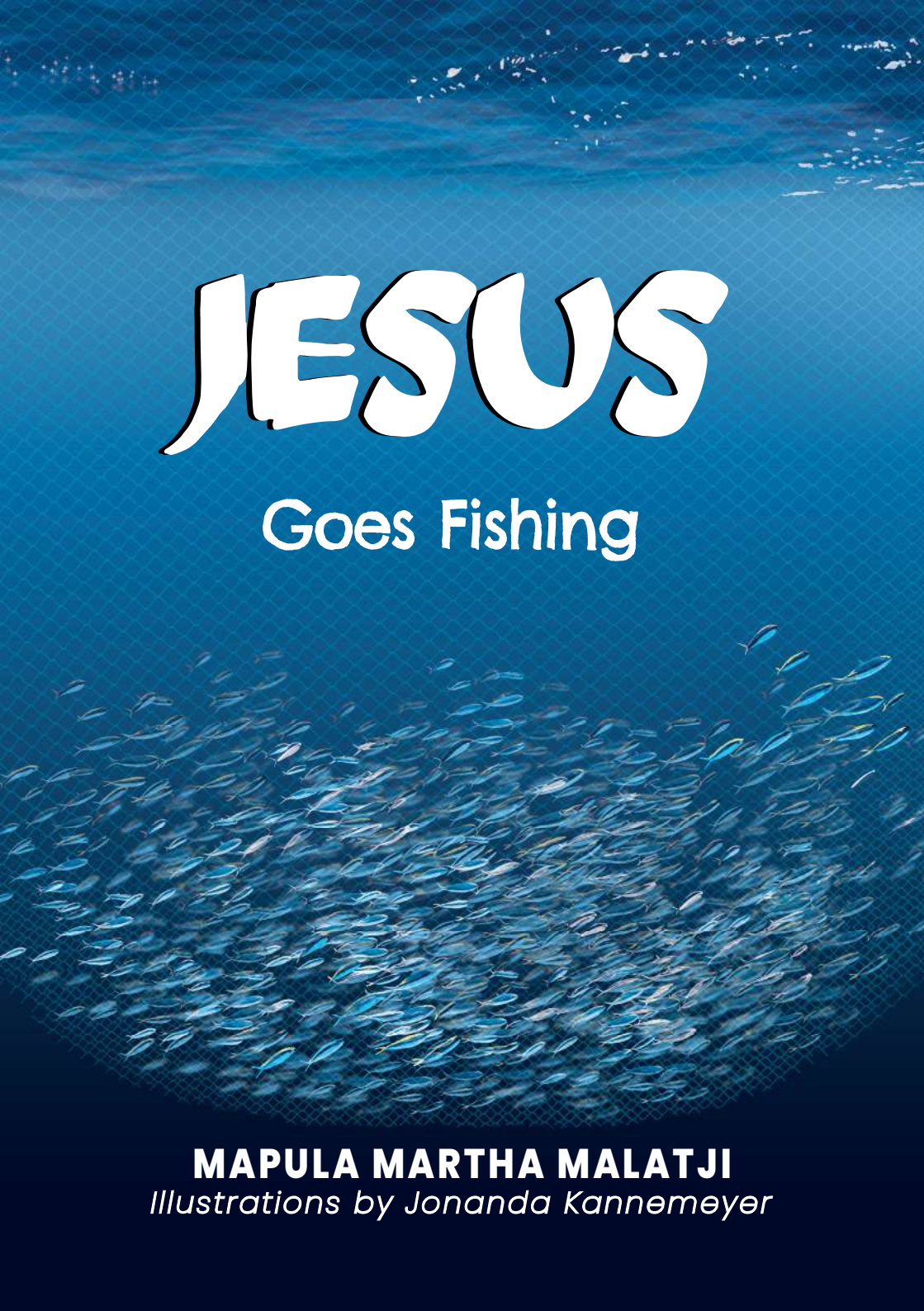

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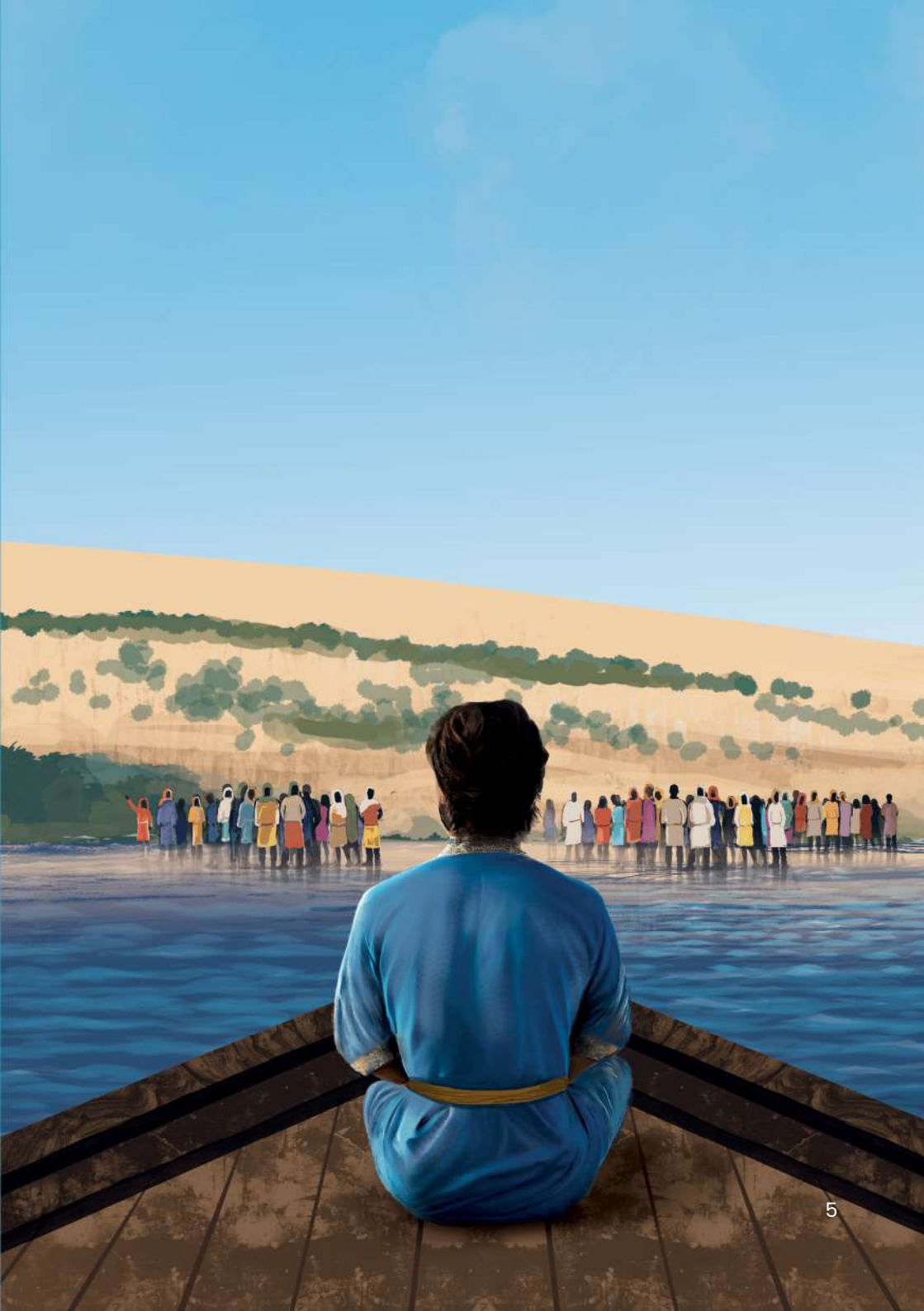
MATTHEW 4 and LUKE 5

One day Jesus was standing by a lake called Gennesaret in Israel. People were crowding around Him and listening to Him as He spoke.

At the edge of the water, He saw two boats that were left there by the fishermen. The fishermen were washing their nets.

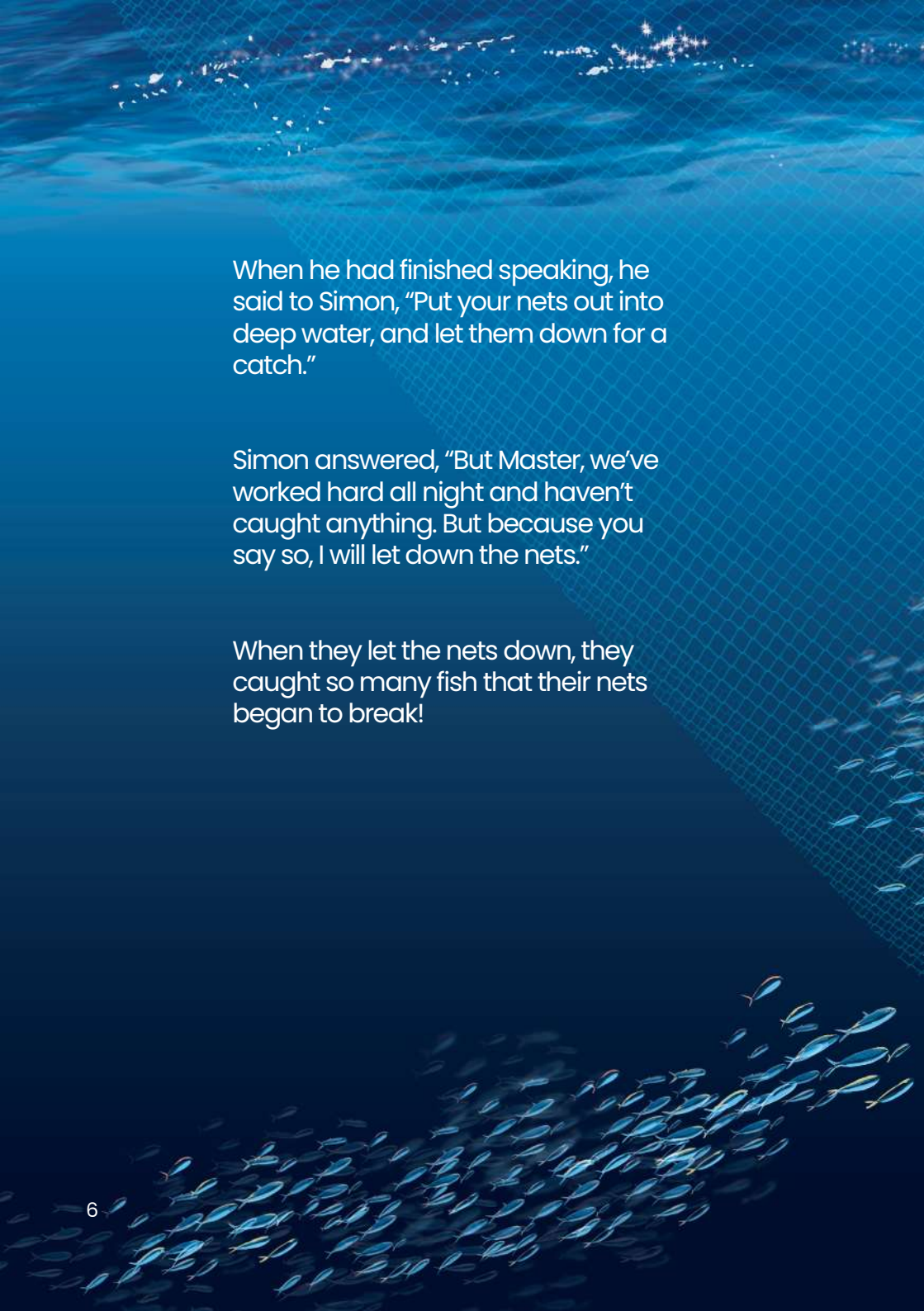
He got into one of the boats belonging to a man named Simon. Jesus asked Simon to go out a way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

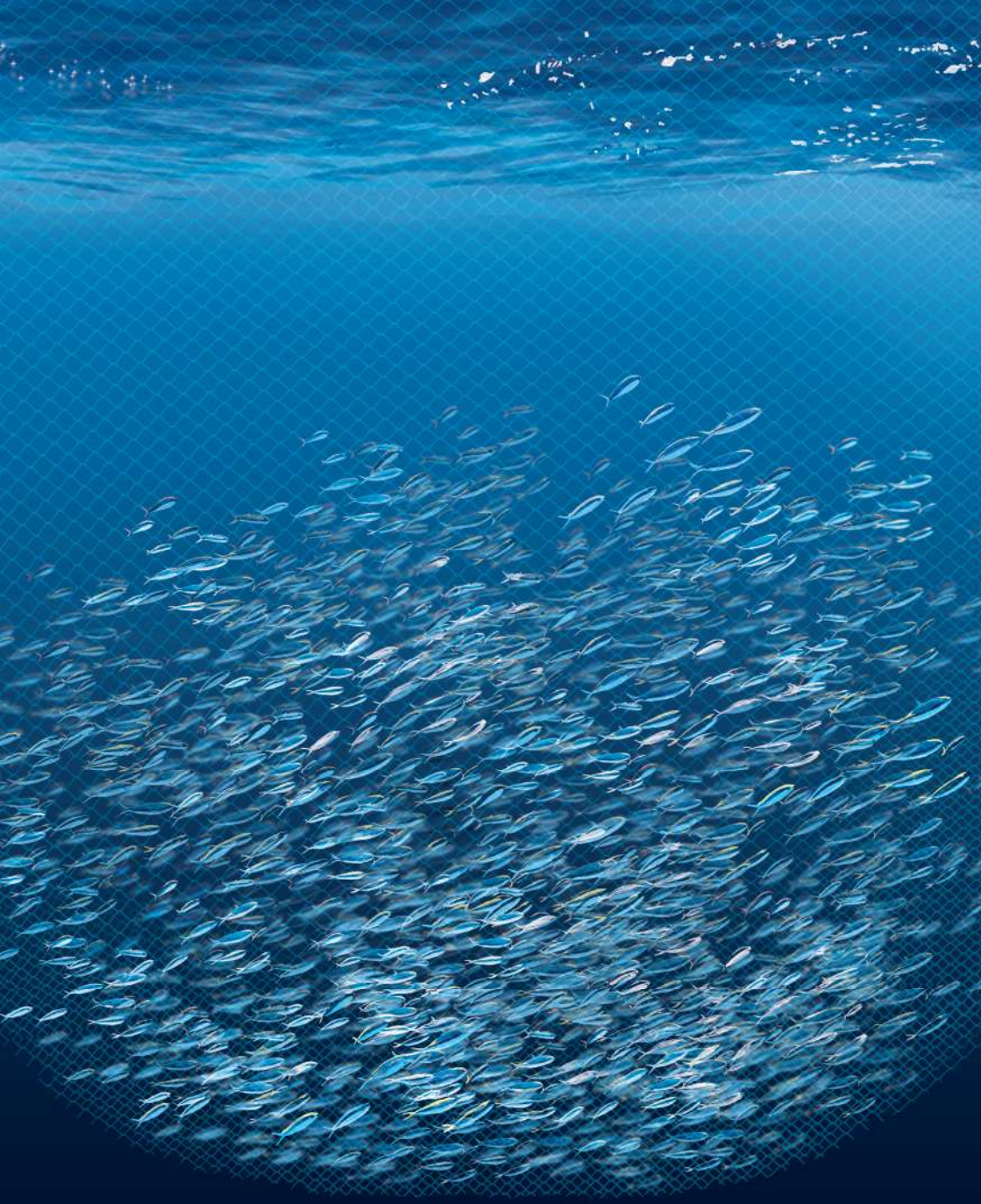


When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put your nets out into deep water, and let them down for a catch."

Simon answered, "But Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they let the nets down, they caught so many fish that their nets began to break!





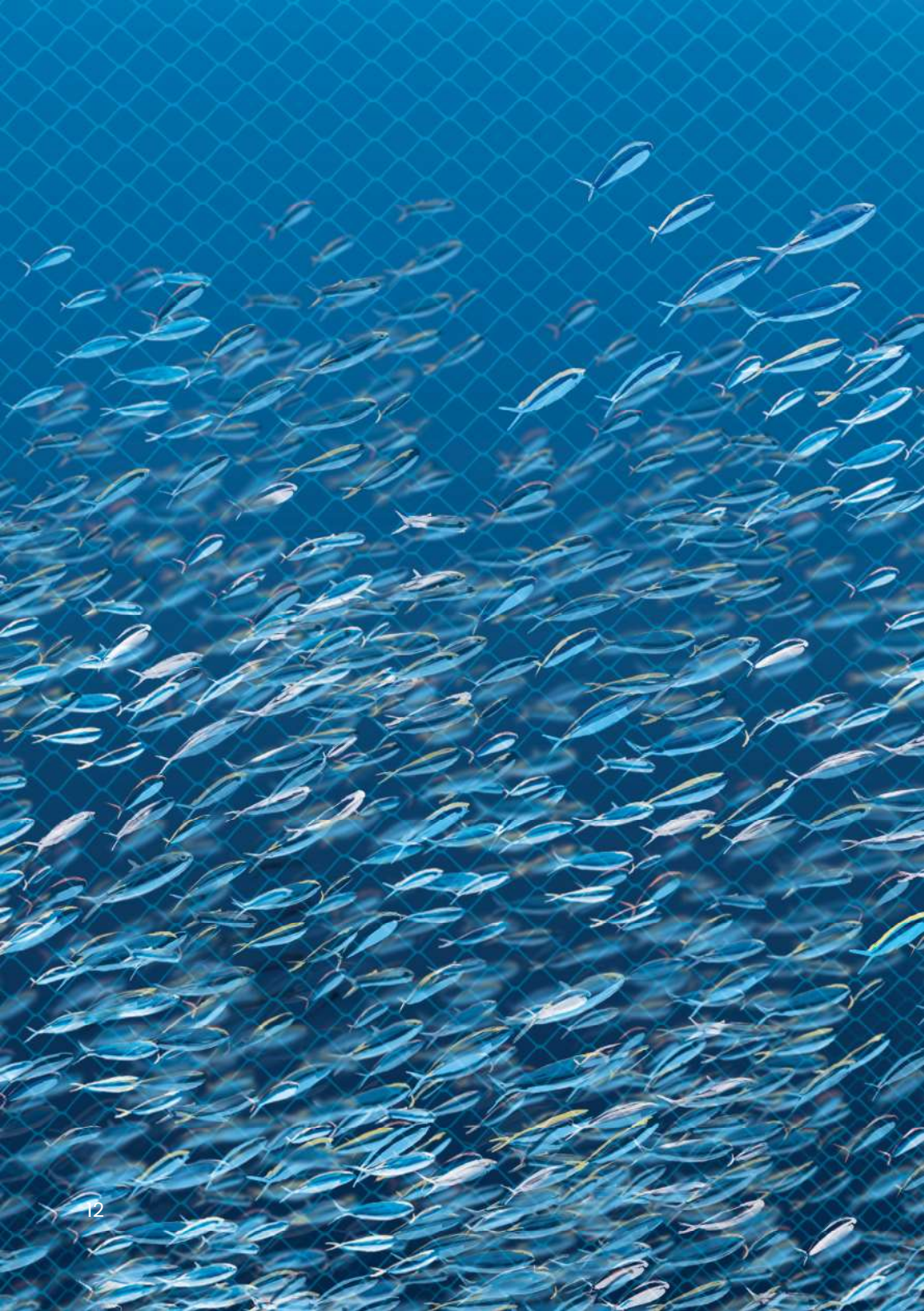
So they called to their friends in another boat to come and help them. Their friends arrived and both boats became so full of fish that they began to sink!

When Simon saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord, I am a sinful man! I do not deserve Your kindness!"

Simon and his friends were so surprised by how many fish they caught, because they caught nothing before Jesus' arrival. Peter's brother Andrew, along with James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also very surprised.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore.

Simon and his brother and friends were so moved by the miracle they had seen, they decided to leave behind their fishing nets, to follow Jesus and become His disciples.



Prayer

Dear Lord, please help me to trust in You, even when nothing seems to be working.

Questions

1. What were the disciples doing before they went fishing?
2. What did Jesus do after He and he disciples went out in the boat?
3. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
4. What happened after the disciples did what Jesus asked?
5. Do you believe in miracles? Why or why not?

Counting Fingers and Toes

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Lungi who could not understand maths. He loved to count using his fingers but would always confuse the numbers.

One day, the teacher taught the children how to count using the school books and this was done in a specific order. She told the learners to raise up their hands and count their fingers. She pointed at Lungi to lead the class.

Lungi counted 1 as 1 but counted 2 as 3, then 7 as 10. The whole class looked at him with surprise. Lungi dropped his head on the desk and cried, “My head, My head!”

The teacher asked Lungi what was wrong. He said, “When I try to count the numbers, I struggle a lot, I cannot get them right. It makes my head very sore.” The teacher listened closely. She started giving Lungi extra lessons after school and told him not to worry because she had a plan to help him.

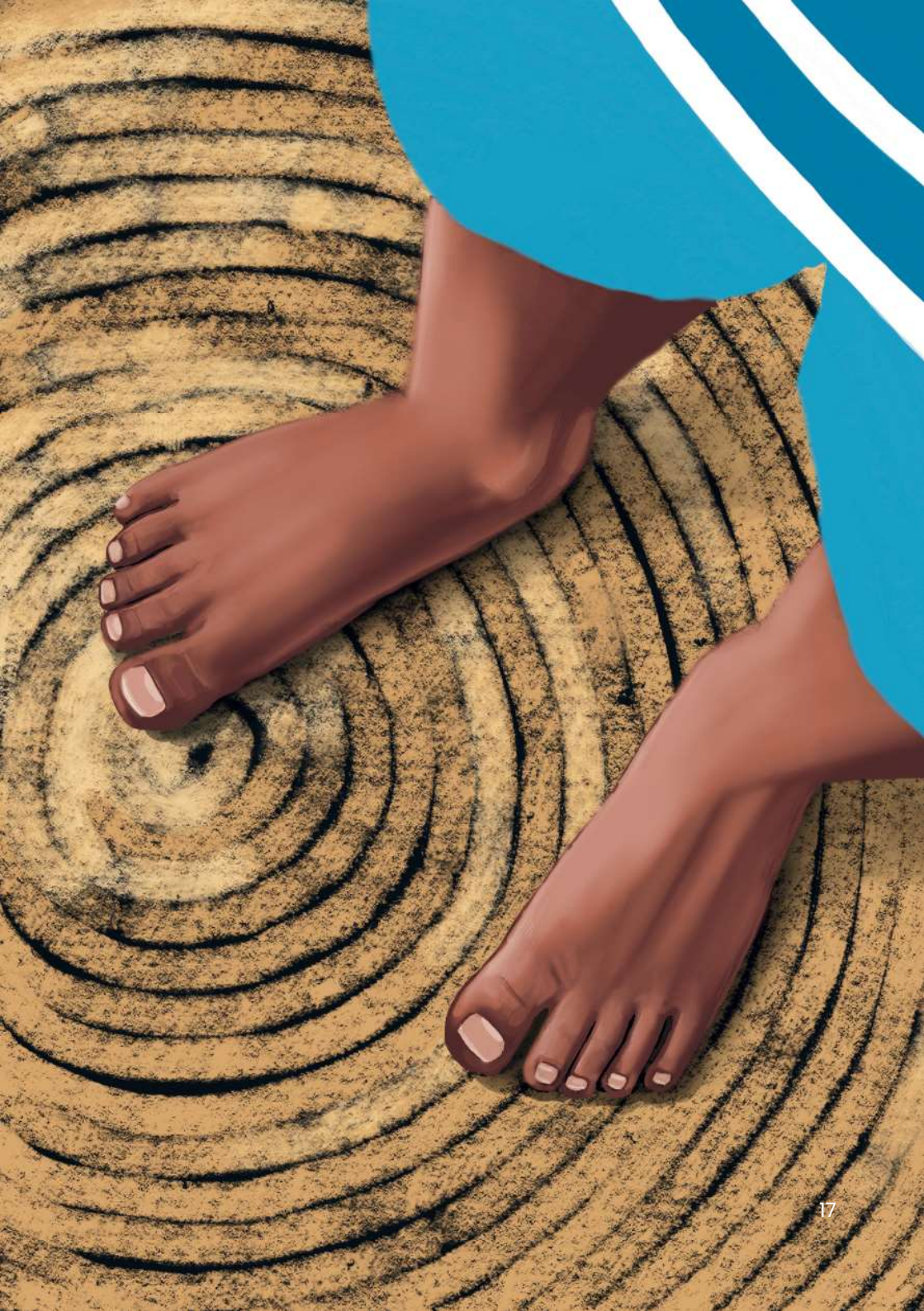
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10

The teacher asked Lungi how many cousins he had. Lungi said he had 10 cousins. He had to name them one by one while counting their names with his fingers. They were all in his head because he loved them and knew who they were.

Lungi even looked at his toes and began counting his cousins on his toes as well. He practiced counting the numbers on his fingers and toes every time he was bathing.

The teacher was impressed with his improvement, and that Lungi was able to use something practical from his own family to learn how to count. His head was no longer aching.

In time, Lungi became very good at maths. He thanked the teacher for helping him. This also taught the other teachers to be patient when learners needed help.



Prayer

Dear Lord, please help us not to give up when we get stuck. Thank You for teachers and others who can help us.

Questions

1. What was difficult for Lungi to do in class?
2. What did the teacher ask Lungi to do?
3. What made it easier for Lungi to learn?
4. How did the teacher help Lungi?
5. Do you have people who can help you with things that are not easy to do?

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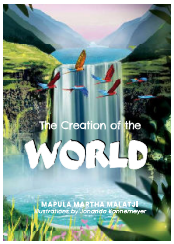

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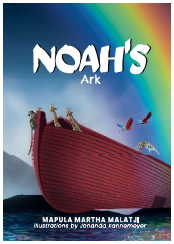

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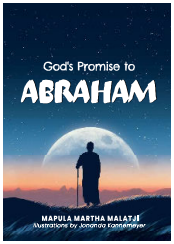

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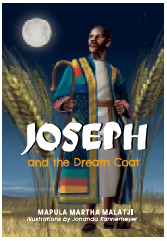

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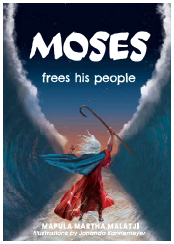

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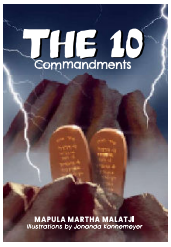

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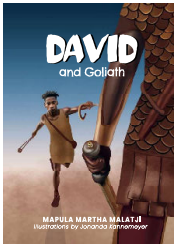

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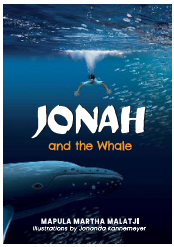

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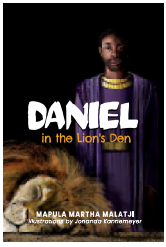

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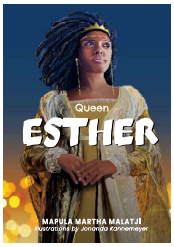

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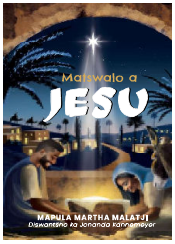

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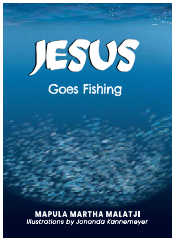

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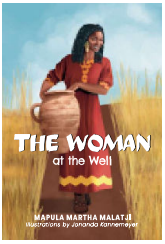

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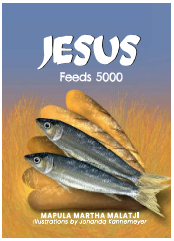

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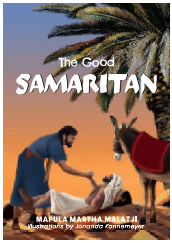

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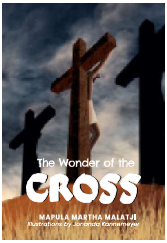

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Jesus Goes Fishing

In this story, Jesus' followers were sad because they went fishing but did not catch anything. When Jesus asked them to throw their nets in the water they were surprised because Jesus caused a miracle! Read the story to find out what that miracle is.

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Lungi was a young boy who found it very hard to understand maths. In this story we will learn how the teacher helped him to count by using his fingers and his toes.

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