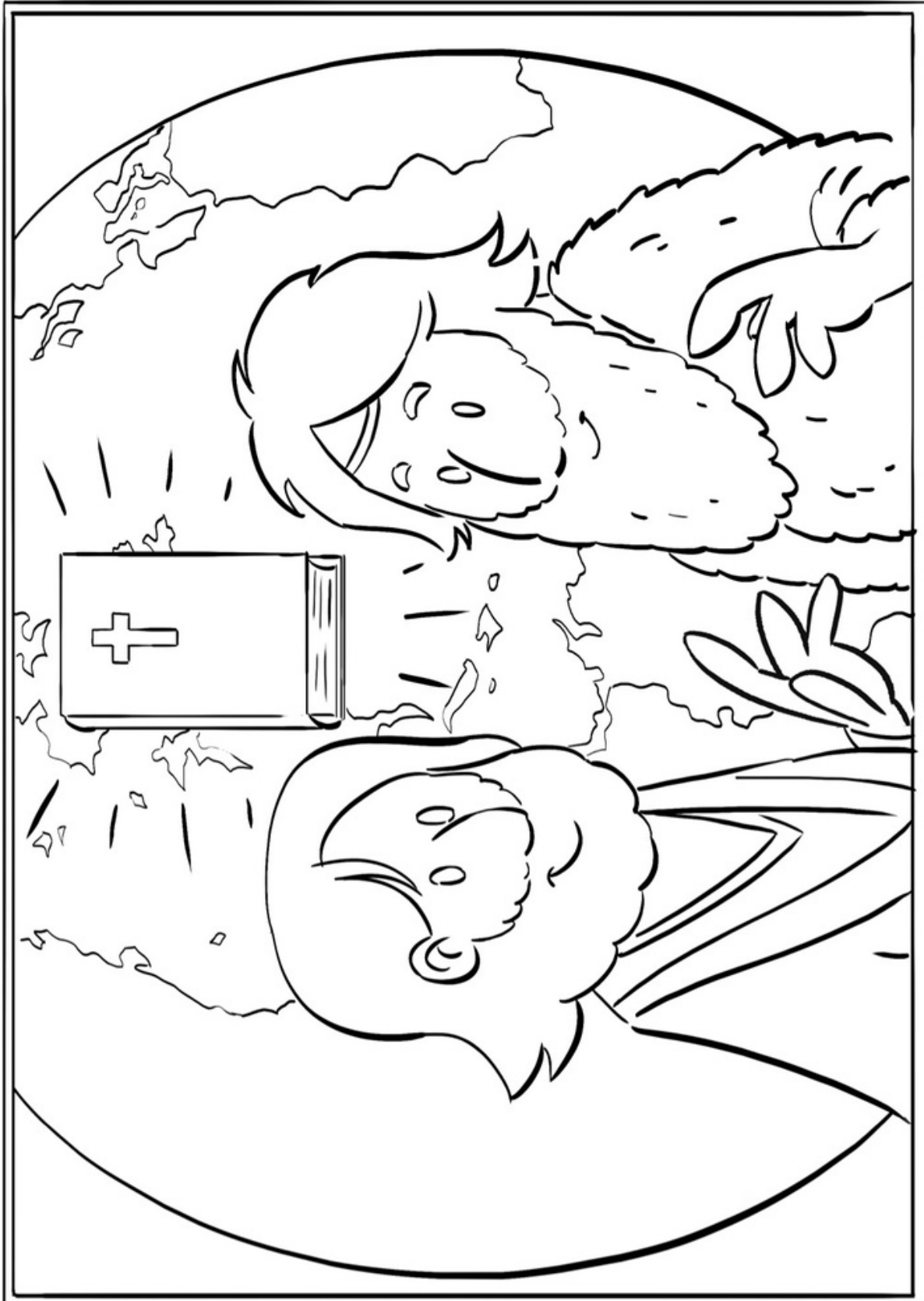
Phone A Friend

Using old phones that are donated or pretend phones, invite the kids to pretend to call each other or others who are not in the room and tell them about what they heard about in today's lesson. They can also share the memory verse or Big Idea.

WEEK 1: Coloring Page

THE BIG IDEA: We can know God through Jesus.

THE BIBLE: Jesus Comes to the World: John 1:1-18



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WEEK 2: We can know forgiveness because of Jesus

We know forgiveness
because of Jesus.



THE BIG IDEA:

We can know forgiveness because of Jesus

THE BIBLE:

Mark 1:4-11

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:6

ACTIVITY:

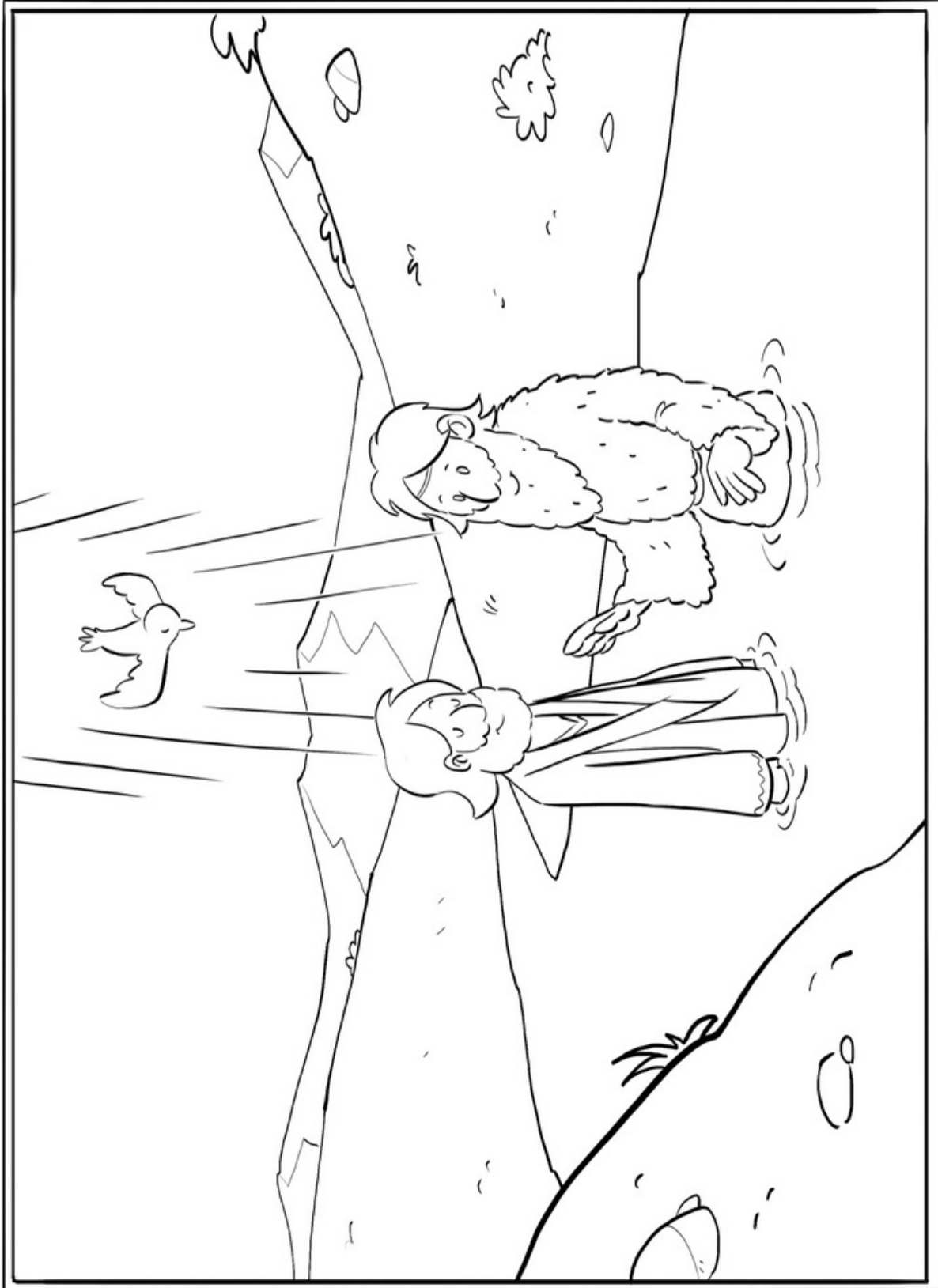
Washing Station

Set up a washing station with a cleaning tub (soap, water, and sponges) and a dirty tub (dirty toys and objects). Invite the kids to practice cleaning toys and objects to symbolize how Jesus forgives our sins. When Jesus forgives us, our sins are washed clean.

WEEK 2: Coloring Page

THE BIG IDEA: We can know forgiveness because of Jesus.

THE BIBLE: Jesus is Baptized:
Mark 1:4-11



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WEEK 3: Jesus knows us



Jesus knows us.

THE BIG IDEA:

Jesus knows us.

THE BIBLE:

John 1:43-51

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:6

ACTIVITY:

New Friend Bingo

Give each kid a set of stickers and a Bingo printable. Tell the kids to go around the room and see if any of their friends fit what is in the boxes. They can put stickers on each other's Bingo cards on the boxes that describe them. Whoever gets five stickers next to each other yells "Bingo" and wins!

WEEK 3: Coloring Page

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus knows us.

THE BIBLE: Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael:
John 1:43-51



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WEEK 3: New Friend Bingo

NEW FRIEND BINGO

Find different people to sign their name in a box that describes them.

When you have 5 boxes in a row, yell out "BINGO!"

<p>I have a brother or sister</p> 	<p>I rode a plane</p> 	<p>I like pizza</p> 	<p>I have a dog or cat</p> 	<p>I love school</p> 
<p>I watch YouTube</p> 	<p>I have curly hair</p> 	<p>I can ride a bike</p> 	<p>I like to read</p> 	<p>I am 4 years old</p> 
<p>I am 5 years old</p> 	<p>I am a girl</p> 	<p>I love ♥ Jesus</p>	<p>I like chocolate ice cream</p> 	<p>I have legos</p> 
<p>I like to bake</p> 	<p>I wear glasses</p> 	<p>I like to play with Play-Doh</p> 	<p>I am a boy</p> 	<p>I like to swim</p> 
<p>I like going to the park</p> 	<p>I play a sport</p> 	<p>I play music</p> 	<p>My favorite color is blue</p> 	<p>I like to draw</p> 

Jesus wants us to follow him.



THE BIG IDEA:

Jesus wants us to follow him.

THE BIBLE:

Mark 1:14-20, Luke 5:1-11

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:6

ACTIVITY:

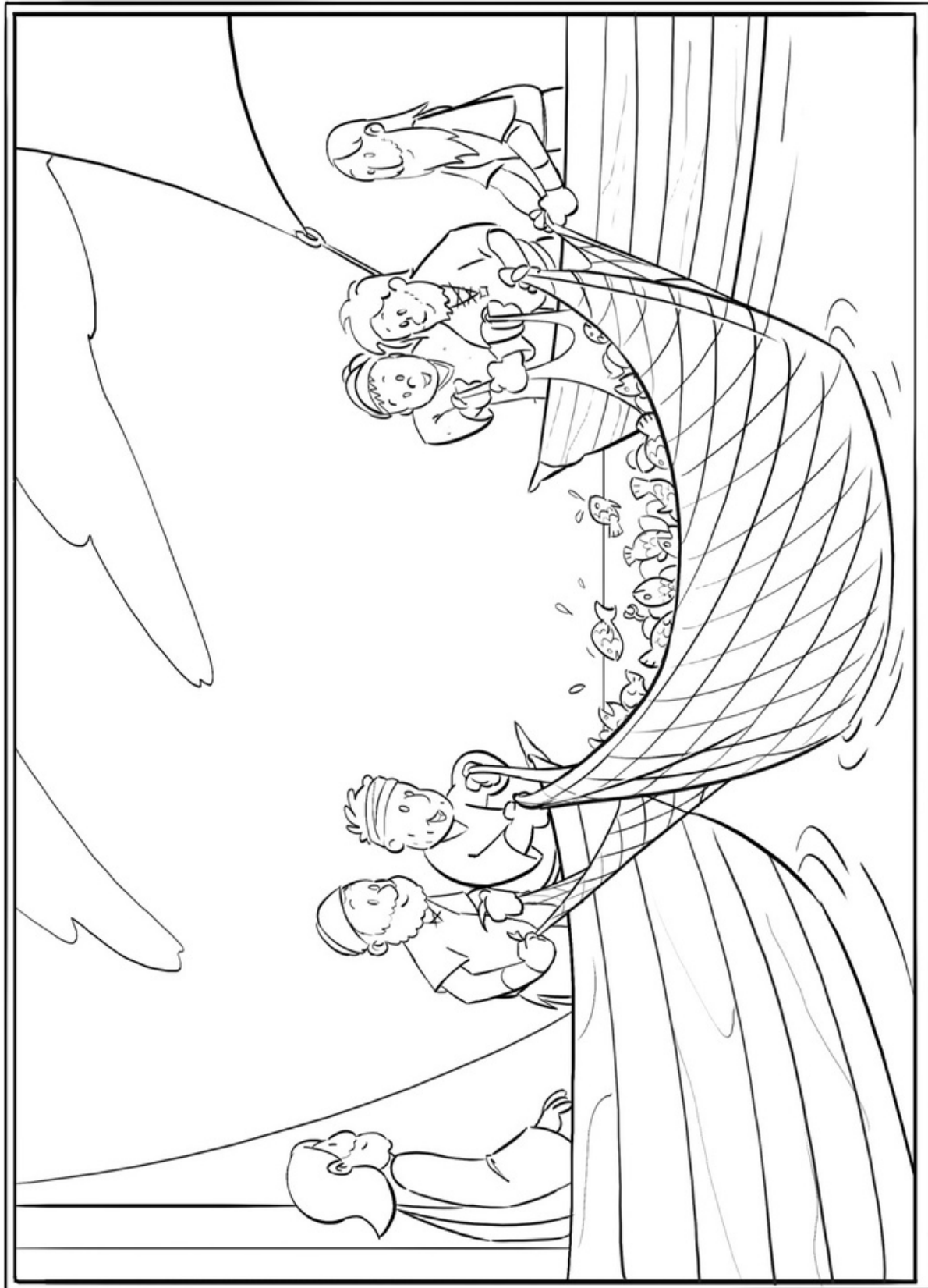
Fish It Out

Print a copy of the Fish It Out Printable. Cut them into individual fish cutouts and hide them around the room. Go on a scavenger hunt looking for all the fish then work together to put them in the correct order that will form our memory verse for the month.

WEEK 4: Coloring Page

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus wants us to follow him.

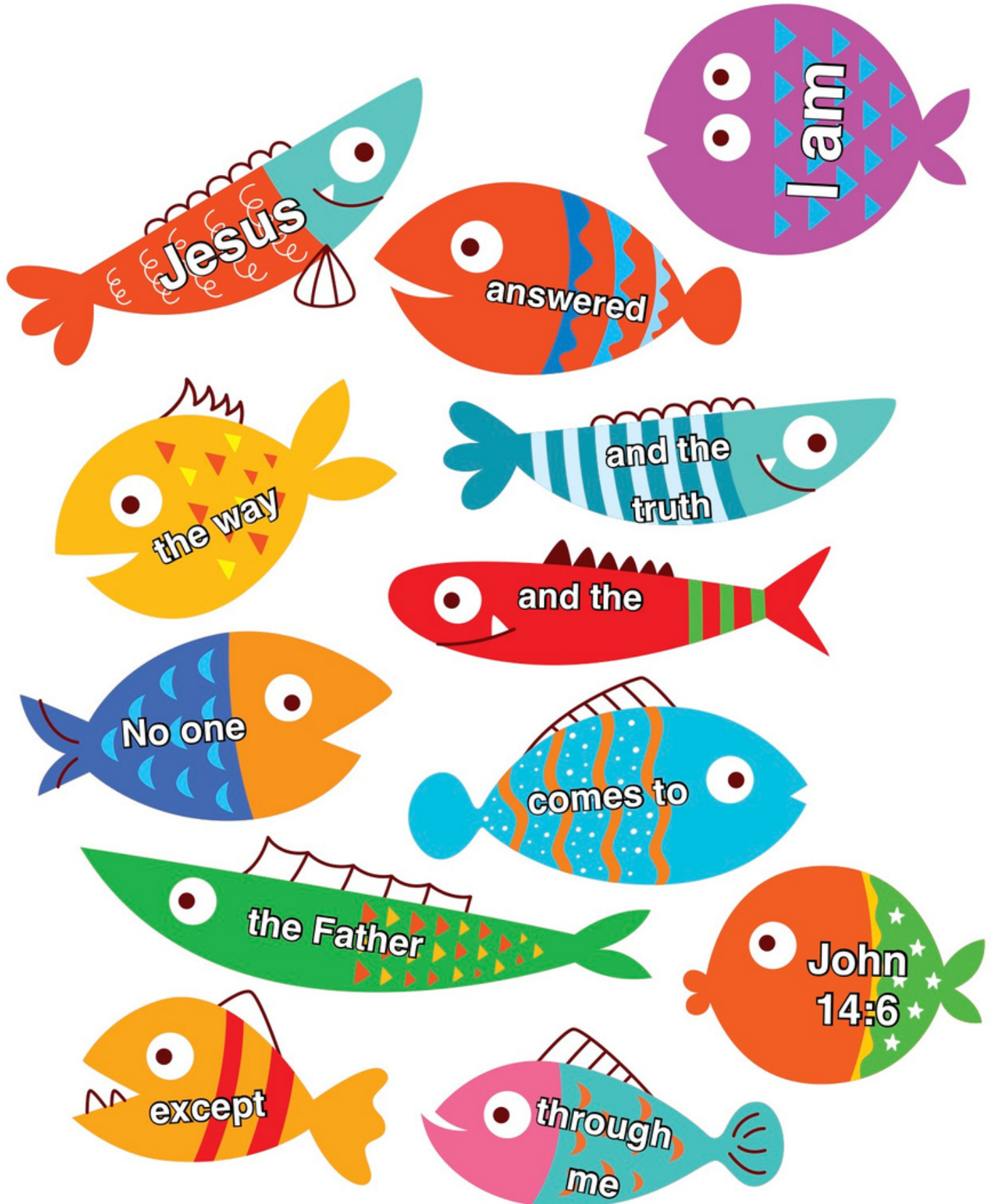
THE BIBLE: Jesus Calls Andrew and Peter:
Mark 1:14-20; Luke 5:1-11



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WEEK 4: Fish It Out



The message of Jesus is powerful.



THE BIG IDEA:

The message of Jesus is powerful.

THE BIBLE:

Mark 1:21-28

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:6

ACTIVITY:

Batteries Required

Bring in some toys that run on batteries. Remove the batteries beforehand and hand the toys to the kids. Ask: "Why doesn't it work?" Once kids correctly respond that it doesn't have batteries, insert the batteries for them and allow them to play with each toy. These toys didn't work at first because it didn't have batteries . . . it didn't have power. We can tell others about Jesus and everything he has done because we do have power! The message of Jesus is powerful.

WEEK 5: Coloring Page

THE BIG IDEA: The message of Jesus is powerful.

THE BIBLE: Jesus Helps a Suffering Man:
Mark 1:21-28



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Hey Families!

I am so excited that this month we'll be talking and thinking together all about how important it is for us to be following Jesus with our lives. I hope your child begins to discover the importance to this for each and every one of us!

Grace & Peace,
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