



Jesus Finds Some Helpers

This story is based on Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11.

One day when Jesus was teaching by a lake, a lot of people came to hear Him.

Jesus got into Peter and Andrew's boat. He asked them to sail the boat a little way out into the water. Then everyone could see and hear Jesus tell about God.

When Jesus was done teaching, He told Peter to put the fishing nets into the water. He said, "You'll catch a lot of fish."

Peter and the other fishermen had not

been able to catch a single fish all night. But Peter said, "I will do what You say, Jesus."

Now, they caught many fish! (*Point to the full nets.*) Peter and his brother had to call their friends from another boat to help them pull in the fish.

Then Jesus said to Peter, "Come, be My helper! I will show you how to tell people about God." And that's what Peter and the other fishermen did.

Lesson 8

Family Time



Spend time individually with your preschooler or with your entire family doing these activities that revisit the Bible lesson for this week.

Play Time

As a family, act out ways you can be helpers. Let everyone else in your family guess what you are acting out. Let everyone have a turn to act.

Sweet Dreams

Play with toy boats and fish, or make boats from clean foam trays for bathtime. Using a net to scoop up toys will help your child understand how fishermen used nets to catch fish.

Joyful Noise

Sing this action rhyme to the tune *Are You Sleeping?*

Fishermen, Fishermen

(Motion for people to come)

Pick up your nets, pick up your nets.

(Pretend to pick up heavy nets.)

Throw them in the sea.

(Pretend to toss it into the sea.)

Pull in all the fish.

(Pretend to pull the net back in.)

Come, follow Me! Come, follow Me!

(Motion for people to come.)

Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.



In God's Book

Lay a piece of blue fabric on the floor for water. Add paper fish.

Use coarse netting or a paper bag for a net. As a family, pretend to be fishermen and throw your nets into the water. Have one person be Jesus. The fishermen can leave their nets and follow Jesus.

Let's Pray

On paper fish, draw or glue pictures of how your family can be helpers. Pray you would be good helpers for God.



LESSON FOCUS:

Jesus wants us to be helpers.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

[Jesus] grew and became strong. Luke 2:40