Lesson 1: Sending

Today's Bible Story

One day, Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together by the Sea of Tiberias. "I'm going fishing!" Simon announced.

"We'll go with you," the other disciples agreed. So they all got into a boat and pushed off from shore. All night they fished, but they didn't catch a thing.

When morning came, the tired disciples saw someone was standing on the shore. It was Jesus, but the disciples didn't know that.

"Children, do you have any fish?" Jesus called out. "No," they replied. "Cast your net on the right side of the boat," Jesus said. So they did. Suddenly, their net was full of fish. In fact, it was so full that the disciples could not lift it up!

"It's the Lord!" one of the disciples shouted. Hearing this, Peter was so excited that he jumped into the water and began swimming to shore. The others followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. Before long, they all reached dry land, where some fish was cooking over a charcoal fire.

"Bring some of the fish you just caught," Jesus said, pointing to the net. So Simon Peter hauled the overflowing net to the shore. It was full of large fish: 153 in all! But amazingly, the net was not torn.

"Come," Jesus said, "have breakfast." The disciples didn't dare ask Jesus, "Who are you?" Even though he hadn't said his name, they all knew that he was the Lord.

Then, taking the fish and some bread, Jesus shared the food with the disciples. This was the third time he had appeared to them after being raised from the dead.



From John 21:1-19

Bible Rhyme

One morning, Peter and his friends
were tired as they could be.
They'd fished all night but had not caught
one fish — nor two, nor three!

But then a stranger on the shore
told them to cast their net
back out again, where sure enough,
they found some seafood yet!

Who was this stranger on the shore?
Lord Jesus! It was he!
And after feeding all his friends,
he told them, "Follow me!"

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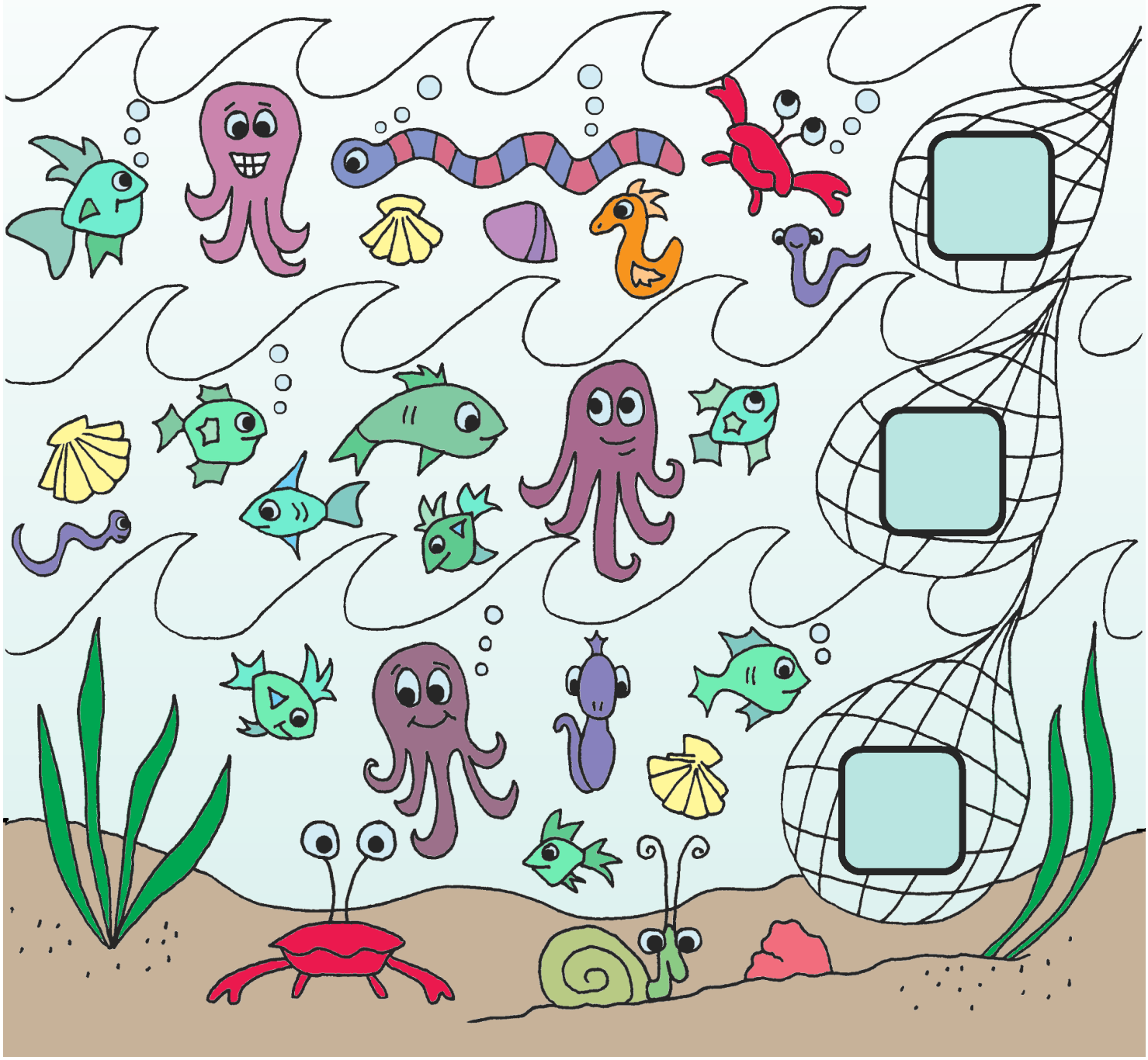
In today's story, the disciples were out catching fish, but the fish were hard to find!

Search this page and count just the fish at each level of the sea. Don't count the other creatures. Then, write the number of fish in each level in the boxes on the nets to the right.



What is the total number of fish that you count on this sheet? _____

Can you identify the other creatures that are shown above?

Do you remember how many fish the disciples caught that day on the sea? _____

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