



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for January 10, 2021

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"Obeying Jesus"

Lesson Text: Luke 5:1-11

Background Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Memory Verse: "And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him [Jesus]" (Luke 5:11).

Bible Maps: Log in at <https://www.jesusisall.com> see Set 17, Map 108, "The Ministry of Jesus around the Sea of Galilee."

Luke 5:1-11 (KJV)

1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

KEY CONCEPT

Jesus wants us all to obey and follow Him.

MESSAGE TO CHILDREN

We should always obey God's Word.

For Today's Story Lesson, you will need your Bible and pictures to represent a lake, crowd of people, fishing boats, fishermen, fishing nets, Peter, James, and John. *Note: Pictures should be representative of the time being studied.*

WORDS TO KNOW AND EXPLAIN

Disciple – a follower or student of a teacher or leader

Obey – to follow commands or do what you are told to do

TEACHER'S NOTES

Luke 5:1–11 is part of the third of six major sections of Luke's Gospel. These sections present themselves as follows:

- I: Jesus' human relationships (1:5–2:52)
- II: Jesus' baptism and testing (3:1–4:13)
- III: Jesus' ministry in Galilee (4:14–9:50)
- IV: Jesus' journey to Jerusalem (9:51–19:44)
- V: Jesus' rejection and sacrifice (19:45–23:46)
- VI: Jesus' resurrection and ascension (24:1–53)

The third section covers Jesus' time and energy spent teaching, preaching, and performing miracles (Log in at <https://www.jesusisall.com> see Bible Maps, Set 17, Map 108, "The Ministry of Jesus around the Sea of Galilee"). All activities served as demonstrations of the good news, all were essential to Jesus' mission, and all called for response. That is certainly the case in Luke 5:1–11, the current lesson text.

In this lesson, we study one of the passages in which Jesus called men to follow Him when they did not know fully what that meant. Allow it to renew and re-inspire your sense that Jesus Christ has called you to something eternally significant.

TODAY'S STORY LESSON

One day, a crowd of people was following Jesus to hear the Word of God. (Show crowd.) The people were crowding around to listen to Jesus teach.

(Show lake.) Jesus was walking near a lake. He saw fishermen and two fishing boats. (Show boats.) Ask children, have you ever been on a boat before? (Allow responses).

Jesus got in one of the boats. Then He asked Simon (also called Peter), the owner of the boat, if he could move the boat a little from the shore (beach) because it was getting crowded and Jesus could have more room to teach from inside the boat on the water (Show Peter.)

Then Jesus sat down in the boat and taught the people. When Jesus finished teaching, He asked Peter to take the boat out into the deep water. Jesus also told him to let down the fishing nets. (Show nets.)

But Peter and his fishing partners, James and John, had been working and fishing all night. After working all night, they did not catch any fish, and probably thought this just wasn't a good time to catch fish.

But Peter decided to **obey** Jesus. He said, "I will let down the nets." (Show Peter.)

When they obeyed Jesus and started fishing, they began to catch a lot of fish (Show fish.) They caught so many fish that their nets started to break! Isn't that amazing.

There were so many fish Peter had to call James and John to bring the other boat to help them.

They filled both boats with so many fish. It was so much that both boats began to sink. Peter and his partners were amazed at all the fish they had caught! (Show boats.)

Jesus then invited Peter, James, and John to follow and trust Him, and to be His **disciples**.

When all three (Peter, James, and John) brought their boats back to the land. They immediately left everything, obeyed Jesus command to stop searching for fish and to now search for people who need Jesus.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Obeying Jesus means that we follow His commands. If we believe His Word (show Bible), we will obey and follow Him. Jesus gave those first disciples an invitation to follow Him, and to help others find and follow Him as well.

Jesus gives us the same invitation today! Will you obey and follow Him?

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him [Jesus]" (Luke 5:11).

Simon Peter and his partners were working as fishermen when Jesus called them to follow Him. They were amazed after obeying Jesus and catching many fish. They brought their boats back to the land and immediately left everything to obey and follow Jesus. Jesus would teach them to be fishers (finders) of men.

PRAYER

Dear God in Heaven, thank You for sending Jesus! Help us to follow and serve Him, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is "**Jesus Heals and Forgives**" and tells the story of a paralyzed man who was healed in his body and spirit. Study Mark 2:1-12.

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(Luke 5:1-11)

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