

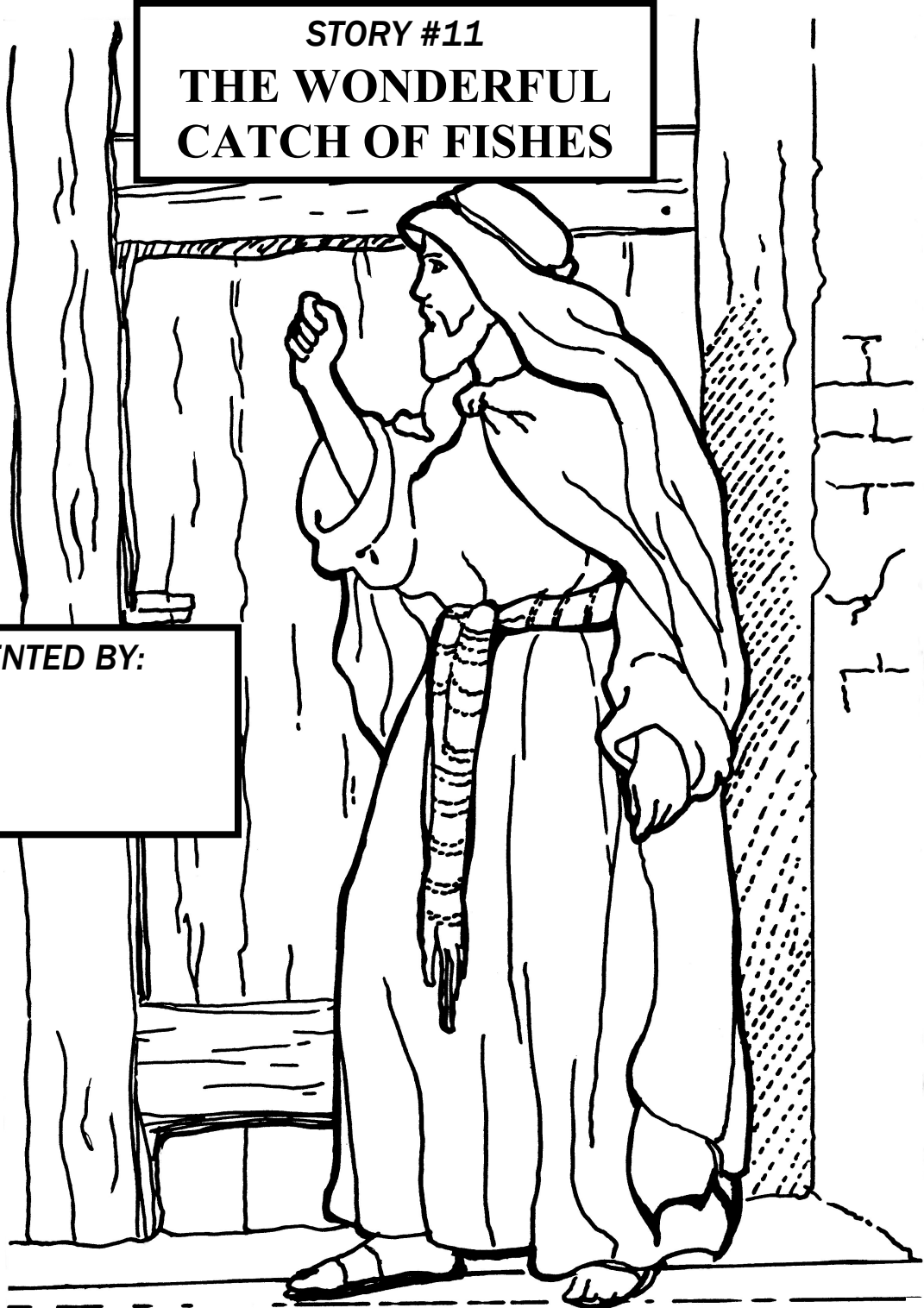
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BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN TO READ AND COLOR

STORY #11

THE WONDERFUL CATCH OF FISHES

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LUKE 5:1-11

One day Jesus was standing by a lake. Fishermen were washing their fish nets. A crowd of people came down to the shore because they wanted to hear more about Jesus and what He had to say. Jesus asked one of the fishermen, named Peter, if He could use his boat for a pulpit (*place to preach*). When Jesus finished teaching, He said to Peter: *"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."* Peter knew this was not good fishing-sense. Midday is not the best time to fish, and deep water is not the best place to fish. But He did just as Jesus told him. Peter and his friends caught so many fish that their boat began to sink. They needed help to bring all the fish to shore. Now they knew that Jesus was not just an ordinary man, but Christ, the Lord, the Savior of the world. Peter, James and John were willing to leave their boats and their business behind and follow Jesus.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You have the power to do all things. We thank you for being our Savior and doing for us what we could not do for ourselves (save us from our sins). Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize:

MATTHEW 19:26

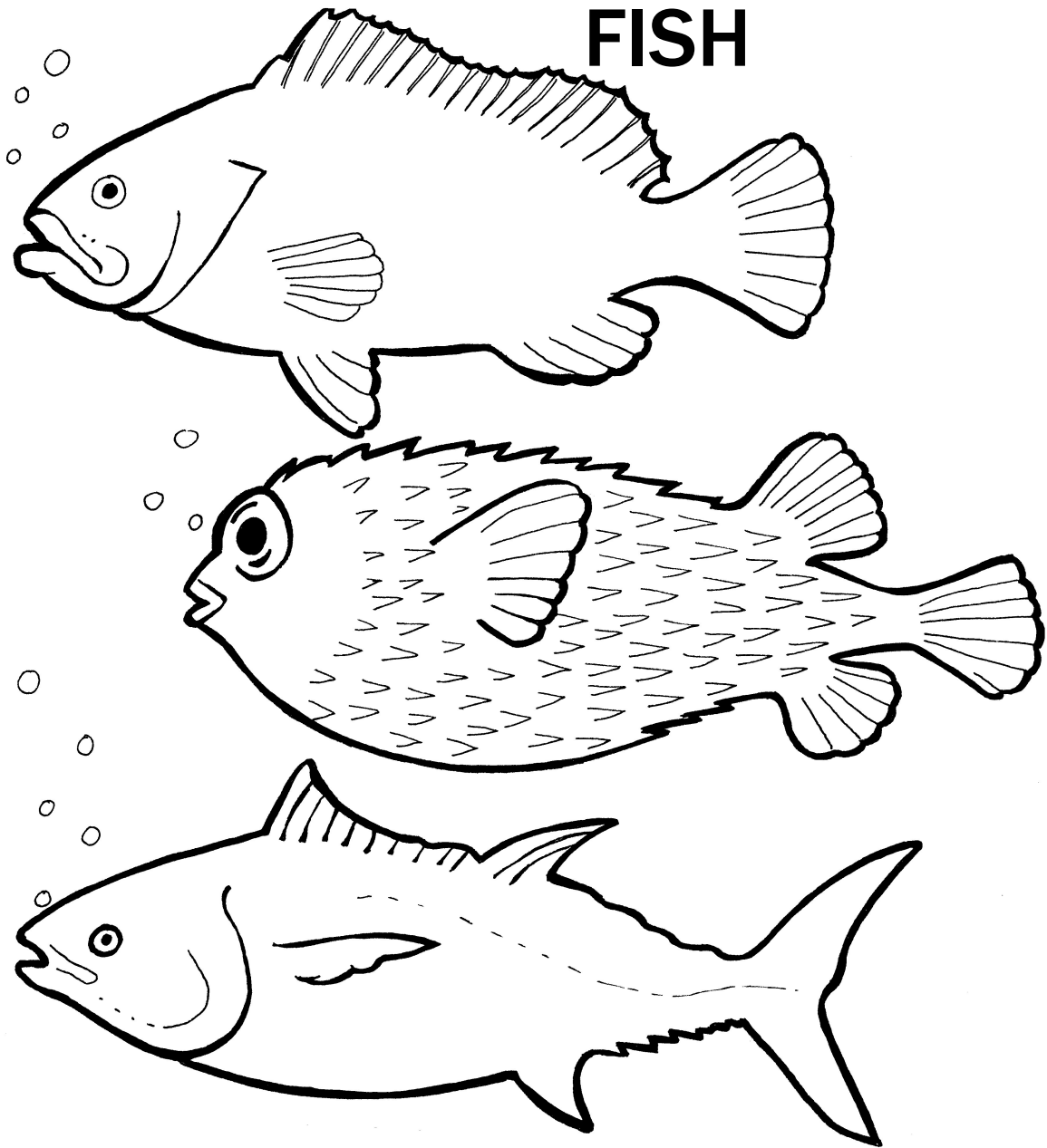
"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

COLOSSIANS 1:16

"For by Him (Jesus) all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible."

FISH



There are many kinds of fish. Some are tiny and some are very big. Some live in fresh water lakes and rivers and others live in the salt water oceans. Many people keep fish as pets.

Peter left his fishing to be a disciple of Jesus.

LUKE 5:8-11

When Simon Peter saw this (*all the fish that had been caught with Jesus' help*) he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "*Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!*" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 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 catch men.*" So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

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