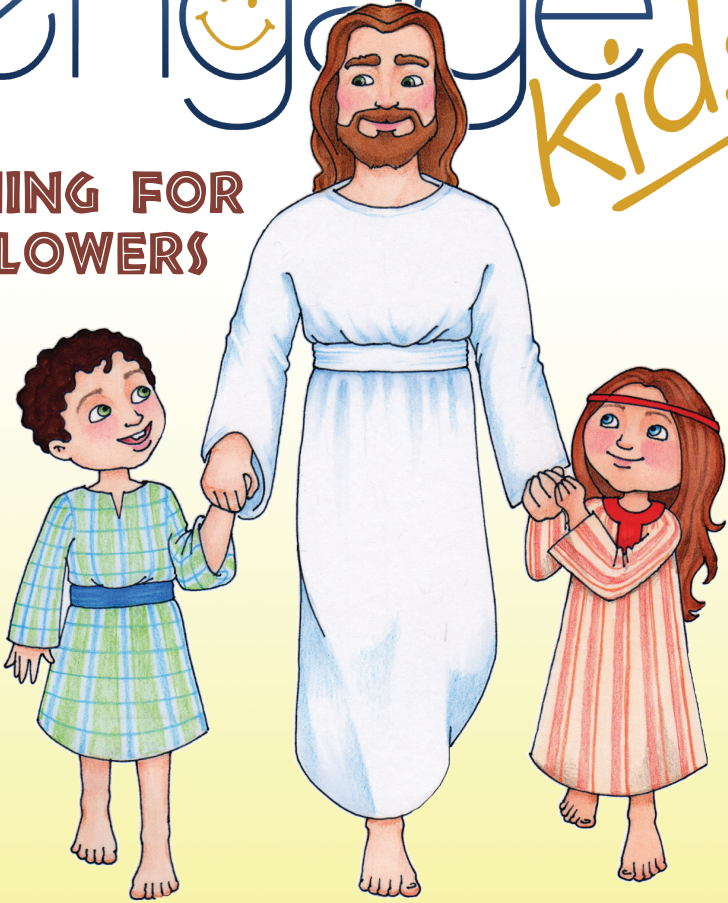


# engage Kids

**FISHING FOR FOLLOWERS**



*Touched Hearts,  
Helping Hands*

# SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

"Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me."

– JOHN 12:26

Please say this verse to a trusted adult and have him or her email your name and age to [engagekids@feaministries.org](mailto:engagekids@feaministries.org).

## PEN PAL LETTERS



Hi, Ts'epo!

I finally got your letter, and I was so excited to read it and hear about how your buddy accepted Christ! I think it's pretty cool that I have a friend all the way across the ocean in Africa! Our lives are very different but one thing we have in common is serving Jesus!

One thing I've been doing a lot lately here at home is fishing. There are big bass in a pond behind my house! Yesterday, I caught one that was eight pounds! Then my little sister caught one that was ten! Being shown up by her was a little humbling, but I'll get over it next time I catch a bass bigger than hers. I'm kidding! I was happy for her.

Did you know that fishing and witnessing are sort of similar? As a fisherman, I cast out my line then sit and wait for the fish to bite. Then the fish is hooked! As a Christian, I go out and witness to those who don't know Jesus. I share the gospel and live in a Christlike way. While I do these things, I wait for the Lord to work in their lives. Some accept Jesus as their Savior. Others may not. Either way, I've done what Jesus called me to do. I went fishing for followers of Jesus! Some days I go fishing and don't catch anything. I feel like I've just wasted my time. But when it comes to fishing for Jesus, it's never a waste of time! Whether they "bite the hook" or not, spreading the gospel is exactly what Jesus calls us to do!

I hope everything is going well for you! I can't wait to get your next letter and read all about what's happening in your life.

Talk to you soon, -Alex

# FISHING FOR



Jesus was walking along the sandy shore with a big group of people following behind Him. These people wanted to listen to more of what Jesus had to teach them. But the sun was so hot, and Jesus felt very crowded.

He glanced over to see some fishing boats sitting there. Suddenly He had an idea! He called to the owner of the fishing boat. His name was Peter. He asked Peter if He could sit in the boat and teach the people from the sea. After all, the people couldn't follow Jesus out onto a boat in the water. He would still be able to teach them but not feel crowded.

Peter agreed to lend Jesus his boat. In return after Jesus was done teaching, he told Peter to take his boat out farther into the water to cast down his fishing net. Peter told Jesus there was no use in doing that. He'd already been fishing all night

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and hadn't caught a thing! However, Jesus insisted, and Peter did what he was told.

Suddenly, the fishing net became incredibly heavy! Hundreds of fish were caught! Peter put his net down again and even more fish came! He had to call friends from other boats to help him, but there were so many fish that the boats started to sink!

Peter immediately fell on his knees before Jesus and began to worship him. Jesus then said to him, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be

**Fishing for people!"**



# BIBLE COSTUMES

There were three fishermen in the Bible whom Jesus told to follow Him and become fishers of men: Peter, James, and John. Dress up how you would think one of those fishermen would look. Try drawing a beard on your face, wear a wig of bushy hair, or make yourself a fishing pole. Use a blanket for a robe like they wore in Bible times!



## MISSIONARY UPDATE



The **MOTOVILOV** family lives in **LADYBRAND, SOUTH AFRICA**. They are missionaries to the people there! This family is an example of what we are learning about: **FISHING FOR FOLLOWERS**. They are casting out the good news of the gospel in hopes that they can reel in others who want to follow Christ as well. They took the time to answer a few questions so you could get to know them better.

### 1. WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH DOES YOUR FAMILY USE?

We work a lot with the children of our town. We have two-hour Bible classes four days a week, and we also take time to play with them during our meetings. Once a month, our family meets with the Gaults to go minister in a senior citizen home. Our children will play their instruments and quote scripture for elderly residents.

Girls, you can get involved too! Dress up as one of the ladies in Jesus' life such as Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, or Martha (Mary Magdalene's sister). They were followers of Jesus as well!

After you've assembled your costume, have a trusted adult take your picture, tell what character you are, and send it to [engagekids@feaministries.org](mailto:engagekids@feaministries.org). Then be on the lookout at the Engage Kids Facebook page because pictures of the costumes will be posted at any time!



## **2. WHAT IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY LIKE TO DO THAT IS UNIQUE TO SOUTH AFRICA?**

There are a lot of mountains here in Ladybrand. Our family likes to hike clear up to the tops of the mountains and enjoy the beautiful view of the cities.

## **3. WHEN DID YOU FIRST FEEL THE CALL TO BE A MISSIONARY?**

(Mrs. Motovilov) Seventeen years ago I was at Hobe Sound Bible Church, and a special missionary speaker came by. It was there that God began speaking to me about working in orphan ministries.

## **4. WHAT AFRICAN FOOD IS YOUR FAVORITE?**

Our family really enjoys the fruits that grow here where we live.

## **5. WHAT CAN WE HELP YOU PRAY FOR?**

Pray for the orphans in our ministry. Many of their lives are filled with evil influences making it hard to do what is right. The majority of the children come from broken homes leaving them suffering and hurting. Also pray that God will call more missionaries to come do missions work in Africa!

# DEVELOPER ACTIVITY

Below is a picture of a fish you can create! There are instructions and a list of tools you will need to make this fish. After you're done, name your fish and hang it up on your refrigerator or in your room.

**Tools:** construction paper, glue, scissors, cupcake papers, and a permanent marker.

## Instructions:

1. Take a piece of construction paper and a pair of scissors. Cut out the shape of the fish you want.
2. Towards the head of the fish, draw an eye and a small mouth.



3. Starting behind the eye, take your cupcake paper, fold it in half, and glue it to the construction paper fish.
4. Continue gluing on the cupcake papers all the way to the tail of the fish.

Look to the picture as a model.



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