



SERIES OVERVIEW

Tagline: Committed to Jesus. Hook, Line, and Sinker.

Idea: A fishing-themed series looking at the ministry of Jesus.

Memory Verse: “Come and follow me,’ Jesus said. ‘I will send you out to fish for people.” Mark 1:17 (NIRV)

Lesson 1: Gone Fishin’

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20, Calling the First Disciples

The first people to become Jesus’ disciples were a group of fishermen. Jesus invited them to become “fishers of people,” and they followed Him. Even today, Jesus calls us to follow Him and to share Jesus with others.

Objective: Kids will learn Jesus is calling all of us to become fishers of people.

Lesson 2: Rock the Boat

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12, The Beatitudes

Wherever He went, Jesus preached about God and His kingdom. The amazing things that Jesus said delighted some people and shocked others. Jesus knew how to rock the boat, but it was all to point people to the truth.

Objective: Kids will learn that those who seek after God will be blessed.

Lesson 3: Make Waves

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33, Jesus Walks On Water

Jesus made waves wherever He went, even when He walked on the water to the disciple’s boat. When Peter stepped out of the boat, he was doing fine until he started looking at the waves and stopped looking at Jesus.

Objective: Kids will learn that in good times and bad, we should keep our eyes on Jesus.

Lesson 4: All Hands On Deck

Scripture: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20, Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-two

The 12 disciples were Jesus’ close friends, but they were not the only people who followed Jesus. One time, Jesus sent 72 disciples to go and spread the good news to all the towns. They returned full of joy and wonder.

Objective: Kids will learn that Jesus can use us to share the good news.



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Lesson 5: On The Hook

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, Mary and Martha

Like bait on a fish hook, there are a lot of things that try to pull our attention away from what matters most. When her sister would not help her clean, Martha complained. But Jesus let Mary “off the hook” and said that it was better for them to sit and spend time with Him.

Objective: Kids will learn that spending time with Jesus might mean saying no to other things.

Lesson 6: Not Just A Fish Story

Scripture: Mark 9:14-29, Jesus Heals a Boy

Fishermen can be known to exaggerate the size of the fish they may or may not have caught. Hence it can be difficult to believe some fishermen when they tell you about the “big one” that got away. The man in today’s story had heard that Jesus could heal people, but he struggled to believe that it wasn’t too good to be true. He asked Jesus to heal his son and to take away his doubts, and Jesus did.

Objective: Kids will learn that Jesus can help to take away my doubts.

Lesson 7: Cast Out Your Line

Scripture: Matthew 17:24-27, Coin from a Fish

Before a fisherman can catch anything, he has to cast out his line. Those who tried to stop Jesus were always casting lines out to see if they could trip Jesus up, and one day they thought they had Him with the temple tax. Instead, Jesus sent Peter to cast out his line and reel in exactly what was needed.

Objective: Kids will learn God will meet all my needs, sometimes in unexpected ways.

Lesson 8: A Fish Out of Water

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52, Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

When someone doesn't fit in, we might call him a fish out of water. Bartimaeus didn't fit in: He was blind and loud, and the people didn't seem to like him. But when Jesus took this fish out of water and healed him, Bartimaeus became a follower of Jesus that day.

Objective: Kids will learn if I seek after Jesus, He will change my life for the better.