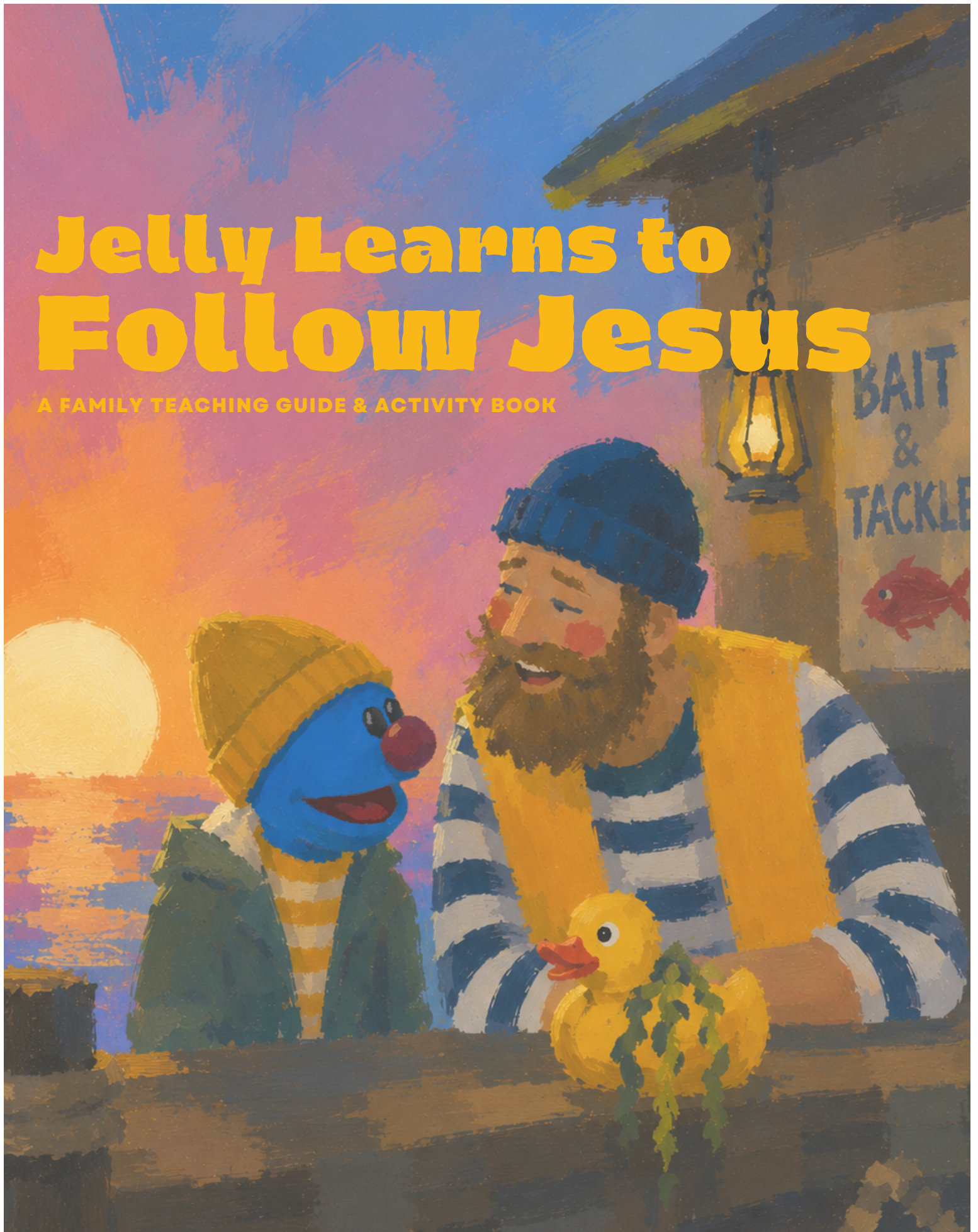


Jelly Learns to Follow Jesus

A FAMILY TEACHING GUIDE & ACTIVITY BOOK



Hello, parents!

For years, **Jelly and friends** have been helping children fall in love with the Bible—singing their way through the Books of the Bible, the Fruit of the Spirit, the Ten Commandments and so much more. At home, in Bible School, at summer camp: wherever kids are, Jelly helps kids learn about God.

Now Jelly is learning one of the most important lessons of all.

In the video “Jelly Learns to Follow Jesus,” he discovers what it meant when Jesus looked at ordinary people—fishermen, tax collectors, everyday folks—and said two simple words:

“Follow Me.”

Those words changed everything.

Watch the video together with your kids, then use this guide to explore **three beautiful lessons from the Bible**. The journey starts here.



Jesus Calls Ordinary People

Read Together:

Matthew 4:18-22

*And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Matthew 9:9

*As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, **“Follow Me.”** So he arose and followed Him.*

Talk Together:

Jesus did not begin by calling kings or “superheroes” or world leaders. He called fishermen and a tax collector. Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew were ordinary people, yet Jesus invited them to become His disciples.

When Jesus said, “Follow Me,” they willingly responded.

Jesus is still inviting people today to follow Him, learn from Him and become more like Him.

Q&A:

- Who were the first people Jesus called?
- Did Jesus force them to follow Him?
- What does it mean to listen to Jesus today?

Remember:

Jesus calls ordinary people to follow Him. We respond by listening, trusting and obeying.

What It Means to Be a Disciple

And What Does a Disciple Do?

A “disciple” is a learner, but in Jesus’ day being a disciple meant much more than that. A disciple followed his teacher, listened carefully, learned from him and desired to become like him in every way. So, a disciple of Jesus Christ is someone who follows Him, learns from His teachings, strives to think and act like Him, and faithfully obeys what He commands.

Jesus loved others, obeyed His Father, showed compassion and taught people God’s way of life. He wants His followers to do the same.

Read Together:

John 13:34–35

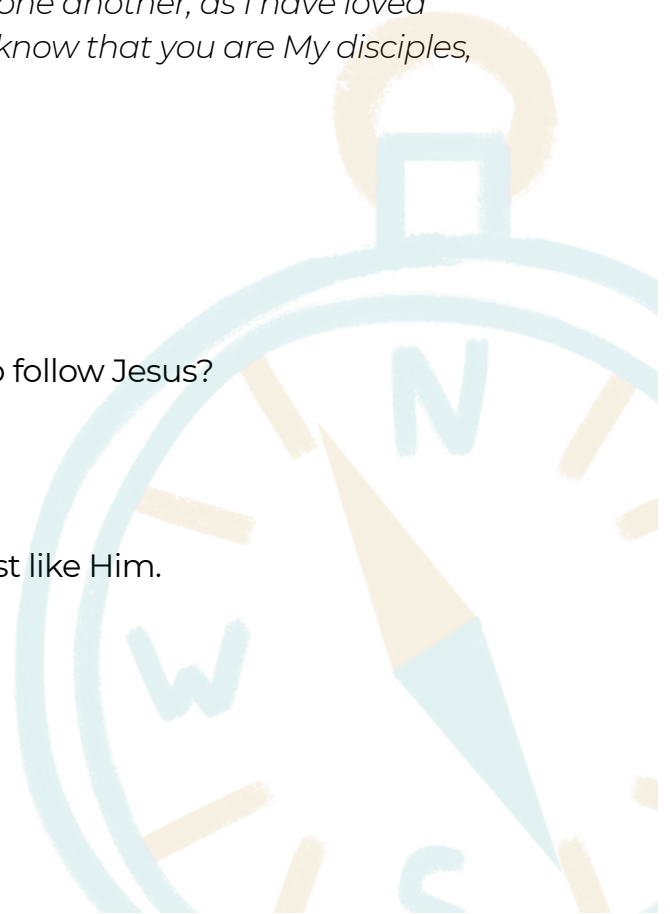
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

Talk Together:

- What are some ways Jesus showed love?
- How can we show love to others?
- What are some reasons it might be hard to follow Jesus?

Remember:

- A disciple (a follower of Jesus) tries to be just like Him.
- A disciple loves God.
- A disciple loves others.
- A disciple obeys God’s Word.



Trust In God & His Promises

The Bible is filled with examples of people who trusted God when situations seemed impossible. Kings such as Asa and Jehoshaphat faced enemies much stronger than themselves, yet God helped them because they trusted Him. Read the stories below and discuss how these kings trusted God.

Read Together:

2 Chronicles 14:11

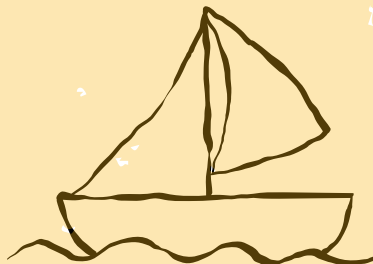
*And Asa cried out to the Lord his God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, **for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude.** O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"*

2 Chronicles 20:15–17

And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you:

'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel.

*You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!" **Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.***"



Lesson 3

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Sometimes following Jesus can be hard to do. But Jesus promises that following Him is always worth it. The disciples trusted Jesus enough to leave their old lives behind and follow Him.

God wants us to trust Him, too.

Jesus said: ***"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."***

Following Jesus means trusting that God will guide us, help us and keep His promises.

The greatest promise of all is that Jesus will return and establish the Kingdom of God. Those who faithfully follow Him will share in that wonderful future.

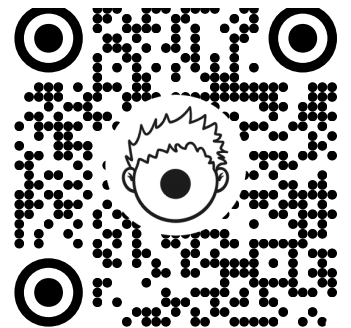
Talk Together:

- How do we know we can trust God?
- How has God helped people in the Bible?
- Why is following Jesus worth it?

Remember:

God is faithful (He keeps his promises).

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family study guides.



Family Challenge

In the video, Captain Finn sings *"Jesus said, Follow Me."*

What does it mean when Jesus says, "Follow Me"?

Encourage your child to think of one way he or she can follow Jesus this week by showing love, obeying God, helping others or trusting God in a difficult situation.

The invitation Jesus gave beside the Sea of Galilee is still being offered today.

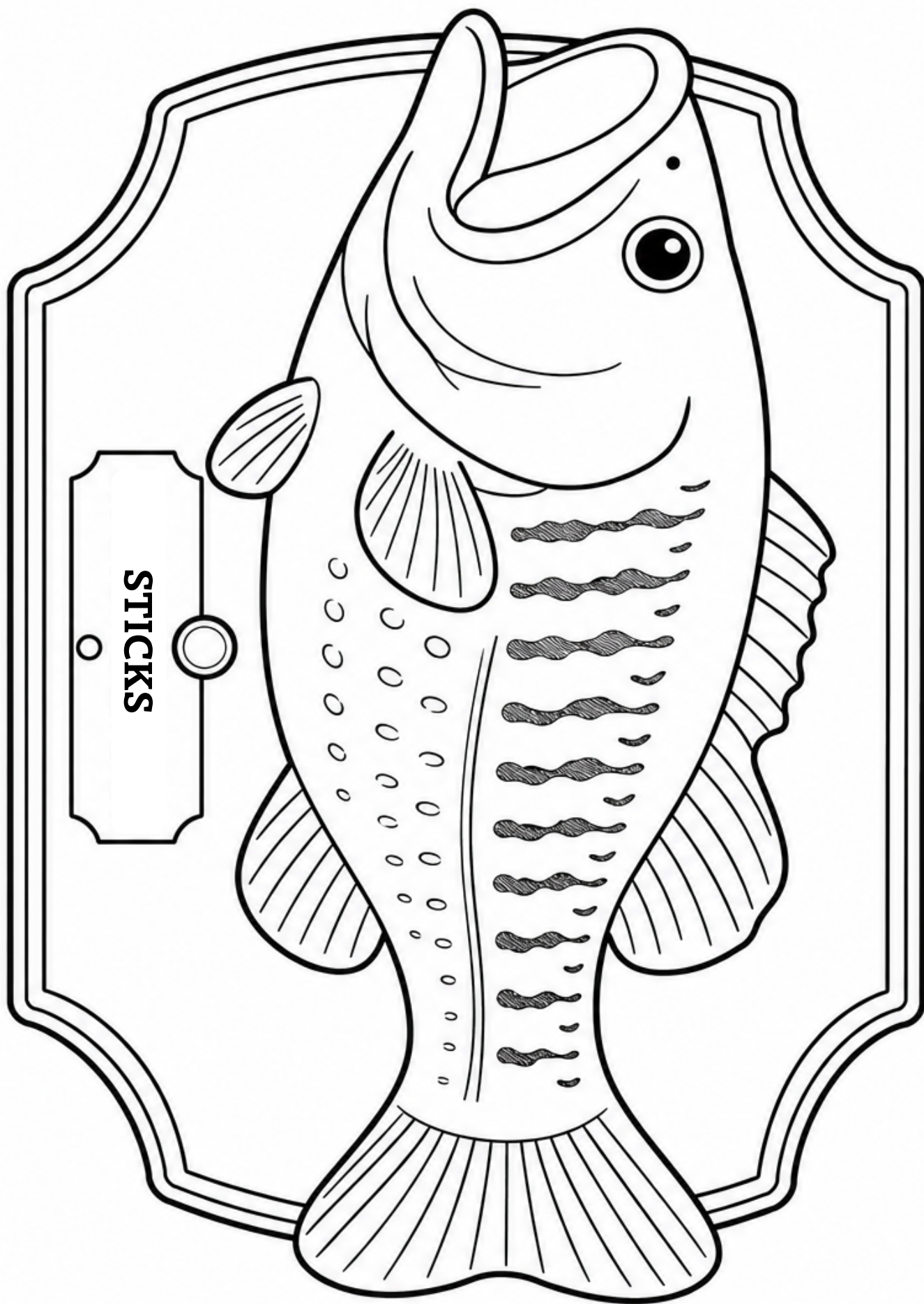
It is the greatest invitation anyone can receive.

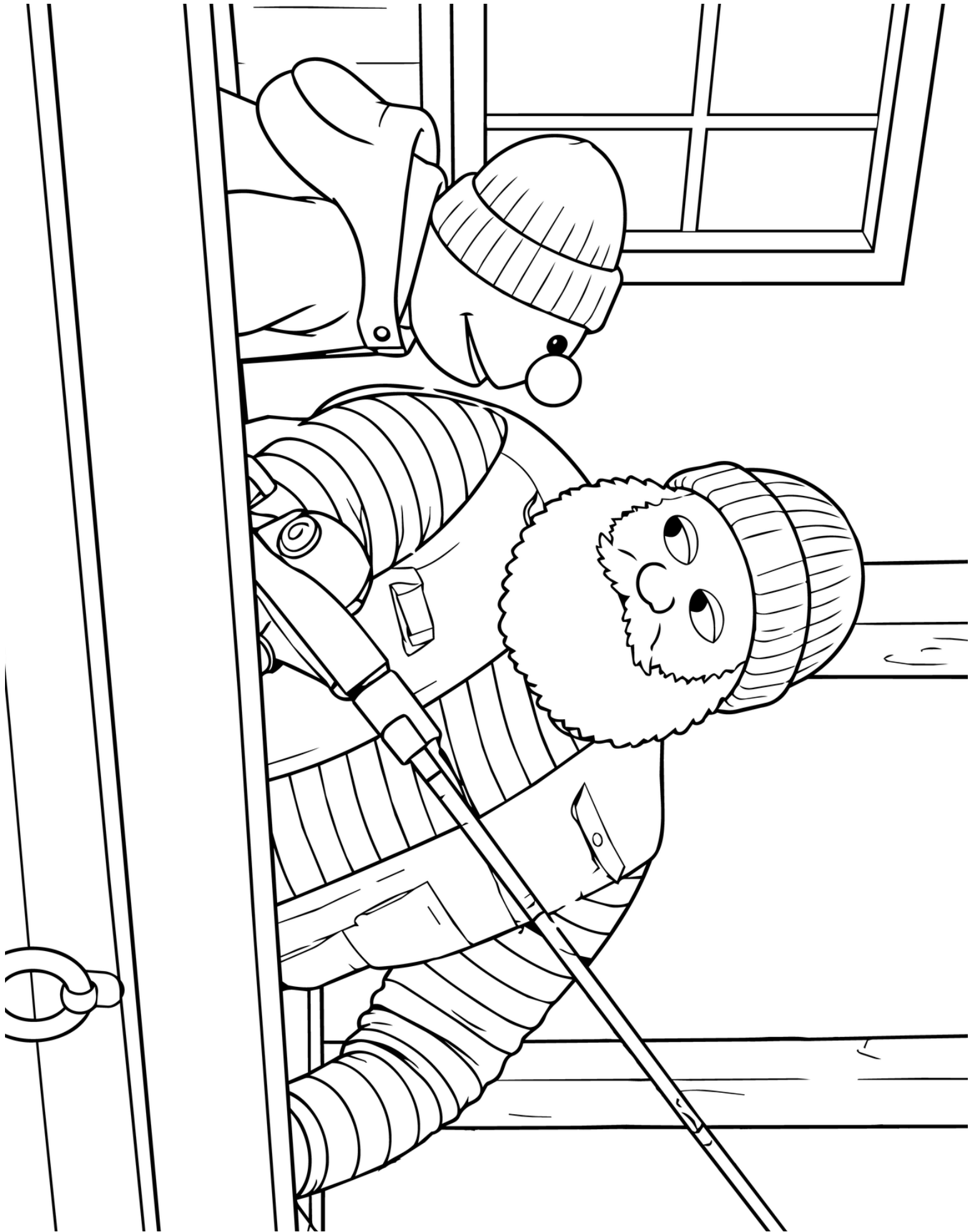
Jesus says: "Follow Me."

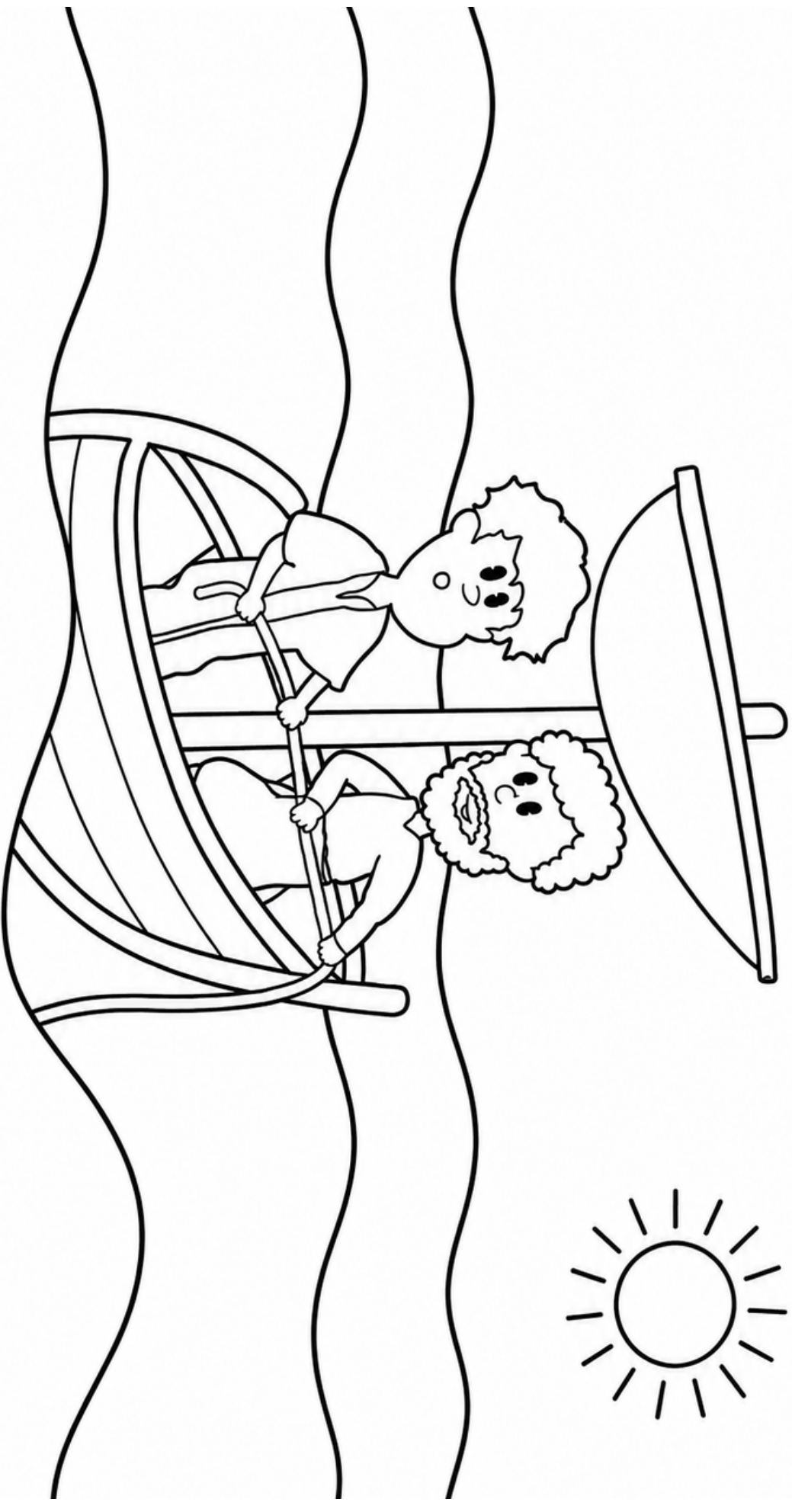
The Jelly Team hopes this video helps your family grow closer to God and enjoy many happy hours learning from the Bible together.

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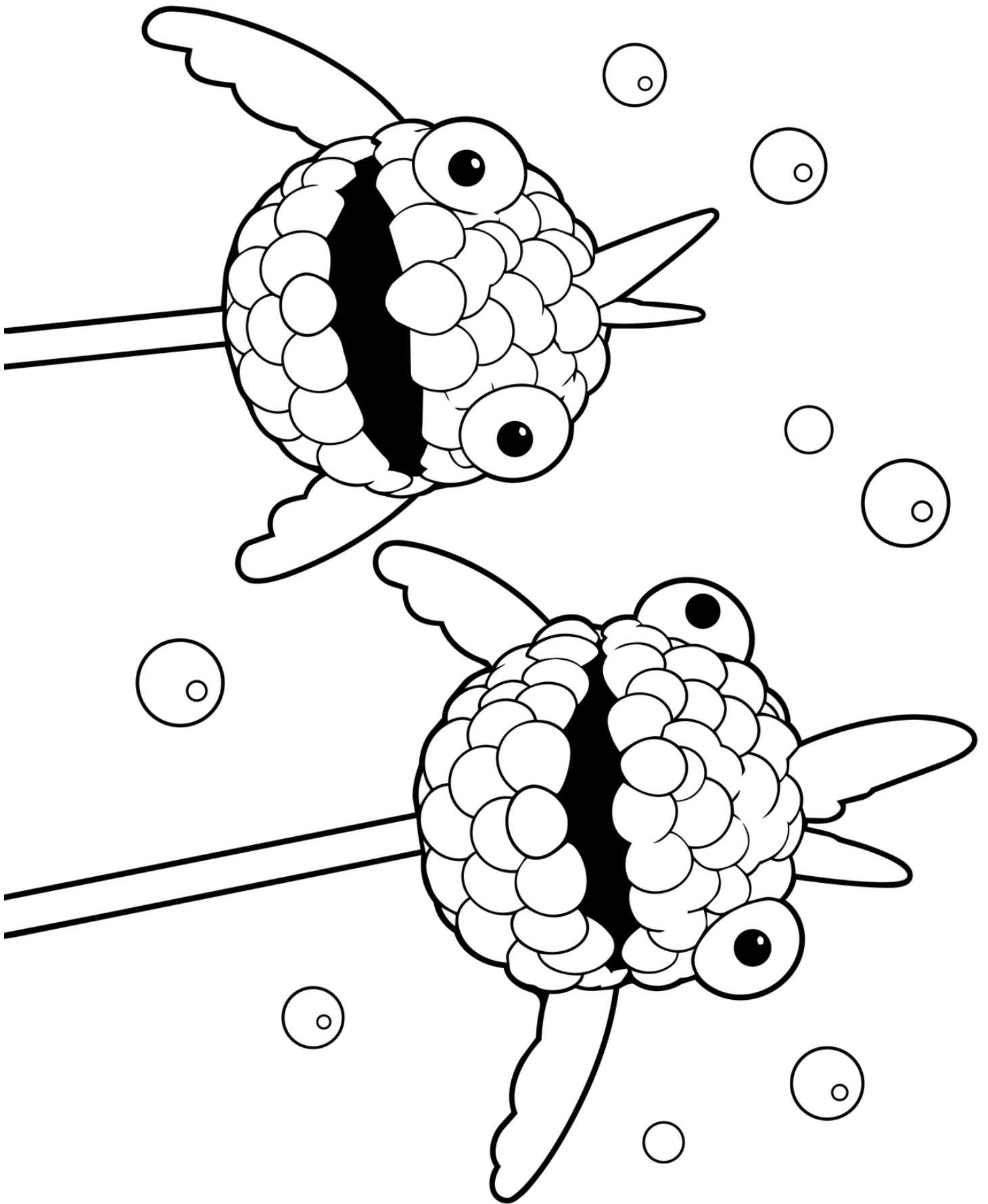






Matthew 4:19

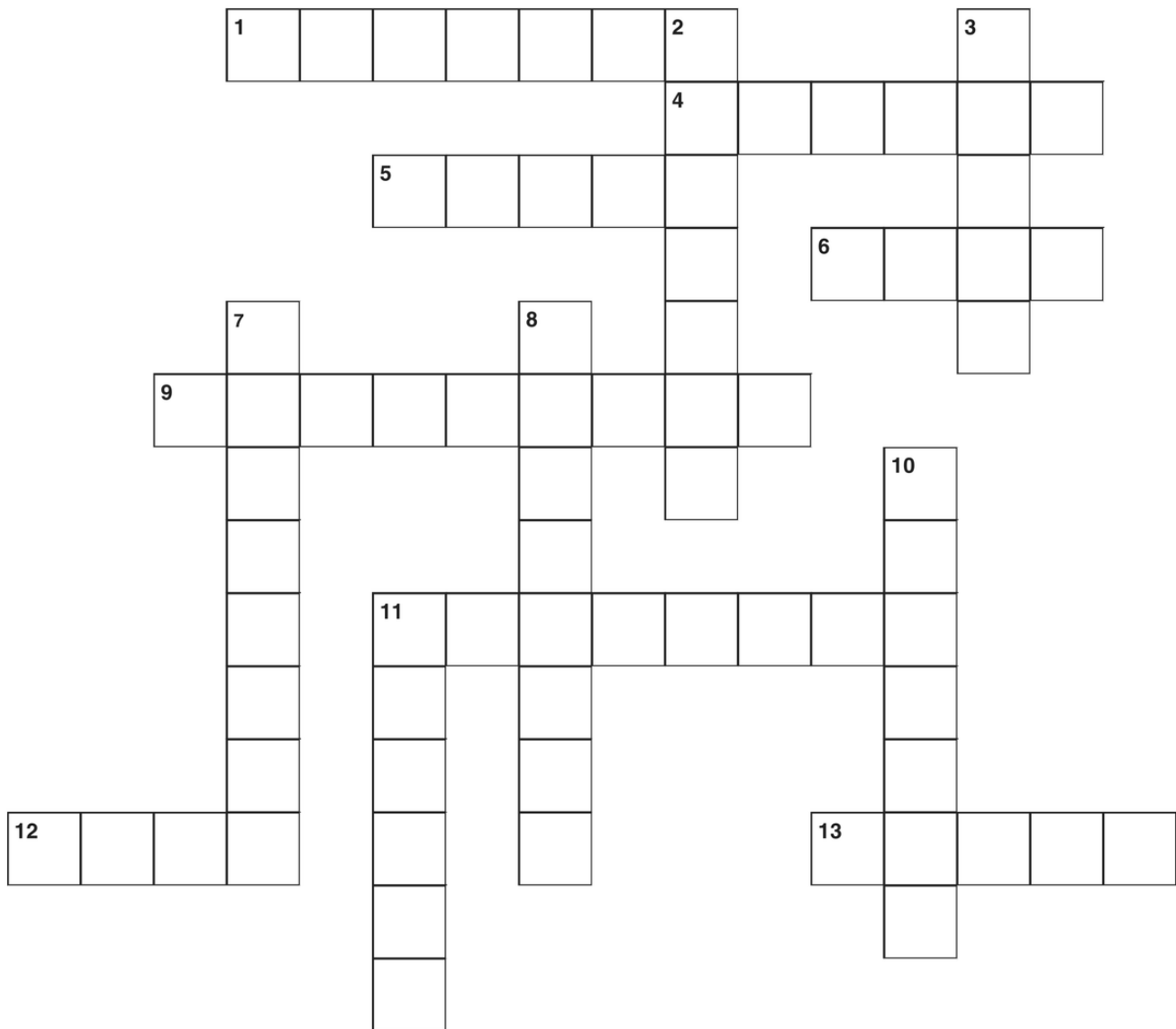
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Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues to review the lessons about following Jesus, being a disciple, and trusting God.



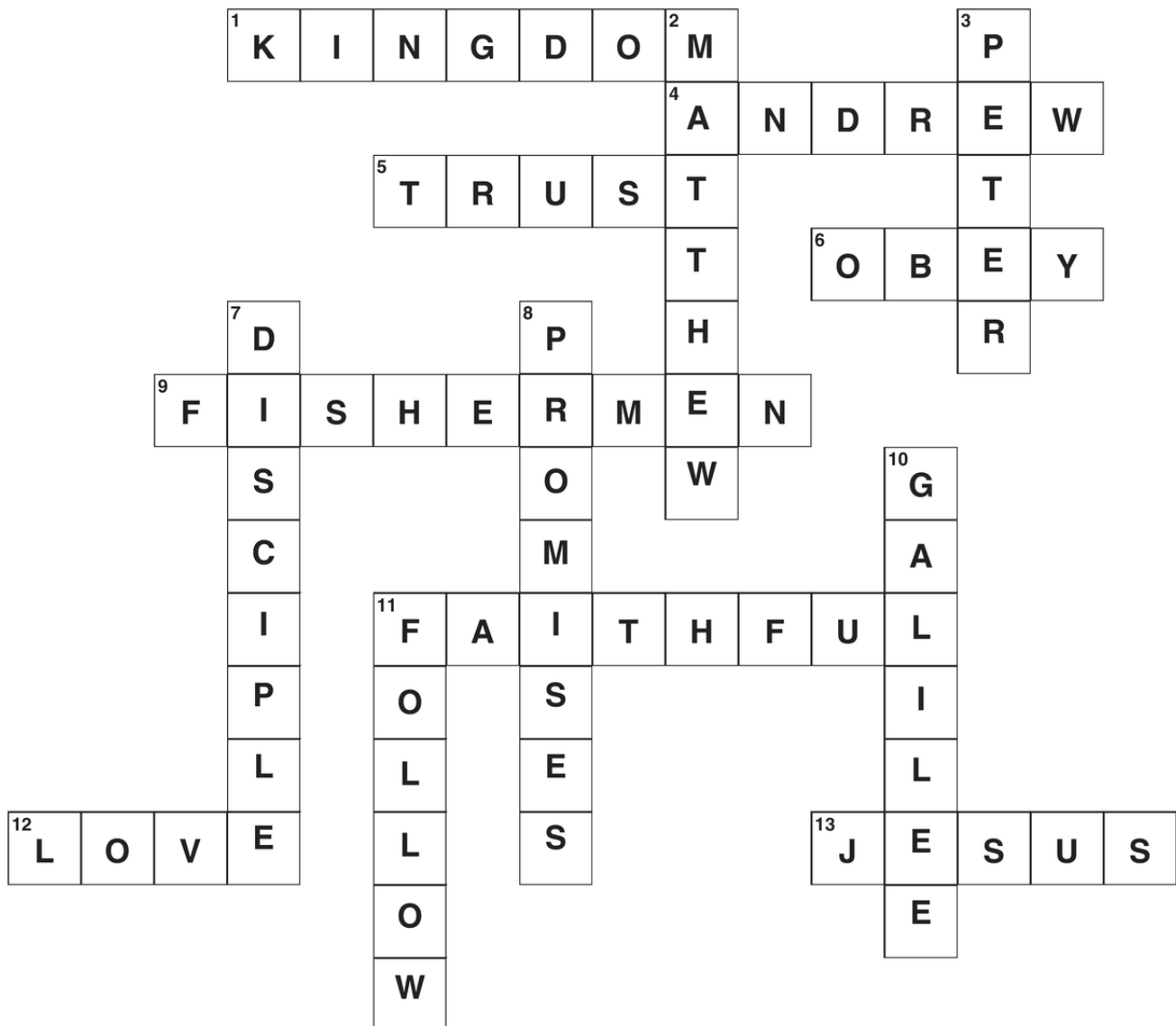
ACROSS

1. Jesus will return and establish the ____ of God.
4. Peter's brother, who also followed Jesus.
5. To rely on God and believe He will guide and help us.
6. A disciple should ____ God's Word.
9. The ordinary workers Jesus called beside the Sea of Galilee.
11. A word meaning that God can always be trusted.
12. Jesus said His disciples should show this to one another.
13. The Son of God who said, 'Follow Me.'

DOWN

2. The tax collector Jesus called to follow Him.
3. One of the first fishermen Jesus called.
7. A person who follows Jesus, acts like Him, and obeys His commands.
8. God is faithful because He keeps His ____.
10. The sea beside which Jesus called Peter and Andrew.
11. Complete Jesus' invitation: '____ Me.'

Crossword Answer Key



FOLLOW ME

by Kourtney Kovanis

Verse 1

God called ordinary men
To stop their work; start listening
Peter, Andrew, James and John

Dropped their nets and went

Chorus

Jesus said, "Follow me"
On the shores of Galilee
To follow Him we act like Him
And do what He commands

Ya-da, da, da, da, da
da, da, da, da, da, da
R-r-r-rah, da, da, da, da, da, da
Da, da, da, da, da, dahh!

Verse 2

If you want to follow Him
Show His love; try not to sin
Trust in God like Jesus did
Even when it's hard

(Repeat Chorus)

[Interlude]

Verse 3

I know God is there for me
He'll fight off my enemies

God will keep His promises

And grow a family

Chorus

Jesus said, "Follow me"
On the shores of Galilee
To follow Him we act like Him
We'll do what He commands

Ya-da, da, da, da, da
da, da, da, da, da, da
R-r-r-rah, da, da, da, da, da, da
Da, da, da, da, da, dahh!

Hey, Oh, Hey, Oh...Hey!