

Year A - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 4:17-23

Catching People



Background When someone goes fishing, they need bait to catch a fish! Something like a worm or squid! But we wouldn't do that with people! When we want to catch people with God's love, we have to share other special things with them! Things like love and kindness!

- Instructions** **To prepare:**
- Print and cut out the fish images on the following page (card would be best if you have it).
 - Place a paperclip on the tip of each fish.
 - Create a fishing rod using a piece of dowel, string and a magnet.

With the children:

- Place a cloth on the floor with the fish scattered on the cloth.
- Discuss with the children the words Jesus said, 'now you will be fishes of men'. When someone goes fishing, they need bait to catch a fish! Something like a worm or squid! But we wouldn't do that with people!
- When we want to catch people with God's love, we have to share other special things with them! Things like love and kindness! What else?
- Then invite the children to take turns to 'catch' a fish using the magnetic rod. As they are 'fishing' invite them to share something they can do to be kind or loving to others.



