

Making a catch

“Today we are going yabbying,” announced Uncle Paul. He told the children to collect a ball of string, some of Auntie Chris’s party

hose, a can of dog food and some of the dog’s bones that had plenty of meat on them. Vicki and Kaylee were puzzled. At the dam, Uncle Paul told them to tie a nice meaty bone on a string and put some dog food into the foot of the party hose and dangle both into the water and wait.

After about ten minutes, Sean pulled in the string. There was a yabby holding onto the bone. Later, when Vicki pulled out the pantyhose, there was two yabbies tangled in them trying to get the dog food out. Uncle Paul and Vicki caught 6 each, Kaylee 5 and Sean 9, but they put them all back in the dam. They have pet yabbies at home so couldn’t possibly eat the ones they caught. Uncle Paul sure knew how to catch yabbies. When the children followed his instructions, they caught plenty too.



Listen to God! John 21:3-6

“Mimi, what do you call a fish that has lost it’s eye?” asked Melvin. “I don’t know, but I know why fish are smarter than mice,” replied Mimi.”



Answers: Melvin's riddle - Fish
Mimi's riddle - They live in schools

Although these disciples were experienced fishermen and knew what to do, they didn’t catch any fish until they listened to and obeyed Jesus. Jesus was about to return to heaven, the disciples would be left on their own. Perhaps Jesus was reminding them that even when they couldn’t rely on their own skills, they could always rely on him.

Talk to God!

Thank you Lord God for the skills and knowledge we have. But help us to remember that no matter how clever we are, we still need to rely on you.

Cut out the circle “scales”, sort them into the correct order and paste them onto the fish so that you can read the verse.

