

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

John 21:1-19

3rd Sunday
of Easter

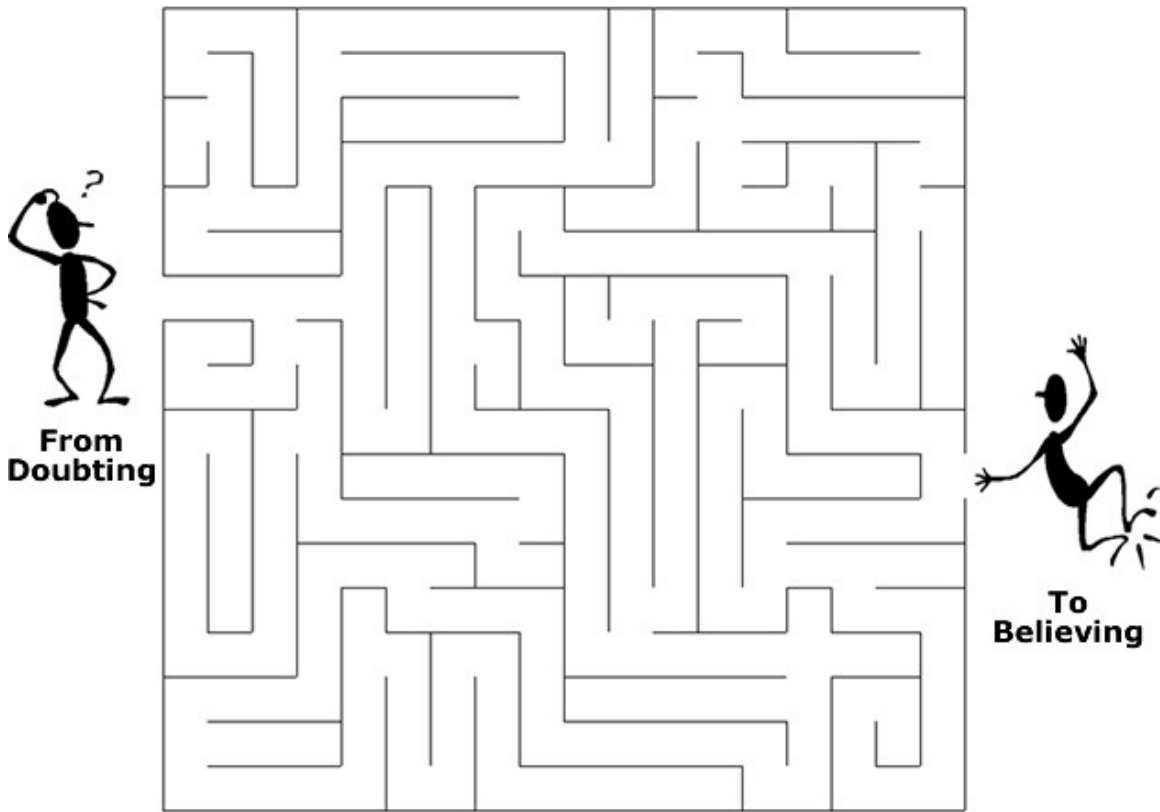
In today's gospel we hear of Jesus appearing for the third time to the apostles. This time it was when the apostles were fishing and had caught nothing. A figure on the shore tells them to cast the net out again and they filled the net so full they could hardly pull it in.

Peter realized that the figure was Jesus and jumped out of the boat to rush to him. The other apostles followed and landed to find some fish cooking on a fire. They ate with Jesus and then he asked Peter three times if he loved him. Remember that Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times. Peter says he loves Jesus and Jesus tells Peter to look after his people.

Why do you think Jesus asks Peter three times if he loved him? Do you think it might be because when Jesus was arrested, Peter had said three times that he didn't know Jesus?



Can you find the path from doubting to believing?



The Sea of Tiberias

This the sea mentioned in today's Gospel. But where is it? Well, it is a little strange but we know this place better as the Sea of Galilee.

Tiberias is Jewish city on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee and was founded in about 20AD and named after the Roman Emperor, Tiberius.

The sea of Galilee isn't really a sea but a lake and is a popular place for Christians to visit. This is the place where Jesus performed many miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm and feeding the 5000 as well as the one in today's Gospel.



Fish Craft

Draw 2 large fish.

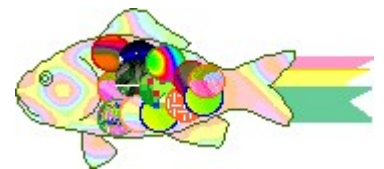
Cut out a number of colourful circles, you can use magazines, foil, coloured paper.



Stick the circles on one side of each fish to make the scales.

Decorate the heads, fins and tails using coloured crayons or pens.

Cut out some long streamers out of crepe paper.



Staple the two fish together with the

streamers between the two layers.



Punch holes through the face and thread some string so that you can hang the fish up.

You now have a hanging Japanese Koi fish.

Make more than one and hang them together.