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Printable Lesson Kit



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LESSON OVERVIEW

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This lesson on Jesus' call to his first disciples (Peter, James, and John) is a message for all of us. "Follow me!" has lots of great meanings for us, and this lesson will reveal quite a few.

How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Tape (game)
- Clothespin (the kind with the spring that snaps shut and you pinch to open it--game)
- Yardstick (game)
- Basket for verses (game)
- Yarn (about 16 feet per student)
- White Paper or Cardstock
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)

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SCRIPTURE & LESSON

PASSAGE (NIV): MATTHEW 4:18-22 & LUKE 5:2-11

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Luke 5:2-11 (this is the same story but with more details)

² He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Questions for Children

1. This often happens in the Bible. A story in one book will give slightly different details than the same story in another book. *Both accounts are true.* It just gives us a chance to see the same story from two different sets of eyes and ears. Which story caught your attention more, and why?

2. The first story sounds a little abrupt. It's just a recounting of the most basic facts for a historical record. In the second, we get some great details, like Simon Peter falling on his knees before the Lord and confessing that he is sinful. Have you ever felt afraid to pray or felt anxious about praying because you didn't feel good enough? Describe that feeling. How did the Lord feel about Simon Peter? *He wasn't worried about Simon Peter's bad behaviors. He knew what Simon Peter could be made into.*

3. Jesus said in both accounts, "From now on, you will fish for people." What does this message mean? *They would bring people to Christ instead of bringing fish into a boat.* How does this message apply to us today? *We are supposed to be showing the love of Christ daily.*



TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

Have you ever been in a large crowd of kids and felt like you didn't matter? Do you feel sometimes that everyone is getting the attention but you? Have you ever felt unworthy, unimportant, or like your life is invisible to others, and they couldn't care less about you?

If so, you are very much like Jesus' disciples. The people he called were not kings, queens, high priests from the temple, or the rich and famous. His first call was to fishermen, guys who got dirty and sweaty in their jobs. And they confessed to being far from perfect.

Try to picture these men at your age, if they had been schoolchildren. They weren't the straight-A students, or the best dressed, though they probably tried hard to earn those B's. They did some things right, and at times they messed up. Their parents were respectable and hardworking, but they were in jobs of service to others, like catching their food.

These men had met Jesus before. It's often a problem when seeing that first story from Matthew, because it seems not to make sense. These men weren't "struck by lightning" to make the decision to follow him immediately. They had been waiting for it. James' younger brother John and Simon Peter's younger brother Andrew had been disciples of John the Baptist before switching over to Jesus. They met Jesus at his baptism and spent the following day with him (John 1:35-42).

Today, we wait for Jesus' return, like the disciples waited to be called. Today, we can feel the same level of excitement, because Jesus is saying to us also, "Follow me!" He is saying it in this room, this morning. He speaks to hearts that are open and ears that are ready to listen. "Follow me" will have a slightly different meaning for each of us.

Let's be ready to listen to Jesus in our hearts and do what he says in order to "follow him!"



FISHERS OF MEN LACING CRAFT



MATERIALS:

- Fishers of Men Printable File (one page)
- White Paper or Cardstock
- Coloring Utensils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Yarn (about 16 feet per student)



PREPARATION:

- Print one copy of Fishers of Men Printable Craft for each student

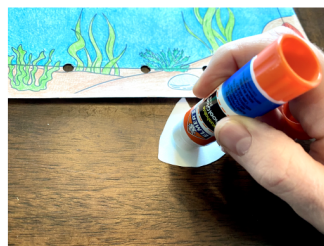
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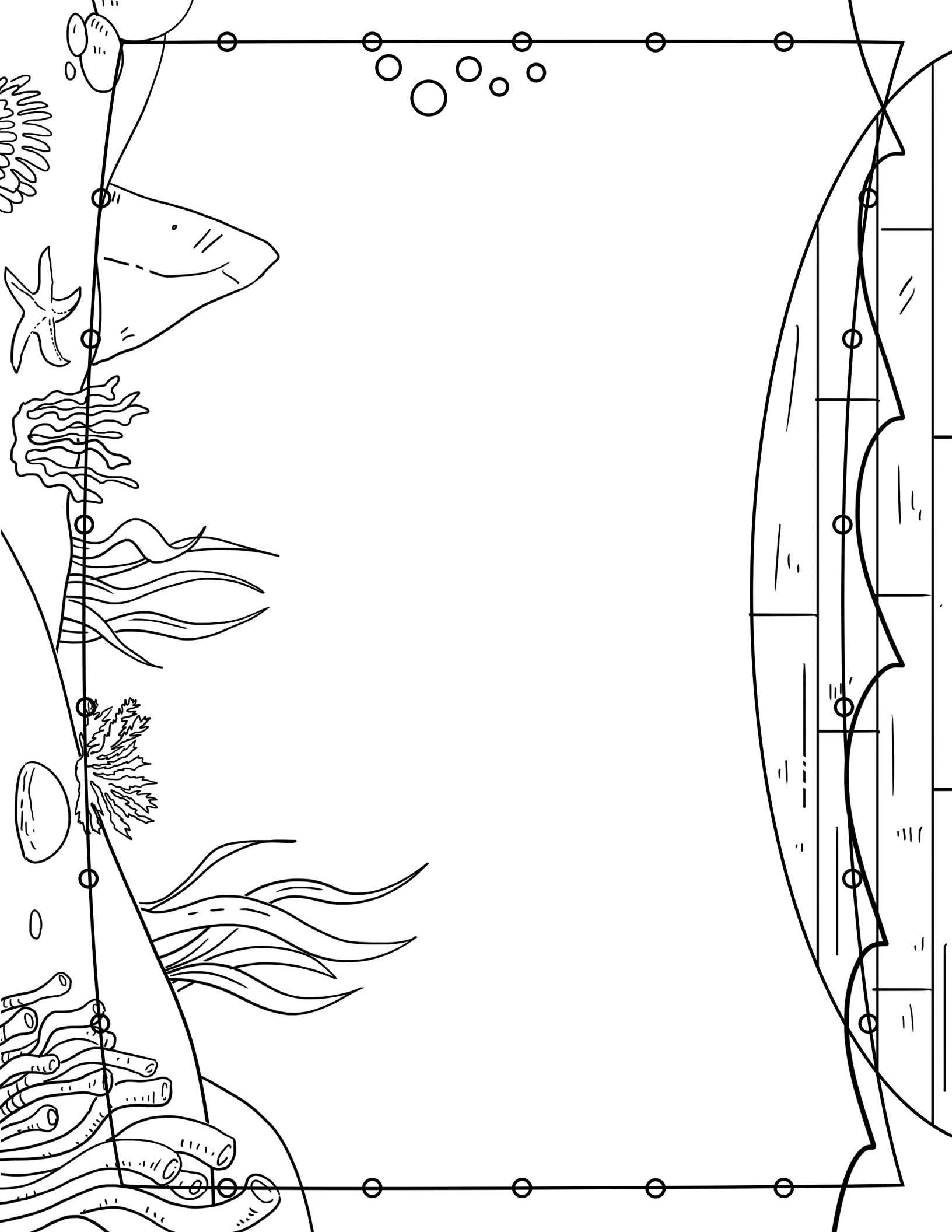
1. Color images as desired
2. Carefully cut out fish shapes
3. Using a hole punch, punch out holes along guide lines on seascape scene.
4. Glue fish to sea scape scene
5. With yarn, lace craft to create a net:

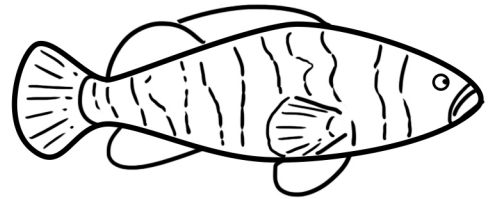
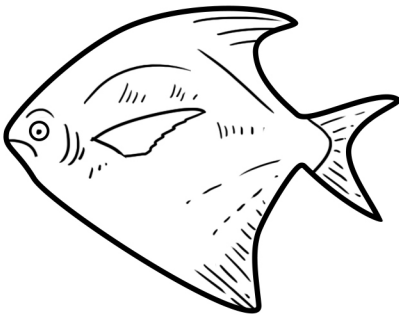
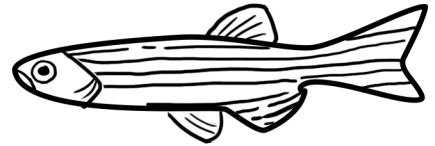
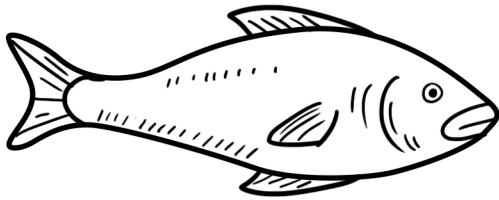
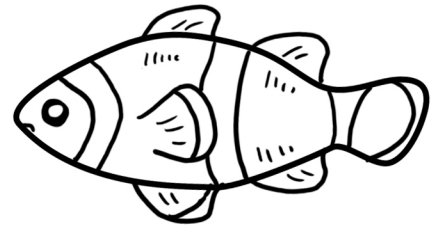
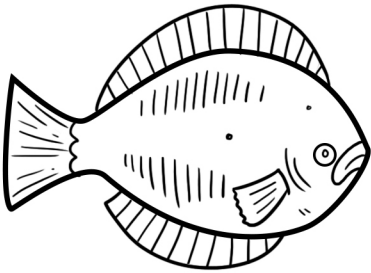
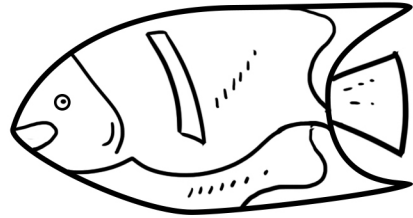
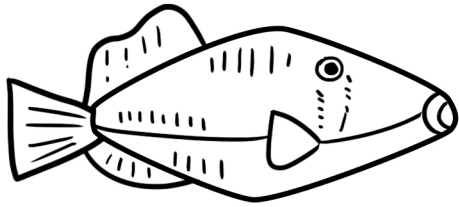
1. To begin, start in the bottom row on the left side, and lace yarn through the hole from the back, being sure to leave a small tail of about six to eight inches. Then lace yarn into the hole directly above in the top row. Lace yarn through the bottom hole, just to the right of the starting point, and follow this same pattern of going from bottom to top until you end with the yarn on the back side in the upper right corner.

2. Lace the yarn through the hole on top hole of the vertical lines on the right side (diagonal to your prior end point). The yarn should not be on the front side of the craft. Weave the yarn back and forth through the vertical lines already laced, then push the yarn through the hole on the left side, directly opposite so the yarn is again on the back side. Take the yarn and lace through the hole on the right side, underneath the prior hole. Then once again, weave yarn through vertical lines and lace through the opposite hold on the left side. Continue this pattern until you get to the last row.

3. Turn the craft over and tie the yarn end with the small tail left from the beginning.









GAME

FISH FOR BIBLE VERSES

This game uses a stick, a string, and a clothespin for a fishing rod. Your students will fish for Bible verses until they get matches that will teach them about discipleship.



MATERIALS:

- 2 Copies of Discipleship Fish File (follows)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Clothespin (the kind with the spring that snaps shut and you pinch to open it)
- Yardstick

Objective:

Collect the first set of matching verses.



PREPARATION:

1. Create a fishing pole by taping one end of a three-foot string to the end of a yardstick and the other end to one side of the clothespin.
2. Create two copies of the Discipleship Fish File and cut out all the fish, then fold them in half. Place them all in the basket.
3. Place the basket behind a student chair (and the students will stand in front of it to cast their line).

INTRODUCTION

Jesus told his disciples to follow him, and they would fish for people from then on. If we want to be like the disciples, a great way to start is by knowing our Bibles. Today we will be fishing for Bible verses on how to be a good disciple.

Instructions:

1. Have students take turns holding the fishing pole in front of the chair, over the basket behind the chair. See which piece of paper the pin touches first and attach it to the line. The student should reel the line in, read the verse aloud, and keep it.
2. Repeat until all students have had at least one turn.
3. The first student to get a match wins. If the match happens early on, keep playing for second- and third-place winners.
4. If no students have a match after all the cards have been picked up, have them put all back except for one of their choosing. Make sure that two students are not keeping a copy of the same verse so that a match cannot happen. Then repeat until a match comes up. The person with the match wins.
5. Let students decide which verses mean the most to them and allow them to take a couple home.

"Let your light
shine before others, that
they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in
heaven."
Matthew 5:16

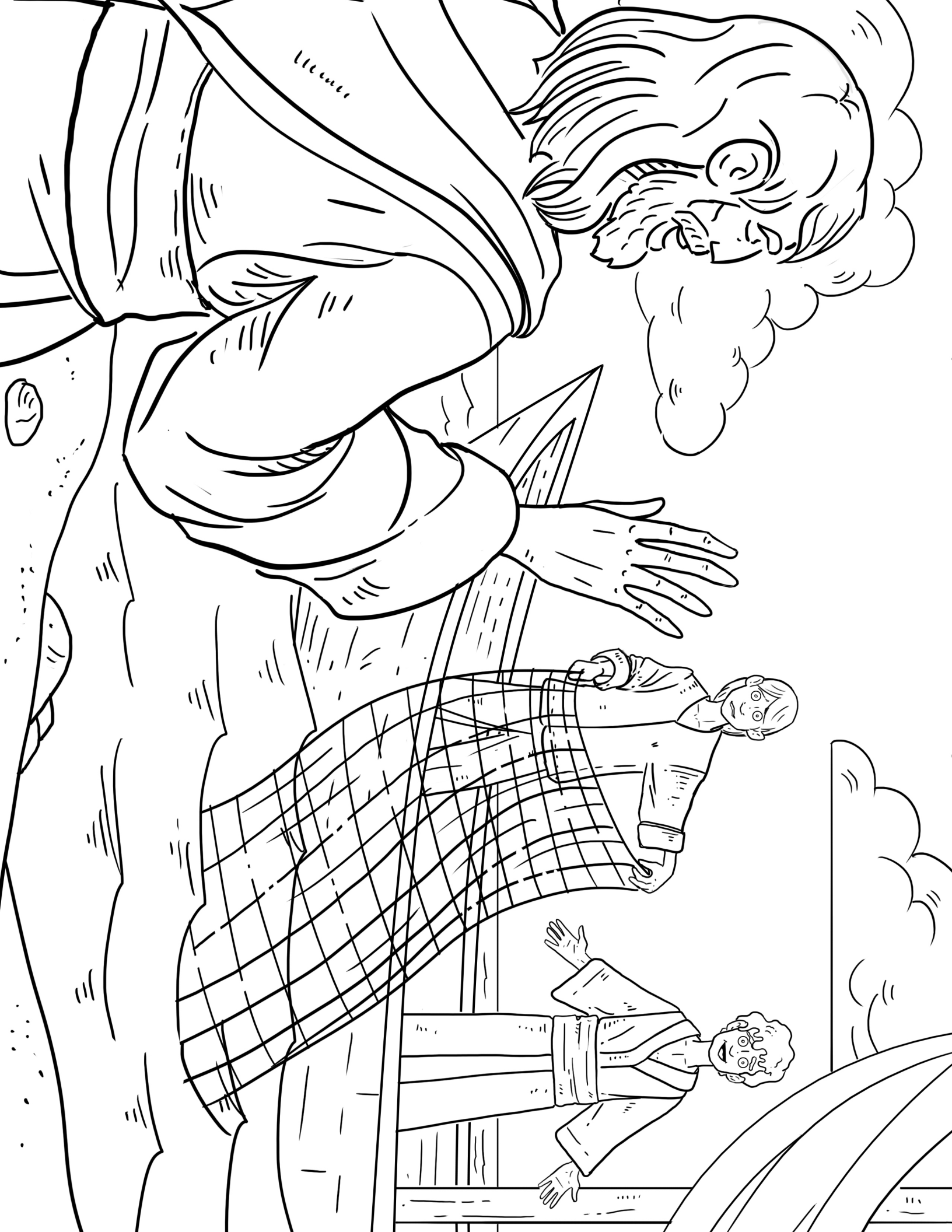
"Be strong
and courageous,
do not be afraid or
terrified because of them, for
the LORD your God goes with
you; he will never leave you nor
forsake you"
Deuteronomy 31:6

"I can do all this through him
who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13

"A new
command I give
you: Love one
another. As I have
loved you, so you must
love one another. By this everyone
will know that you are my disciples, if
you love one another."
John 13:34-35

"For the
Spirit God gave
us does not make us
timid, but gives us power, love
and self-discipline"
2 Timothy 1:7

"So do not
fear, for I
am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God. I will
strengthen you and help you; I will
uphold you with my righteous right
hand."
Isaiah 41:10





WORD SEARCH

Instructions: Below are lots of words for the people who truly decide to follow Jesus. See how many you can find in the word search—and how many you can put to work in your own life.

S	I	E	W	A	Z	L	Z	E	A	L	O	T	B	C	S
M	P	J	O	H	A	J	A	P	O	S	T	L	E	S	T
M	Y	V	E	N	E	Q	O	P	O	M	G	Z	E	K	L
S	A	S	C	K	Z	X	R	R	A	S	A	N	L	C	T
H	Y	U	O	D	Q	L	K	O	E	E	T	Q	L	N	B
Y	E	P	N	I	E	O	R	S	W	I	I	F	E	R	P
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Words to Find:

**APOSTLE
DEVOTEE
ENTHUSIAST
LEARNER
PUPIL**

**ZEALOT
ATTENDANT
CONVERT
PROSELYTE
ROOTER**

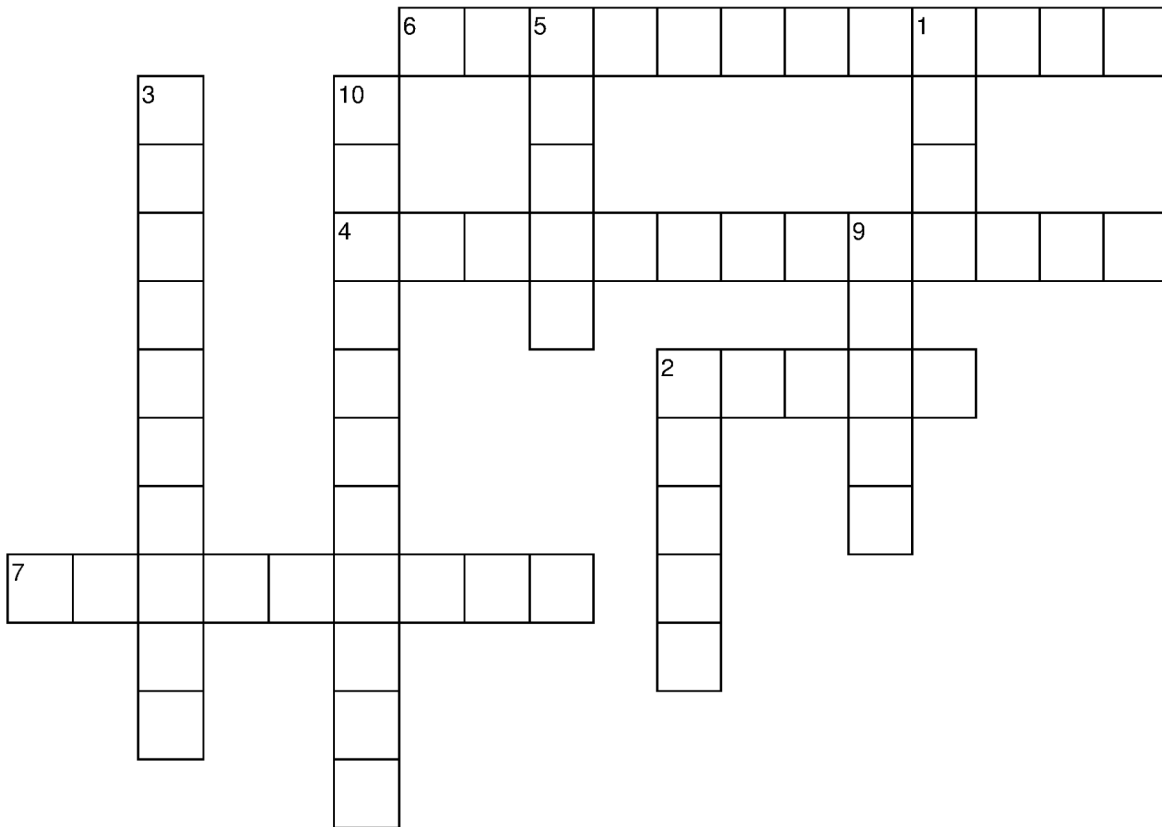
**STUDENT
SUPPORTER
WITNESS
DISCIPLE
SERVANT**

**WORSHIPER
BELIEVER**



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance Sheet, 10 Famous Scriptures on Discipleship, to fill in the crossword puzzle below.



Across

- 2. Colossians 1:10 says we should bear this
- 4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for this
- 6. The testing of your faith produces this
- 7. I put this behind me when I became a man

Down

- 1. Last word of 2 Peter 3:18
- 2. We should be strengthened in this through what we were taught
- 3. He who began a good work in you will carry it to...
- 5. I will uphold you with this hand....
- 9. Our light is supposed to do this in front of others
- 10. You can do all things through him who does this in you



PARENT HANDOUT



Scriptures to Read: Matthew 4:18-22 & Luke 5:2-11



This Week We Learned About ...

...Jesus' call to his first disciples (Peter, James and John) is a message for all of us. "Follow me!" has lots of great meanings for us, and this lesson revealed quite a few.



✓ Questions for Kids:


- 1. Jesus told the disciples he would teach them to fish for this. **A. People**
- 2. What happened to Peter's net because of the number of fish Jesus helped him catch? **A. They broke.**
- 3. Peter told Jesus to go away because Peter was what kind of man? **A. Sinful man**

✓ Dinner Table Discussion:


God has a special job for all of us. We just need to listen for his call! What are some ways you like to serve the Lord?

Sometimes we can find our calling by thinking about what we are good at. If people are always telling us we have a gift or can do something special we should use that for Jesus. What is something you do very well, or others tell you that you do very well? How can you use that for God?


Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.
2 Thessalonians 3:5



Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worth of me. **Matthew 10:38**



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."
Matthew 4:19

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AT A GLANCE: 10 FAMOUS SCRIPTURES ON DISCIPLESHIP

Below are the top 10 most-surfed scriptures having to do with discipleship. Which ones seem most useful to you?

2 PETER 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

COLOSSIANS 1:10

so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

MATTHEW 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

ISAIAH 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

JAMES 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:11

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

...just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

MATTHEW 5:16

...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



LEARNING LOOKUPS



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Lookup: Philippians 4:13 and write it down


Lookup: Isaiah 41:10 and write it down.

Question: One scripture has more to do with our need to act strong. The other has more to do with God's help to give us strength. How do we combine these two principles to lead a dedicated life?

Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask God to show his willingness and ability to lead and guide you, using your own words:

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QUIZ



Instructions: Fill in the blanks of the spiritual growth scriptures (NIV) to help you learn how to walk in discipleship.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SCRIPTURES

2 Peter 3:18—...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and _____ Jesus _____.

Colossians 1:10—you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every _____: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the _____ of God,

Philippians 1:6—...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to _____ until the day of Christ _____.

Matthew 5:6—Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for _____, for they will be _____

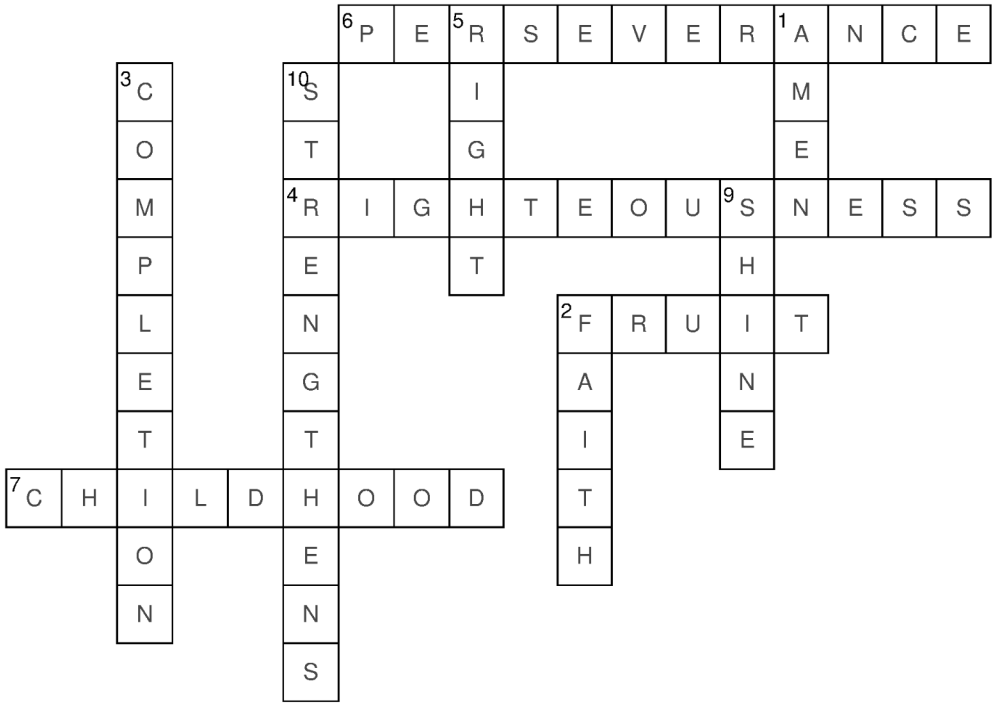
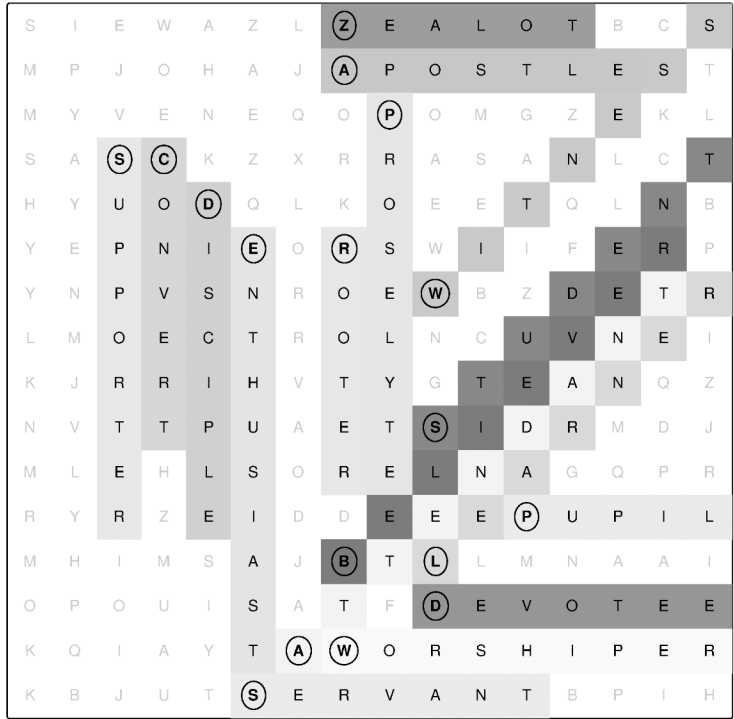
Colossians 1:10—... you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in _____ way: bearing fruit in every good _____, growing in the knowledge of God.

James 1:2-4—Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your _____ produces _____.

1 Corinthians 13:11—When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a _____, I put the ways of _____ behind me.

Colossians 2:6-7— ...continue to live your lives in him [Jesus], rooted and _____ up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with _____.

ANSWER KEY





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