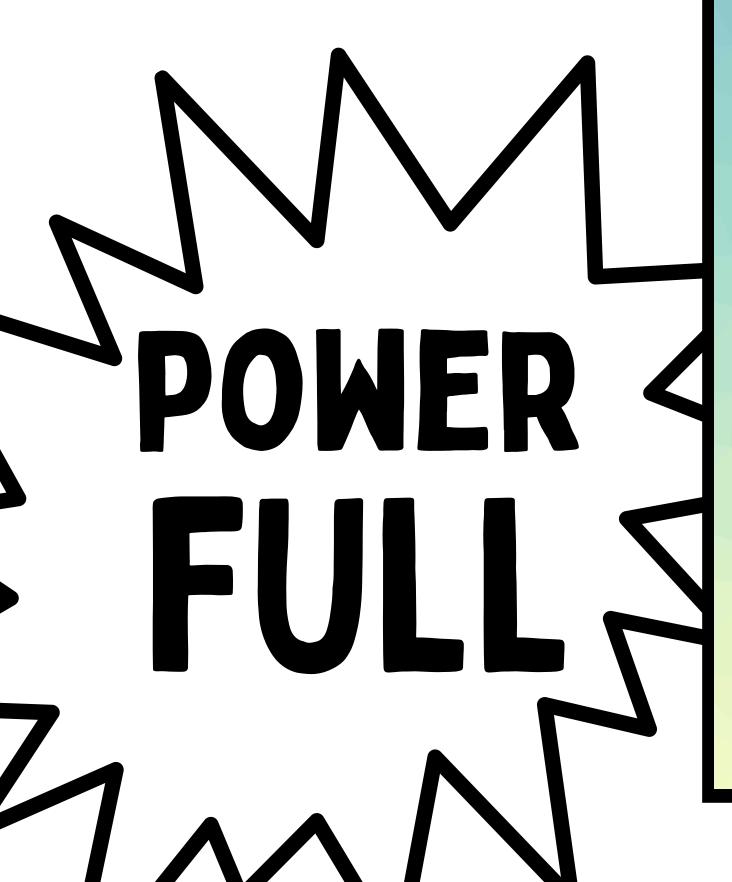


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- Custom sermon note pages for kids to enjoy during the service
- Colouring / Activity pages
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- Memory verse cards





For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Tim 1:7 NIV

JAN 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - FOR OLDER CHILDREN 🥏

The Spirit God gave us gives us power!



from 2 Tim 1:7

NIV

MEMORY VERSE

JAN 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN 🥏

FAMILY MANAGEMENT DEVOTIONAL

Gather your family and give them each a paper and pen. Then ask each person to write four things (item/pet/person) they would take with them if they had to flee your home very quickly, like in the event of a fire. Once everyone has written down their four points, take time to discuss what each person wrote down.

It's interesting to see what everyone thought was important, isn't it? Were some things mentioned more than once? Choosing just four items out of all that we own and hold dear is really hard. Did you want to pick more than just four? It's hard to think of leaving so many things behind. Part of you might feel sad, because you would miss everything you left behind. And another part of you might feel scared, thinking you'd left behind something very important that you would need later. Thankfully, we don't have to make those choices but in today's Bible story some people left everything behind to follow Jesus. Read Luke 5:1-11.

Right after Jesus began his ministry, He chose some men to come with Him as He traveled and preached. We know these men as the 12 disciples. You might think these guys were special somehow; like maybe they had memorized the whole Bible, or maybe they spent more time praying than sleeping. Actually, the truth is they were just regular guys. They sinned just like we do, they weren't perfect, and they didn't do anything to deserve traveling with Jesus and becoming one of His disciples.

The first two men Jesus called were actually brothers, Simon Peter (we'll call him SP) and Andrew, who were fishermen spending their days out on the Sea of Galilee casting nets and catching fish. Fishing was very important because it provided them with food to eat (although they probably wished sometimes they could eat something else for dinner) and it provided them with money. Any fish they didn't eat they could sell at a market to have money to buy food, clothes, fishing supplies, and anything else they might need.

In our story, SP is exhausted from fishing all night long and kinda talks back to Jesus because he didn't know who Jesus was. SP tells Jesus that their all-nighter on the boat didn't bring in a big catch. If Peter was a decent fisherman, he would have known exactly where to go to catch the fish but still he came up short. Yet SP obeys Jesus' request, even though he doesn't agree with it. We should remember that next time we want to disagree with God – he still requires our obedience even if we're tired and think we know better than He does!

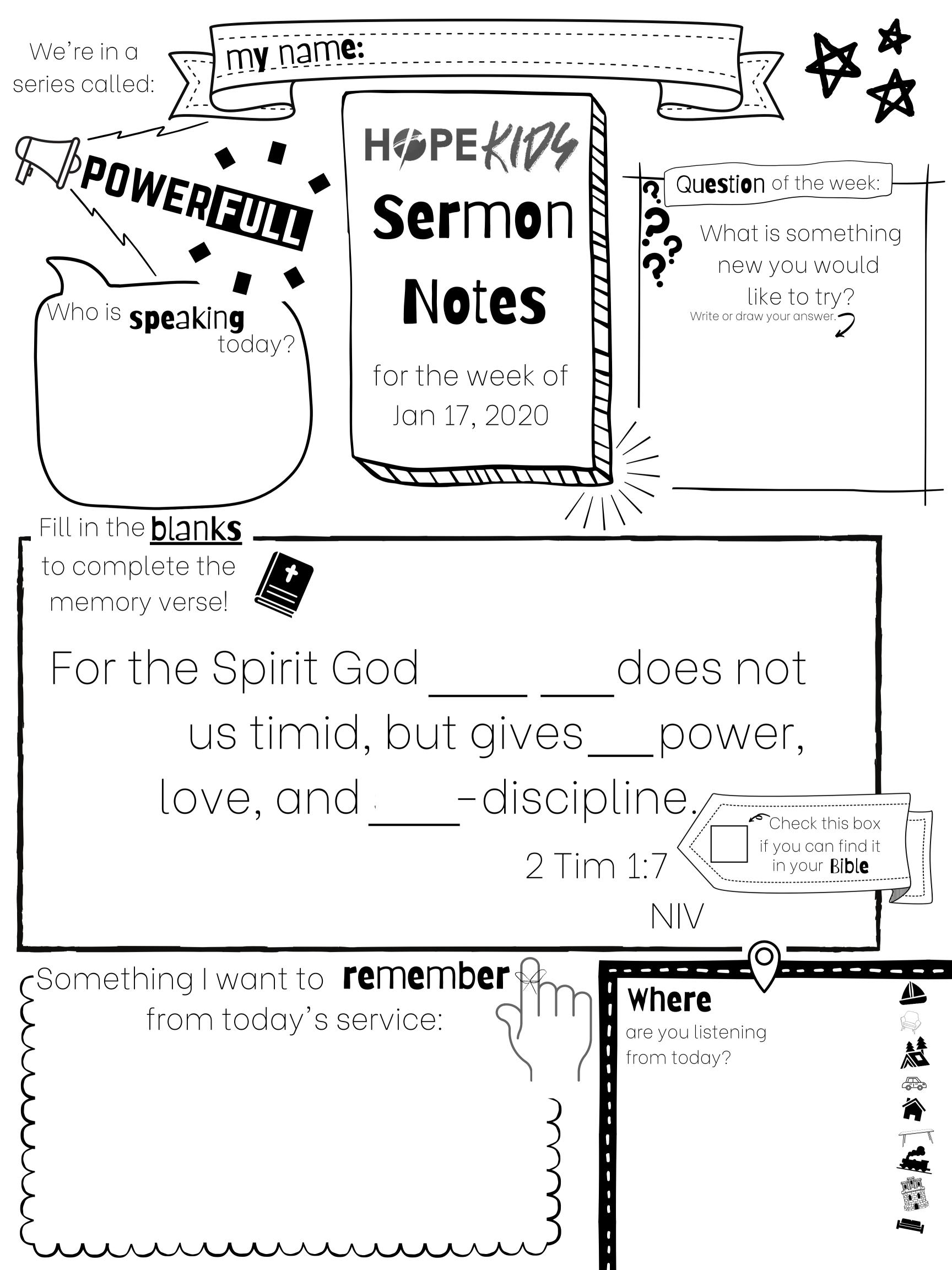
Then the unthinkable happens and two boatloads of fish are caught! Suddenly SP recognizes his smallness and his sinfulness in the presence of Jesus' amazing power and he immediately repents! Good for him! We should remember to act this quickly to repent when faced with the incredible power of God in our lives. And now the craziest part of the story happens. SP and Andrew pull up the boats on the shore – remember these are boats completely filled with fish that would feed their families

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and provide income for a long time – and they walk away from it to follow Jesus. WHAT???? What happened to the two boatloads of fish? Did somebody else claim that? Did it sit on the shore and rot away?

We aren't told what happens to the boatloads of fish because in Jesus' kingdom, people are always more important than possessions. When we choose Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we should remember that He came to save people, not stuff. Would you be willing to leave everything behind, including the four things on your list, to follow Jesus if He asked you to? Maybe Jesus' request to you won't be that drastic but He does ask us to give up things to follow Him and to know His power in your life. What things do you need to give up to follow Jesus with your whole heart – a bad attitude about school, a mean spirit towards someone you don't like, gossiping about others, a fear that you won't be liked, a rebellious nature towards your mom and dad, or _____ (you fill in the blank). Remember, we get to be a part of Jesus' amazing mission on earth when we surrender to Him and obey what He asks us to do.

Take time to pray, asking Jesus to help you give up what He asking you to so you can join Him on His mission to save the world!







Fish in the Net Coloring Page

