

Meeting Jesus



Read it from the Bible

Mark 1:16-20

'Jesus said to them, "Come with me! I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish."' Mark 1:17

Tell the story

Peter and his brother Andrew were fishermen. They would stand in the water, with a net. When they saw the fish swimming along, they would throw the net into the water and catch the fish.

One day, they saw a man walking along the beach. It was Jesus.

"Come with me," called Jesus. "Instead of catching fish, come and help me do my work."

Peter and Andrew stopped fishing. They left the nets on the beach. They went with Jesus.

A little way along the shore, James and John were getting ready to go fishing in their boat.

"Come with me," called Jesus. "Instead of catching fish, come and help me do my work."

James and John left their boat. They went with Jesus too.

Peter, Andrew, James and John were very happy they had met Jesus.

Talk to God

Thank you, God, that you ask us to be your friends too.

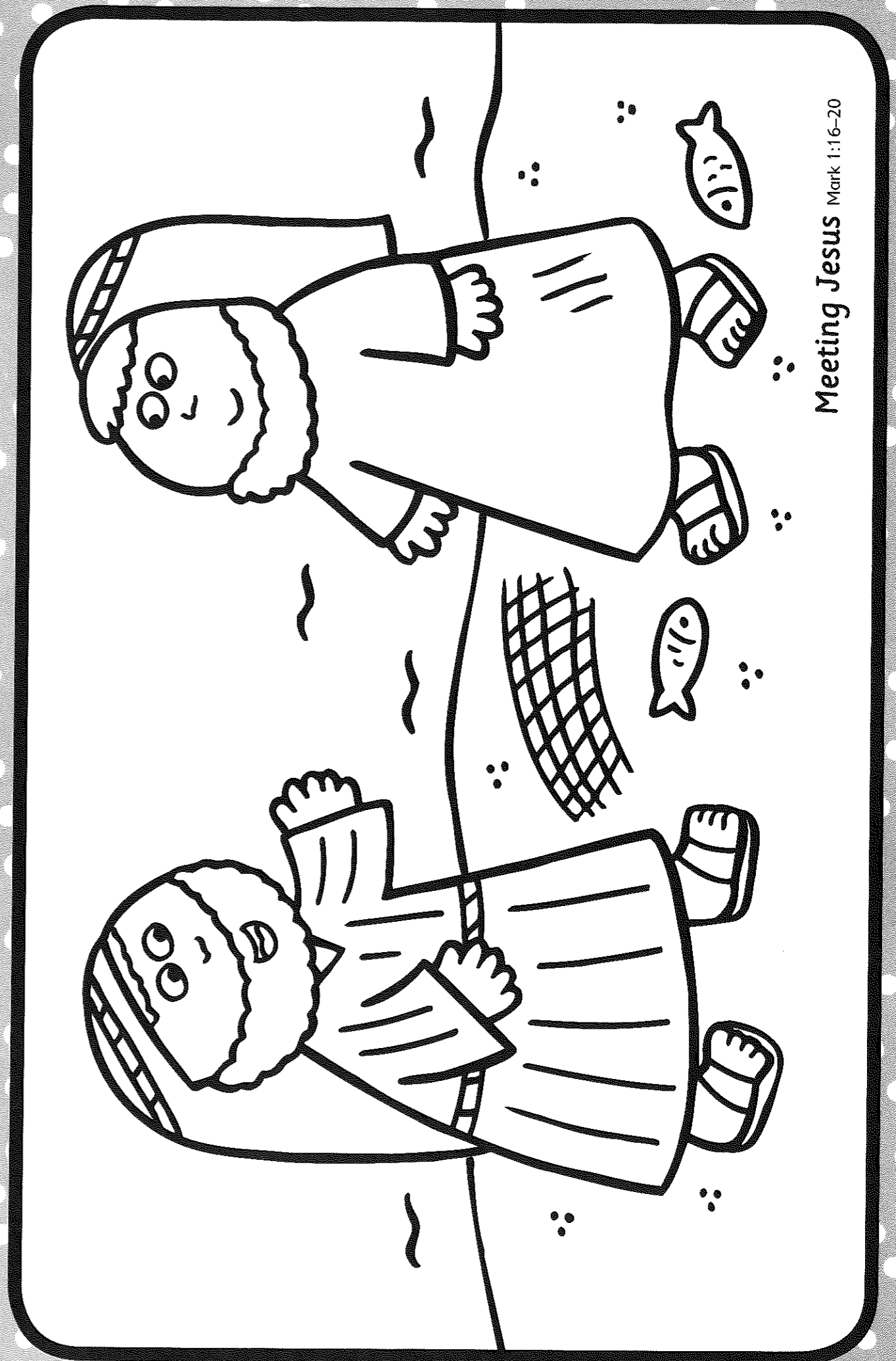
Use the picture

1 You can use the picture as an introduction to the Bible story or to help you review the story together.

2 Look at the picture together and decide which person is Jesus (on the left), and which is Peter. What do the children think is happening in this picture? (Jesus and Peter are meeting; Jesus is asking Peter to be his friend.) Look at the other items in the picture and work out that Peter's job was fishing. Find a net. Count the fish.

3 Colour in the picture of Jesus. What is he saying to Peter? Use the children's suggestions or all say: 'Hello, Peter. Come with me and be my friend.'

4 If the children think Peter will say 'yes', they can colour him in too. If they think he will say 'no' or if they are not sure, leave him plain. Then listen to today's Bible story and find out what Peter answers. Allow time for children to go back to their pictures and colour in Peter, if they would like to.



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