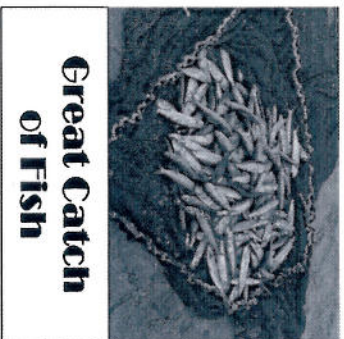


God's Story Our Story

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Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Faithful Lord,

We might not recognize you at first. Show us what we're meant to see, and give us faith to follow in your trustworthy footsteps. By the Spirit's grace, Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:10b-11

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

The fish weren't biting that day; a professional knows when to call it quits. "Yet, if you say so..." Thus begins an entirely new chapter for Simon Peter: learning again and again to put a logic-defying trust in Jesus, and witnessing firsthand the miracles that result.

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

Jesus walks with us when our lives change in an instant.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Great Catch of Fish*, Luke 5:1-11

Monday: *Jesus Cleanses a Leper*, Luke 5:12-16

Tuesday: *Jesus Heals a Paralytic*, Luke 5:17-26

Wednesday: *Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)*, Luke 5:27-32

Thursday: *The Question about Fasting*, Luke 5:33-39

Friday: *God Does a New Thing*, Isaiah 43:14-21

Saturday: *God Forgives Sins*, Isaiah 43:25-44:5

How is Jesus beginning to make ripples in the community?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How does your community pass on faith? How and when do you spend time learning and growing deeper in faith? What might you do differently this week to teach or learn more about God?

What does it mean for you to be Jesus' follower? What behaviors, actions, and attitudes are shaped by your commitment to follow Jesus?

DO: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go online and Google a question about God that you've always wanted to know. What do others say? What can you learn from the experience?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

Learn, grow, and love God through Christ. Amen.

Great Catch of Fish, Luke 5:1-11

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Kids' Sermon

Main Message

Following Jesus means we can share God's love in any moment.

Props

- *Kid Stuff* bulletin
- Big blanket to pretend is a fishing net

Setting the Scene

Place the blanket down just as kids come up. Have them sit on it.

Telling the Story

Tell the story using the *Kid Stuff* bulletin.

Processing the Story

Sit in a circle on the blanket and tell the story.

What was Simon Peter's job – what did he do for a living?

How did Jesus help Peter out with his job?

How did Peter react after Jesus helped him? What did he say?

What did *Jesus* then say to Peter?

In Motion

This one has lots of motion. Several older kids can play the part of "fishers" while younger ones will enjoy being "caught" in the blanket (net).

Explain how kids will play the part of fishers using the blanket as a "net." Let the kids take turns fishing with the net and getting "caught."

When kids "catch" others, ask them: **Okay, we've caught name – what's something nice we could do for them to show we love them?**

"Catching" or "fishing" for people is taking the opportunity to be loving in any moment for people.

Reflection Questions

Sometimes it's hard to be loving to people – especially when they're not very loving back. How can we be extra caring for people in times like those?

Name other times when people really need to be "caught" in God's love.

Next Week's Props

- *Kid Stuff* bulletin
- Pair of dice
- Cup to shake dice