

Jenni's Troop

Key Word: **Repent**

Key Verse: And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." *Matthew 4:19*

It was Scouts tonight, and Jenni was Troop Leader. She was the oldest member, although Ruth was only a month younger. Jenni was gentle, and the younger girls followed her lead. She was determined that her troop should be the best. They had won most of the competitions. Jenni was glad to have Ruth in her troop, because Ruth was a fast runner, which meant they also won many of the sporting events. It was good to be a Scout, to win so often, and to be leader of the best troop ever. Tonight there was to be a Scavenger Hunt. Some of the items were everyday things, but others were hard to find. The winner was the first troop to return with all the items on the list. Jenni usually put one older girl with one younger girl, and divided the list up, so everyone enjoyed themselves. Jenni knew her girls had a good chance of winning.

The Adult Leader called her over as she entered the hall. "Jenni," she said, "I have a surprise for you. We're going to appoint an assistant for you tonight." Jenni felt her heart drop. She asked who it would be. "Ruth of course," answered the Adult Leader. "She's a shy person, but we think it will help her to share some of the responsibility with you." Jenni was horri-

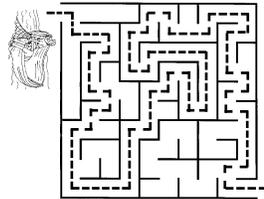
fied. Ruth had no idea about organization. She didn't seem to care whether the troop won or lost. Jenni had an awful feeling, but she did her best to smile at Ruth. Jenni gave the Scavenger Hunt list to Ruth. "Why don't you organize the troop tonight?" she said, but her heart fell as she watched Ruth allowing friends of the same age to work together, and gave the youngest some difficult items to find.

Their troop came in next to last in the Hunt. Jenni told Ruth it didn't matter. Ruth frowned, "Of course it doesn't matter who wins or loses, we all know that, but did you see how much fun our troop had? That's what matters. They like it better when they stay with their friends. We'll work well together, Jenni, you'll make the troop try harder, and I'll make sure they have fun. It'll be good." It wasn't easy for Jenni to share the leadership, but it was a good thing to have two different leaders with different styles. The troop would be better with Ruth there.

Questions

What did Jenni want her troop to be?

What did Jesus mean by "fishers of men"?



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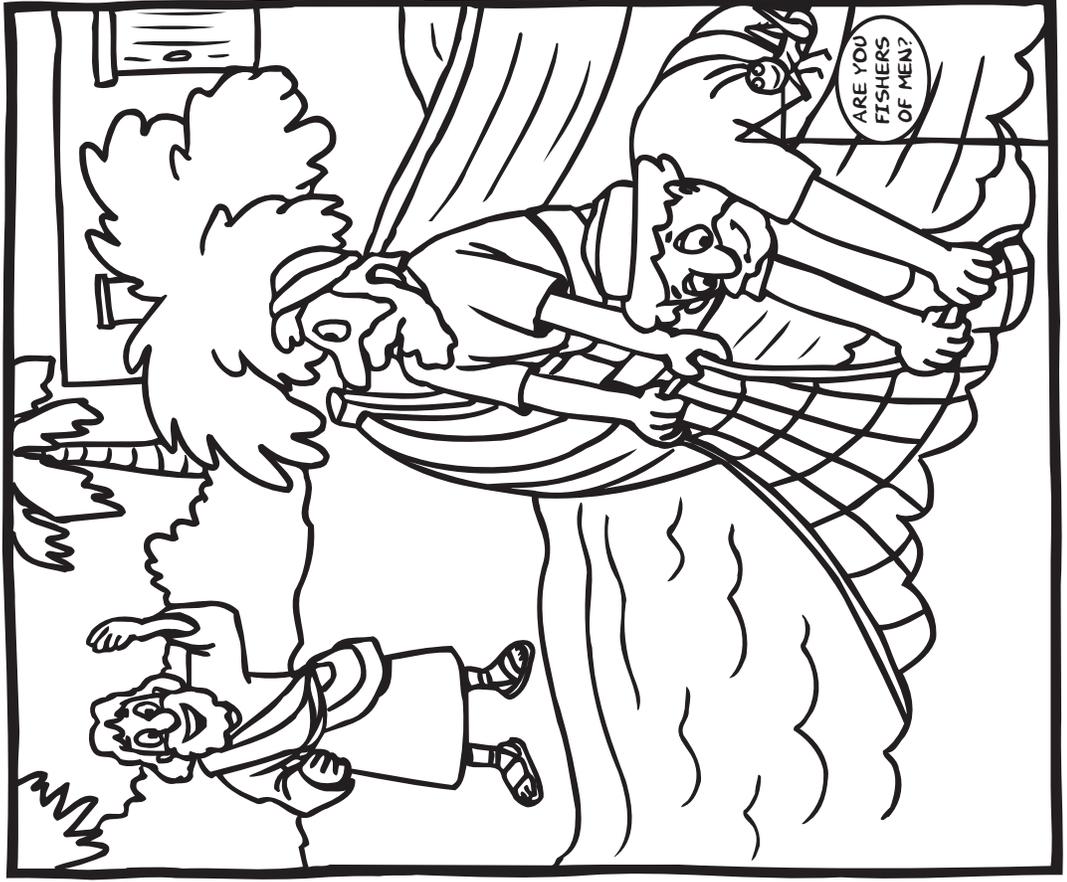
Answers

Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.

Fallen Letter Puzzle

- 1. F (Abel)
- 2. I (John)
- 3. G (Benjamin)
- 4. D (Simon Peter)
- 5. C (Herod)
- 6. E (Lazarus)
- 7. B (Moses)
- 8. J (Jacob)
- 9. A (Caleb)
- 10. H (David)

Mystery Names



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 4:12-23



