

# Peter's Catch of Fish/Jesus' Call of the Disciples

Luke 5:1-11 and 6:12-16

## The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Jesus was preaching beside a big lake. People were crowding closer and closer, trying to see and hear Jesus.

Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. They had their boats at the edge of the lake and were cleaning their nets. Jesus got into one boat and asked Simon to row Him a short way out into the lake. Now everyone could sit down on the shore and see and hear Jesus easily. Jesus preached to them from the boat. He has always wanted everyone to know that He is God's Son and their Savior.

When Jesus was finished preaching, He said to Simon, "Row out into the deep water and put your net into the water to catch fish."

Simon said, "Master, we have fished all night and haven't caught anything, but I will obey Your word and let down the net."

When Simon and Andrew put their nets into the water, they caught so many fish that their nets were breaking. They called to their friends in the other boat to help them. They filled both boats so full that their boats began to sink. Everyone was amazed to catch so many fish!

Simon Peter realized that Jesus helped them catch so many fish because He is God.

He said, "Do not be afraid. Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

So Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their boats and everything they had and followed Jesus.

Jesus had many followers, but only 12 would be chosen to be disciples. Jesus called all His disciples together: Simon, named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas, the son of James; and Judas Iscariot who would later betray Him.

These men followed Jesus for several years, they heard His message and saw His miracles. They saw Jesus die on the cross and rise again. Jesus wanted them to go and tell others all about Jesus, the world's Savior.

**The disciples followed Jesus and told others about the Savior.**

**We are to follow the Savior and tell others about salvation in Christ Jesus.**

## Passage

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19

## Hymn TLH 507 v. 1, 2

Spread, oh, spread thou mighty Word,  
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n  
Life to beings meant for heav'n.

Tell them how the Father's will  
Made the world and keeps it still,  
How His only Son He gave  
Man from sin and death to save.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank You for making me Your child.  
Help me to tell other people that You are their Savior. Help me to remember that You are always with me. Amen.

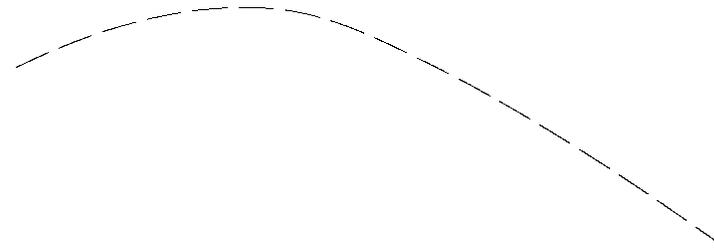


**Classroom Activity** - Read the GOOD NEWS message. Trace the dotted line from God's Word to the people that will hear the message..

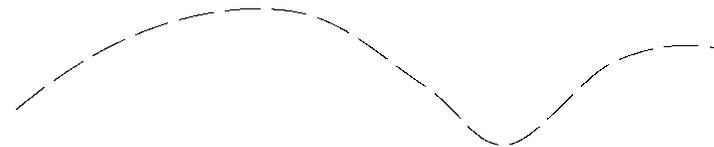
"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Eph. 6:1



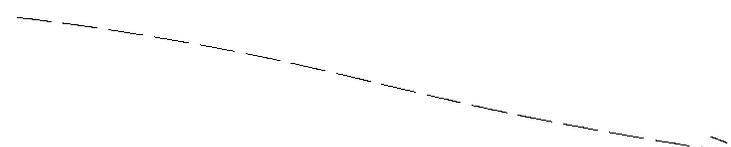
"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 Jn. 1:7



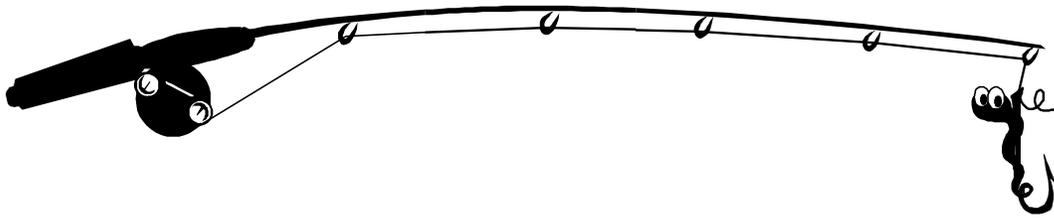
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Prov. 3:5



"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Ps. 119:105



**Classroom Art Activity** - Color and cut out the fish and attach the fish to the end of the rod using string or yarn.



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