

Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed.
Answer to puzzle on front: the Kingdom of Heaven

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What did Jesus say as He began to
preach by the sea?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to
fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...



... is at hand.

Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophecy about Jesus...



he people who walked in _ _ _ _ _
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom
a _ _ _ _ _ has shone.

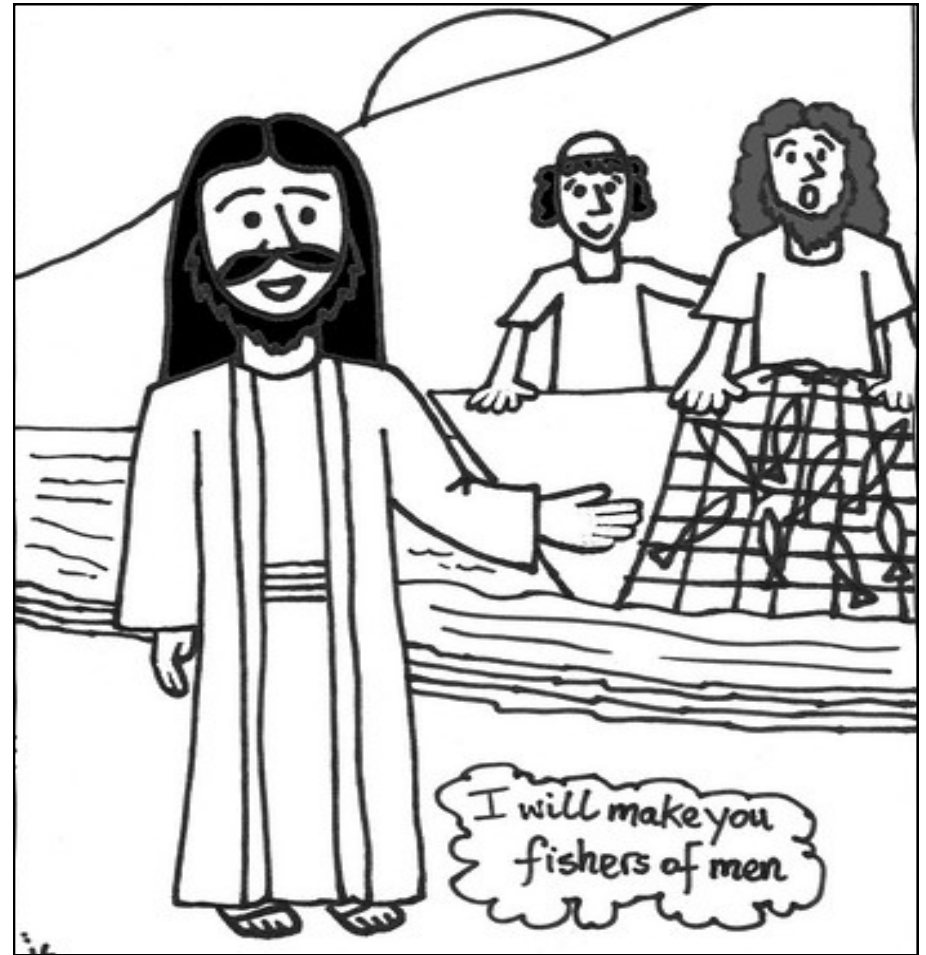
You have brought them abundant _ _ _
and great rejoicing
as they rejoice before you as at the _ _ _ _ _ ,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the _ _ _ _ _ that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have _ _ _ _ _ ,
as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks
in the prophecy from today's first reading.

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In our Gospel story this week we hear how Jesus called two brothers to follow him. Can you colour in the picture of Jesus and the brothers who were fishermen? Do you know their names?



Write their names here: _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _

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