



Activity Booklet

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." --
Ephesians 2:10*

Matthew 17 - Peter and His Master Pay Their Taxes

Read the story of Peter and the Fish, try and figure out the meaning of each picture as you come to it.

24 When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?"

25 He said, "Yes."



And when he had come into the , Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think,



Simon? From whom do the kings of the take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers."

Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a



, and take the



that comes up



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, you will find a piece of



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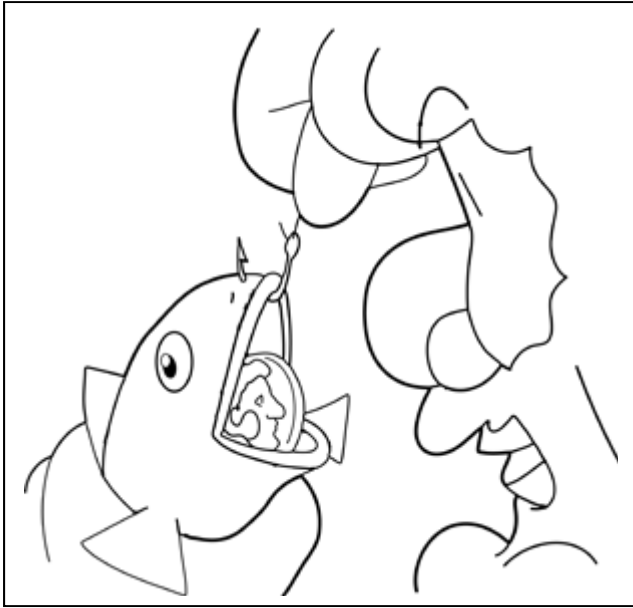
them for Me and you."

Today we read and learned about finding Jesus by obeying His Word like Peter did.

What can we learn from this? Read the statements and then look up the verses to see what else you can learn from the Bible. Fill in the blanks to remember what it says.

1. Peter wanted to serve God. This was his passion. He faithfully waited on God to reveal His plan for him. Are you living for yourself, or are you searching for God's will? Give God a chance. He has a perfect plan for you!

[1 Corinthians 2:9](#) [Ephesians 2:10](#) [Philippians 2:13](#)



For we are God's _____,
created in Christ Jesus to do _____
works, which God prepared in _____ for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10 NIV version

2. In the story of Flippy, Flippy had a desire to serve God. Flippy believed in her ability to serve and shared this desire to serve with her friends. They didn't understand or know God the way Flippy did. So instead of agreeing with Flippy, they laughed at her. Sometimes it may be best to keep your dreams between you and God. If you tell others, be prepared to face some ridicule. But if your friends do laugh, simply do what Flippy did, smile and walk (swim) away. Don't let their unbelief or fear change what you know is true.

[Psalm 1:1-3](#) [16:5-11](#) [37:1-6](#)

¹ Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the _____ or stand in the way of _____ or sit in the seat of mockers.
² But his delight is in the _____ of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and _____.
³ He is like a tree planted by streams of _____, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not _____.
Whatever he does prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3



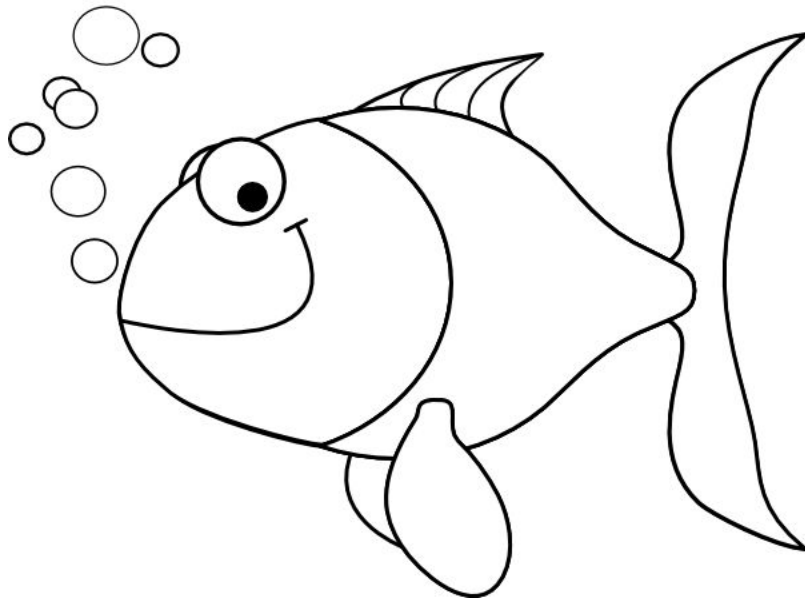
3. When Jesus told Peter what to do and Peter acted on Jesus' words, Peter obeyed Jesus and have faith that what He said would come true. Only God could have known where a coin was in the Sea of Galilee that would be the exact amount of tax owed. And only God could have commanded a fish that would be ready to retrieve it and deliver to Peter. God miraculously supplied Peter's needs and He will supply everything you need as well. All He is waiting on is for you to have the faith to believe He will do what He says He will.

[Psalm 23:1](#) [Isaiah 58:11](#) [Matthew 6:25-33](#)

4. Peter was willing to listen and obey what Jesus asked Him to do. In this hectic world it is very easy to forget to spend time in prayer or reading the Words of Jesus. Make sure you make this a priority and obey God. God is speaking to you, are you listening? [Psalm 46:10-11](#) [John 10:1-5](#) [10:27-28](#) [Philippians 1:9-11](#)

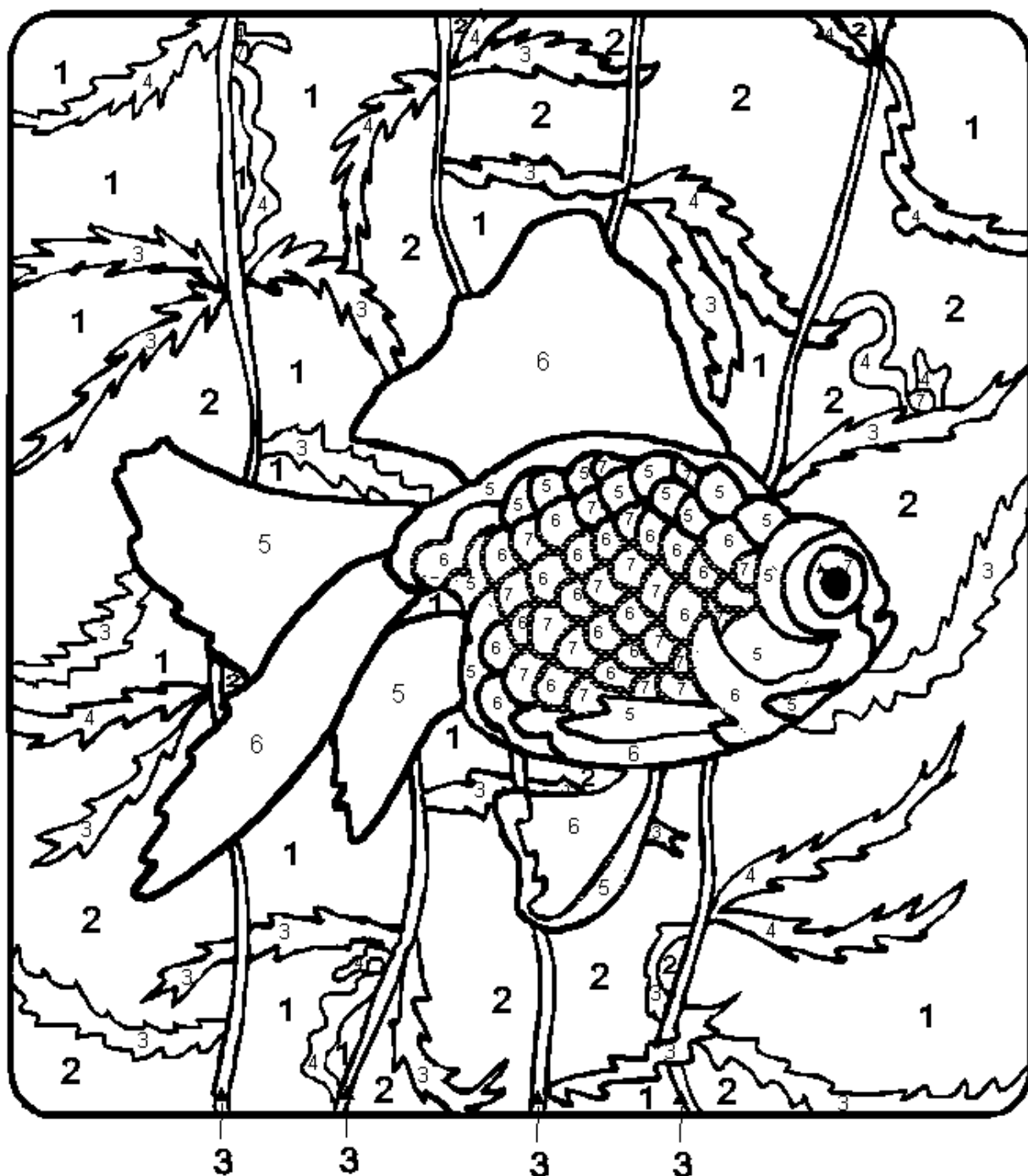
John 10:27-28

²⁷My _____ listen to my voice; I know them, and they _____ me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never _____; no one can _____ them out of _____ hand.



Putting It All Together

- God has a special plan for your life.
- Reading the Bible, praying, attending church services, and worshipping God will prepare you for whatever God has planned for you.
- If God tells you to do something in the Bible, don't ever be afraid. He will protect you if you trust Him.
- God wants to talk to you. He does this through providing us with the Bible. Make sure you are listening to God by reading what He says.



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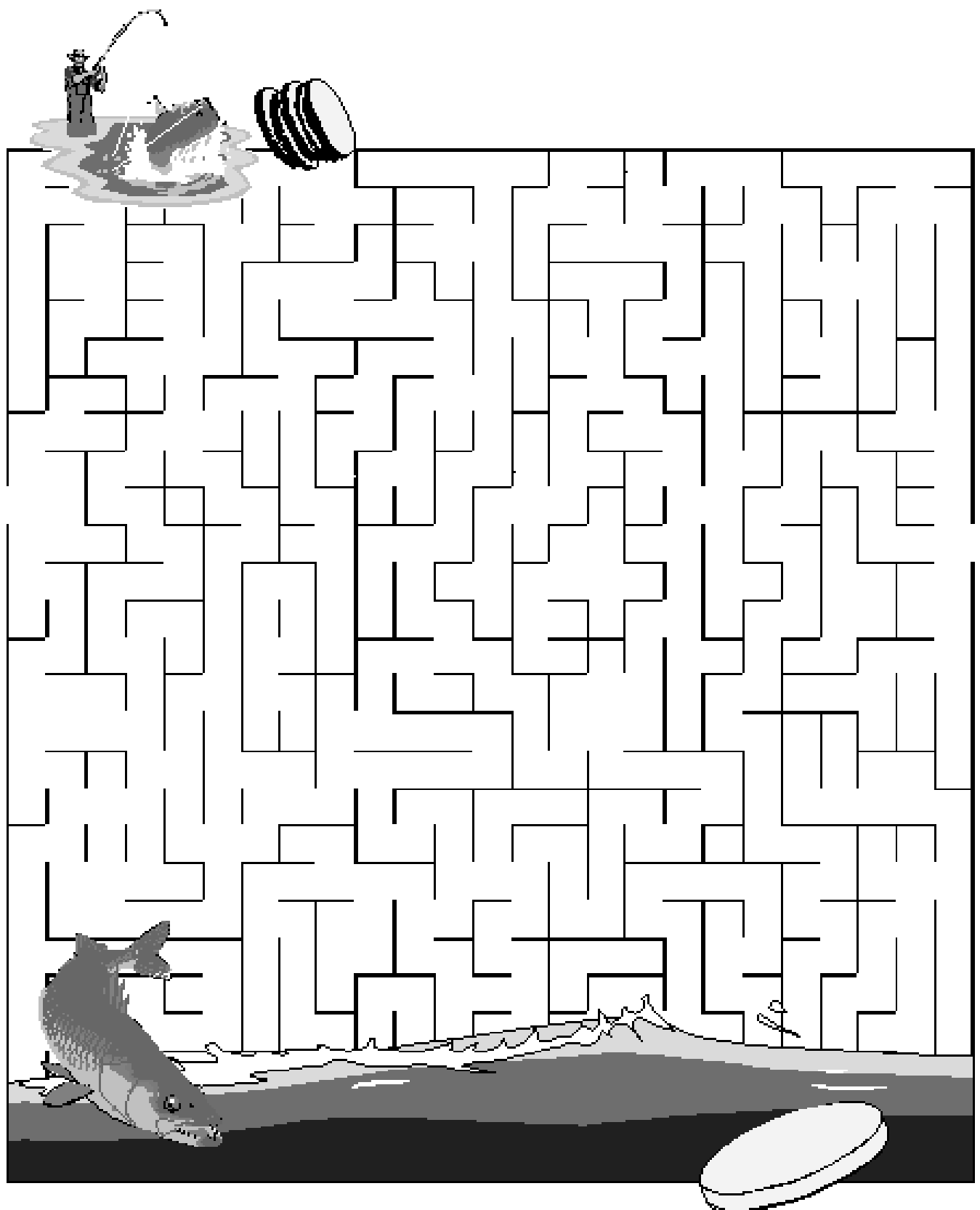
5 - brown/copper

6 - orange/peach

7 - yellow/gold

Be like Peter and try and catch the fish with the coin!

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Word Search

Look for words across, down, or diagonal

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king	free	hook	cast	fish	mouth
open	money	give	strangers	first	