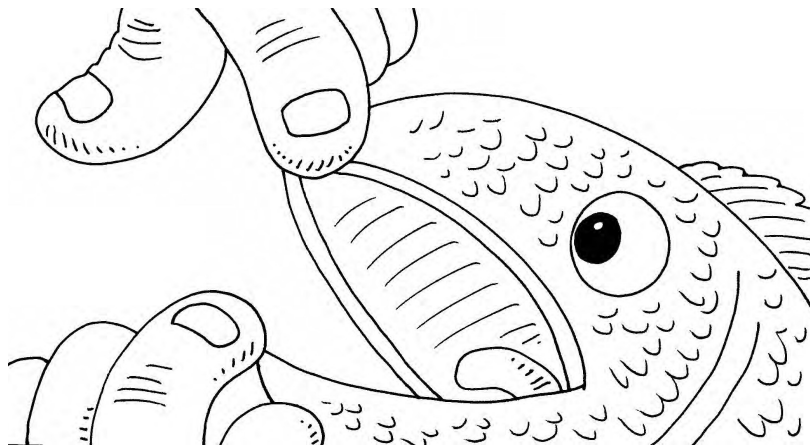
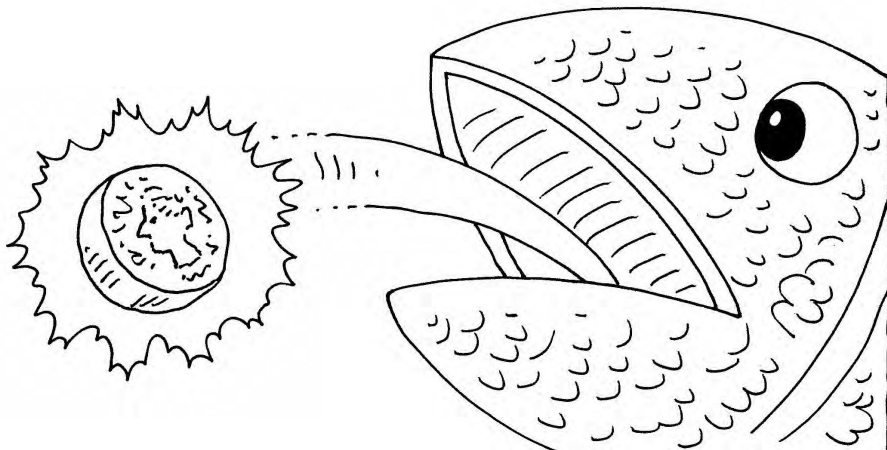


He quickly opened its mouth...

and yes! ...



In its mouth was a coin! Wow, that's amazing! And it was exactly enough to pay the temple taxes.



Peter must have run back to the house as fast as he could. He was so excited! I bet he told everybody about this miracle which happened. He probably left the fish at the house for the women to cook for lunch and ran to the temple to pay the taxes.

That day Peter started to understand that Jesus knows everything which happens to us and He will always be there to help us.

You can also read this story in the Bible in Matthew 17 v 24 - 27.

THE MONEY FISH - A MIRACLE

Do you like fishing? Or maybe you know someone who likes to go fishing.



I know a man called Peter, who was a fisherman. He lived in Israel in the time when Jesus was on earth. Jesus asked Peter to follow Him so that instead of just catching fish, Peter could tell people about God's love.

Jesus and his special friends who followed Him, went to many different places to tell people about God's love. Jesus also made many sick people well. Many people were very, very happy about that.



One day they went to a town, Capernaum. They also went into the temple to pray. A temple is a bit like a church building where people can go to hear more about God and sing happy songs to God. There were also people who worked in the temple. They made many rules for the people, which were not easy to follow. That is so sad. Most of them wanted to please God but they really didn't know God's love.

One of the rules was that visitors or strangers have to pay money if they wanted to visit the temple.

So one of the temple workers saw Peter. He knew that he followed Jesus. He wanted to trick Peter, so he asked him a difficult question.

"Doesn't your Master pay temple taxes?"

"Yes" Peter answered.



When Peter came back to the house where they were staying, Jesus was there. He knew that Peter was worried. He said to Peter :

"Peter, I also want to ask you a question. Do the kings of this world take taxes from their sons or from strangers?"



"That means that the sons of kings are free from all the rules which are made by the rulers in this world, hey?"

"Yes Master." Peter answered again.

Jesus was busy teaching Peter some very important lessons.

Jesus was also very humble and never thought of Himself as better than others, even though He is the Son of God. Some of the temple workers wanted to serve God but they hadn't yet realized that Jesus is the Son of God. So Jesus said to Peter :

"I don't want to push them away from Me, so I will give you a plan. Go to the sea, put your line in the water to catch a fish . And the first fish which you catch, will have some money in it's mouth. Then you can take that money and pay the temple taxes for you and Me."



So Peter listened to Jesus and went straight to the sea. He put some bait on the

fishing hook and threw his line into the water and waited.....

And then it happened....

He caught a fish!

