

FOUR
JANUARY 2023

3-5 YEAR OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



2. AMAZING CATCH!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Peter's Net" Activity Page, cardstock, and fish stickers; Optional fish stamps and washable inkpads

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Peter's Net" on cardstock, one per child.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus' miracles are amazing.

CATCHING FISH LUKE 5:1-10 **DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child a copy of "Peter's Net" and a sheet of fish stickers. Option: Give each child a fish stamp and inkpad. Encourage the children to fill Peter's net with fish while you review the Bible story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus did something for Peter that only He can do. When Jesus does something that only He can do, it's called "a miracle."

MEMORY VERSE

"Everyone who heard him was amazed."

LUKE 2:47, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to fill Peter's nets with fish."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, Peter had been fishing all night, but his fishing nets were still empty. This is Peter. (*Point to Peter standing at the front of the boat.*) This is his empty fishing net. (*Point to the net.*)

"This is Jesus. (Point to Jesus to the left of Peter.) Jesus told Peter to try again. Peter said he had been fishing all night, but since Jesus told him to try again, he would. And that's when Jesus did something that only He can do. It was amazing! It was a miracle!

"Okay, start putting these [fish stickers/fish stamps] in Peter's net. Make sure you put in a lot of fish. Jesus did something amazing and Peter caught so many fish that they filled two boats, and the boats began to sink! Peter had to ask his friends in another boat to help him."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! Only Jesus could make Peter catch all of those fish. It was a miracle! Jesus really is amazing! **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!**"

KEY QUESTION

Who is amazing?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is amazing.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible from Week One; journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) Today, we'll make a list of friends who we can tell 'Jesus is amazing!' When I say your name, tell me the name of one of your friends. (Say each child's name and write down what they say beside their names in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Look at all of these names. Let's pray that God will help us go tell all of them that **Jesus is amazing!**

"Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

sgl: "Dear God, we want everyone to know that **Jesus is amazing** and His miracles are amazing, too! Help (name each child) go tell (read the list the children made) that **Jesus is amazing.** We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

Catching Fish • Luke 5:1-10