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WILD ZONE

FISHING TOURS UNLIMITED

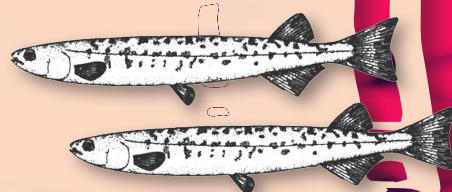
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WHITEBAIT



Uncle Maui took Torrance and Cooper to the Waita River on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand to catch whitebait. These very little fish are hard to see in the water. They swim in groups up-stream in Spring. There are strict rules about the size and shapes of nets to catch them. Torrance and Cooper dragged scoop nets through the water. Uncle Maui set a net on a frame in the river.

It was very exciting! They camped beside the river in a tent and got up very early to fish. They caught just enough to cook them in batter for breakfast. They tasted great. Then Uncle Maui told them this story.



A STORM

"Jesus! Wake up! There's a terrible storm. We could all drown."

Even Peter was frightened as the huge waves crashed into his small boat and started to fill it. He was a fisherman and used to storms, but he'd never seen it as rough as this.

But Jesus didn't seem worried. He was fast asleep in the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. He'd been very busy healing and teaching and now he was tired.

Jesus woke and stood in the boat. In a loud voice he spoke to the wind and waves.

"Be still," he said.

Suddenly the wind stopped and the sea became strangely calm. Storms never stop straightaway. Usually it takes some time for the wind and waves to calm down. It was awesome. Peter and the other friends of Jesus were amazed.

Jesus said, "Why were you so scared? Didn't you trust me?"

Peter and the others were awe-struck. They didn't know that even the wind and waves obeyed Jesus.

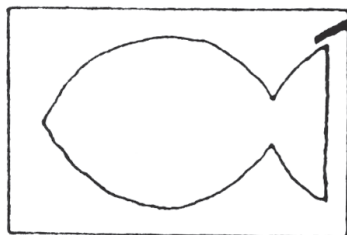
"Who is this man? How can he work this wonder?" they asked each other.

Read the story for yourself from the Bible in Mark 4:33 – 41.



TO MAKE A FANCY FISH

1. Cut out a simple fish shape.



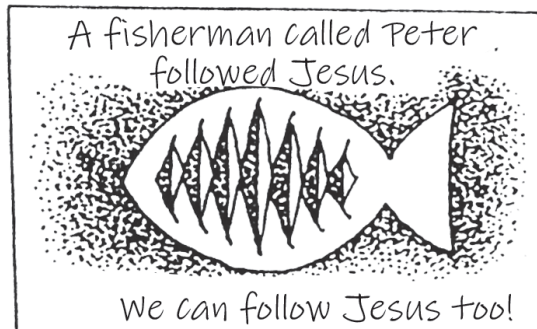
2. Fold in half and make angled cuts: longer in the middle, shorter on the outside.



3. Fold back each 'V' shape cut.



4. Mount on coloured paper and add a caption.



A VERSE TO LEARN

Can you read this verse? Here's a clue: leave out the letters Q and X.

Q W H X O Q I S X T H Q I S X M A Q N ? E V X E N
Q T H X E Q W I X N D Q A N X D Q W A X V E Q S
X O B Q E Y X H I Q M !

Check your answer by looking up Mark 4: 41 in a Good News Bible. Now write the verse and learn it.

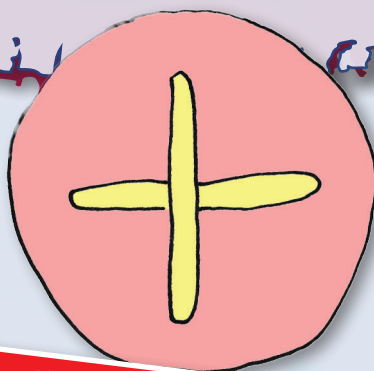
FISHING FOR FACTS

What did you find out about whitebait? Did you discover that the Maori name is inanga and the scientific name is galaxias? Well done! The best place to catch them is in the streams and rivers near the sea on the West Coast of the South Island in Spring. There are strict rules about when you can fish for whitebait.

Next month Uncle Maui will take Torrance and Cooper to catch rainbow trout. Try to find out when these fish were first brought to New Zealand and from where.

A PRAYER


Lord Jesus, thank you that you are always there with me, even in storms. Please help me to trust you more. Amen.



EASTER BISCUITS

You will need plain biscuits, icing sugar and food colouring. Ask an adult to help you mix the icing sugar and colour it.



Decorate some of the biscuit with a  to remind us that Jesus died. Decorate the others with a smiley face to say that we are glad Jesus came back to life again.