

Story and activities for the very young to use in church or at home.

The Promise of a Helper

A story based on John 14:15–21

Jesus' friends were huddled together. They missed Jesus. They didn't know what they were going to do now that Jesus wasn't with them. They felt lost and afraid. They felt so alone. Who would help them live in God's way?

But then one friend spoke up, "Wait, friends, do you remember what Jesus told us before he went to be with God?"

Everyone stopped to think. Everyone stopped and tried to remember.

"Yes, yes," we remember they said. "Yes, yes, we remember those wonderful words." In their minds, they all pictured Jesus sitting with them. They all imagined Jesus saying these wonderful words.

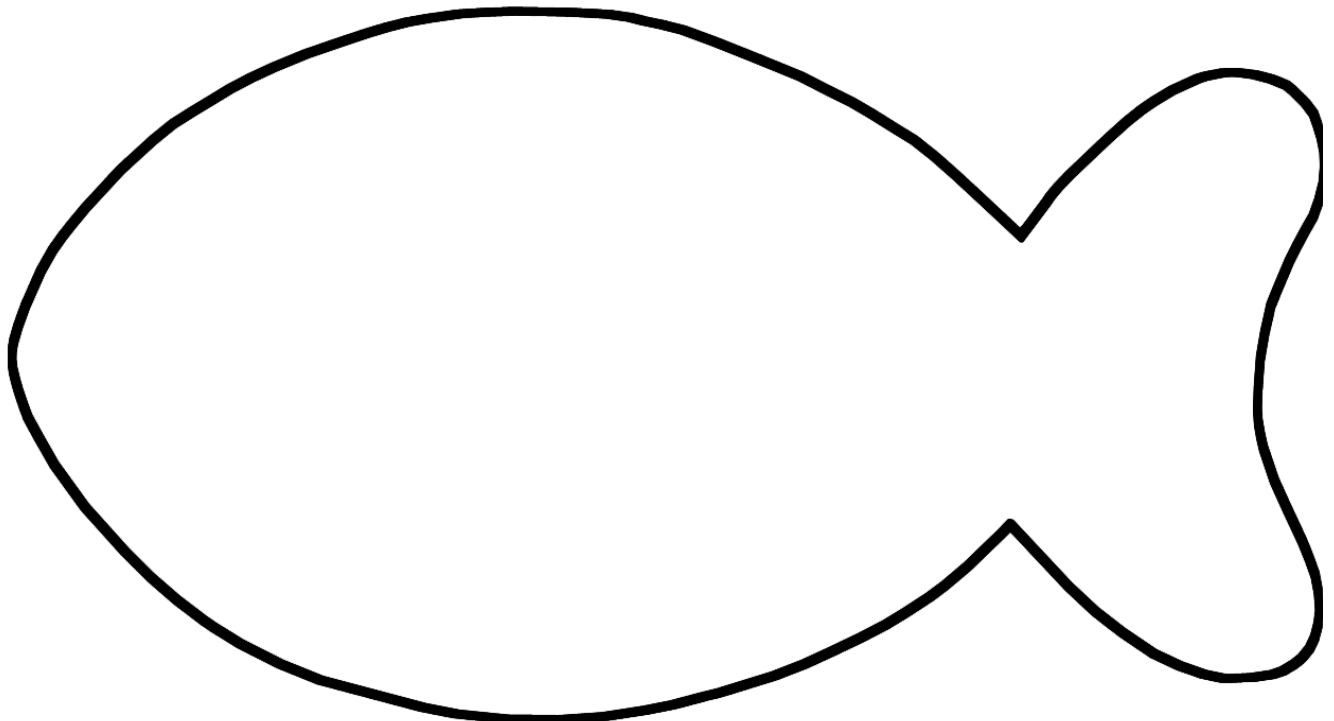
"My dear friends," said Jesus smiling, "don't be afraid. Don't worry. You will never, ever be alone! I will send a helper to remind you how to live in God's way. You will know that this helper is with you because of how you feel inside. You will walk around with my love in your hearts."

Now Jesus' friends looked at one another. This was good news to remember!

Craft, Action Song, Puzzle...

The people in the first Christian churches loved Jesus very much. They always tried to love and help other people and spread God's love. The fish shape remind-

ed the people in the first Christian churches to love each other and help each other. Write or draw one or two of those ways you love and help others in the fish shape.



Cut around the solid lines and fold along the broken lines. Open out and decorate the panels.

