

# The Chosen

## Episode 4: *The Rock on Which It Is Built*

New people we will meet in this episode:

- Peter's mother-in-law: *Eema*
- Zebedee and sons, James & John
- John the Baptist
- Jesus has gathered some new disciples



### Shame & Honor Culture

Seeing Jesus from The East: Ravi Zacharias & Abdu Murray

*In an honor-shame culture one's moral emphasis and enforcement are usually external. Fear of disappointing (extended) family and the community and shaming oneself are the primary motivators for behaviors and beliefs. In a typical Western mindset I would feel guilty because I have done something bad; in an honor-shame framework I would be guilty because I am bad in society's eyes. Exercising the right to choose one's own religion by following the evidence wherever it may lead is not about doing something bad; it's about becoming someone bad.*

Mother & Son in Iraq

A Good Example in this Episode

Eden's brothers, Jehoshaphat & Abraham, try to *shame* Peter into taking Eden's sick mother into his home. Eden sides with Peter, but then talks about her own *honor* in caring for her mother: *If I can't be there for my own mother when she is sick, I am nothing – not a daughter, not a sister.*

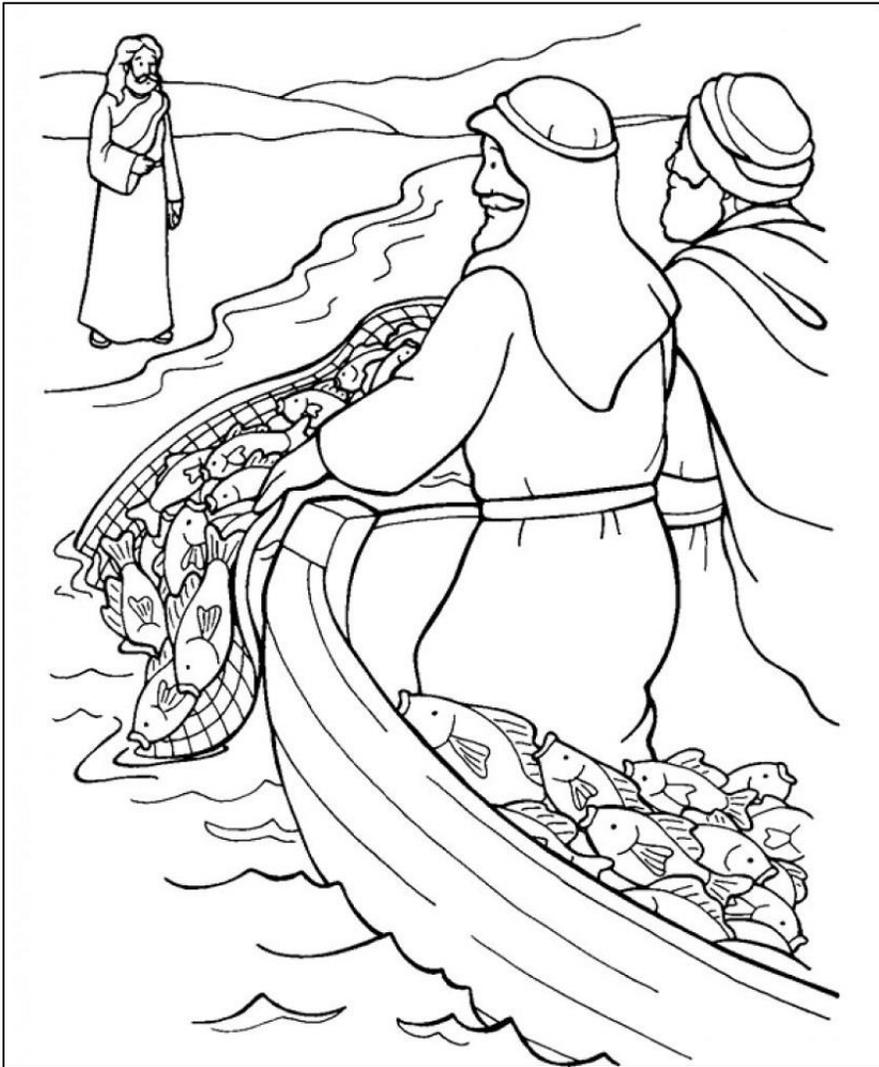
### Discussion Questions

1. What in Episode 4 caught your attention, surprised or confused you?
2. Which characters are portrayed as having faith? Which ones do not?
3. What did Peter say about doing good on the Sabbath? How did Eden respond?
4. How did Andrew come to believe that he had seen the Messiah?
5. What do you think Andrew meant when he said: *Anything is possible now!*
6. How is John the Baptist introduced and by whom?
7. What did Matthew say to Peter that gives some credence to the title of this episode?
8. How desperate do they portray Peter's situation?
9. Why is it significant that Zebedee and his sons join Peter in fishing that night?
10. What do you think was / is the purpose of Jesus' signs and miracles?

## FOR THE FAMILY:

Activities to help families connect with and reflect on *The Chosen* together.

Color the miraculous catch of fish!



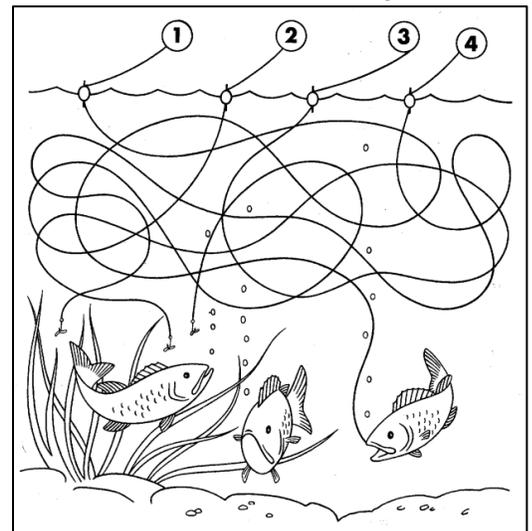
### Make a Connection:

Fish! Fish! Fish!

- Tell a favorite fishing story!
- Look at pictures from past fishing adventures.
- Go fishing!
- Watch a show about fishing!
- Have fish sticks for dinner. Don't forget the tartar sauce! Yummm!!!



Which line catches the fish?



### DID YOU KNOW ...

The Greek word for fish is "ichthus" (ΙΧΘΥΣ) and it was an acrostic about Jesus!

I ... Greek I (Iota) for "Iesous" which means "Jesus"  
Ch ... Greek X (Chi) for "Christos" which means "Christ"  
Th ... Greek Θ (Theta) for "Theou" which means "God"  
U ... Greek Y (Upsilon) for "Uios" which means "Son"  
S ... Greek Σ (Sigma) for "Soter" which means "Savior"

So "ichthus" stood for  
Jesus ... Christ ... God's Son ... Savior!

### Talk About It:

- Simon was trying to fix all his problems on his own and was even doing some dishonest things. How well was that working? Who did he finally have to trust to help him with his problem?
- Jesus told his new disciples that they would be "fishers of men". What does that mean? Are we also "fishers of men"?

