



Saint Peter

“You are blessed by My Father”



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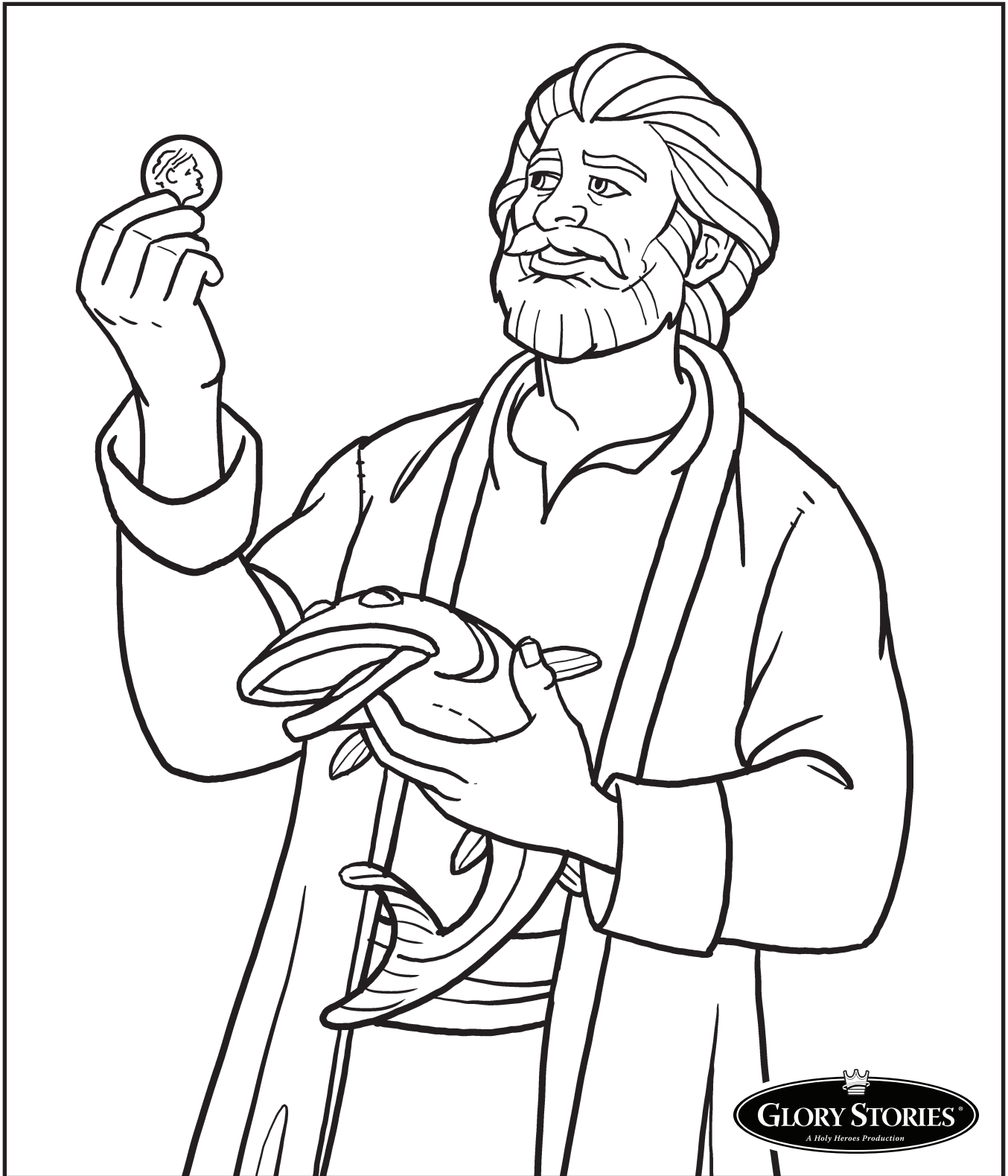
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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world." Two of John's disciples heard this and saw Jesus, so they followed Him, and stayed with Him that day. Andrew was one of the two, so he went and told his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).
(Read about this in the first chapter of John's Gospel.)



As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Jesus. When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax approached Peter and said, "Doesn't your teacher pay the Temple tax?" "Yes," he said. Jesus told Peter, "Go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth, and you will find a coin worth twice the Temple tax. Give that to them for Me and for you."



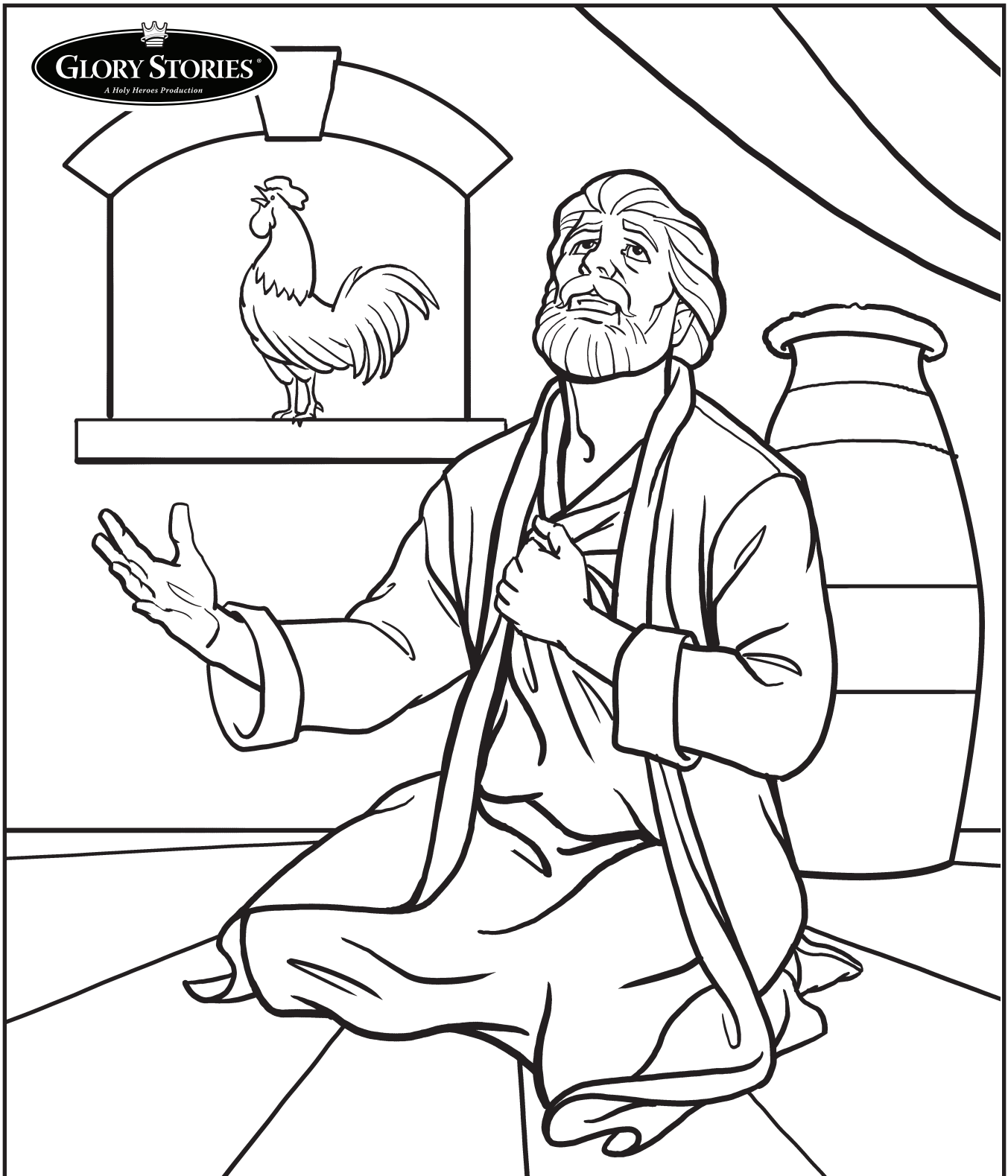
Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him they were terrified. Jesus said to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to Him in reply, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"



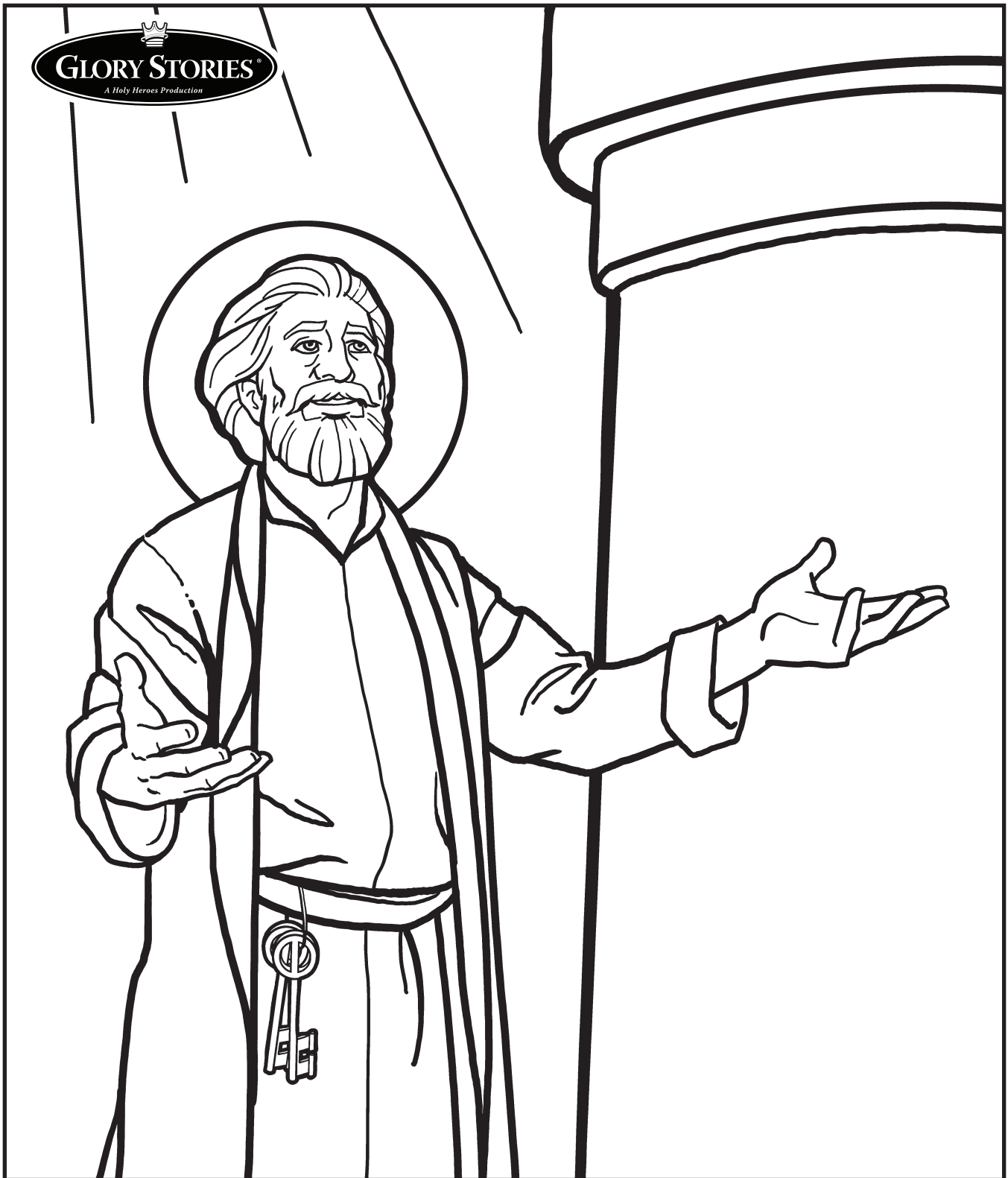
Jesus asked the Apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven." (Read about this in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 16.)



Jesus rose from supper and took a towel and tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the Apostles' feet and dry them with the towel around His waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with Me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." After Jesus had washed their feet He said to them, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it."



After Jesus was arrested they took Him away, and Peter followed at a distance. Three times bystanders accused Peter of being a follower of Jesus, and three times Peter denied knowing Him. Just then, the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and he remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny Me three times." Peter then went out and began to weep bitterly in sorrow and repentance for denying Jesus.



After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven, the Apostles and disciples gathered together to pray. They suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind, and tongues of fire appeared to them and rested upon them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues. Peter stood up with the Eleven and preached boldly to the people in Jerusalem about Jesus. He told them to repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. About three thousand accepted his preaching and were baptised that day.



After proclaiming Jesus Christ to the Gentiles for three years, Paul went up to Jerusalem to confer with Peter and stayed with him for 15 days. Peter glorified God for Paul's conversion, for he who had once persecuted the Church was now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy. Thereafter Paul was sent to be the Apostle to the Gentiles, but he and Peter would meet again many years later at the Council of Jerusalem.