



Teaching Guide - PRESCHOOL & VSN

Monthly Theme: Galactic Glow - Shining the Light of Jesus

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LESSON - FISHING WITH FAITH

Items Needed: Toy fish

Alright, Glowworms! I hope you are ready for this week's Bible story. We are on a galactic adventure to shine the light of Jesus!

Have you ever tried to do something really hard, but it didn't work? That's what happened to Jesus' disciples when they went fishing!

Jesus' disciples were fishing in the Sea of Galilee

DO IT: Can you pretend to fish with me? Everyone, grab your pretend fishing rods. Hold it up, pull it back, and throw it forward. Great job!

Display Slide 2-1: The Bible tells us that they were fishing for a while, and they didn't catch anything all night, Oh no!

DO IT: I know they were very sad that they didn't catch anything. Can you make a sad face! Good job!

Display Slide 2-2: That's when Jesus appeared the next morning, standing on the beach. He called out to His disciples, asking if they had caught any fish. They told Him no. So, Jesus told them to throw the net out again.

Remember, the disciples were sad that they did not catch any fish the first time. Then they obeyed Jesus and tried again because they believed that whatever He told them to do, something would happen. The disciples had amazing faith in Jesus!

DO IT: Let's pretend to fish again. Grab your pretend fishing rods. Hold it up, pull it back, and throw it forward. Great job!

Do you think they caught any fish this time? They sure did! There were so many fish in the net this time that they couldn't even pull it up! That's a lot of fish!

DO IT: (Hold up the toy fish) What is this? **(Wait for responses)** Okay, now everybody, let's make our best fishy faces! Awesome Job!

Then, one of the disciples realized who was talking to them. It's Jesus, he yelled.

SAY IT: Can you say that with me? It's Jesus! Good job!

One of the disciples, Simon Peter, was so happy that he jumped out of the boat and ran to Jesus. When everyone reached the shore, they found breakfast waiting for them.

DO IT: Yummy! Everyone rub your tummies like you've just eaten a really big breakfast!

The disciples had breakfast at the beach with Jesus and talked with Him. What do you think they ate?

When Jesus tells us something, we can trust and have faith in Him, even if it seems impossible!

PRAYER: Dear God, thank you for loving and taking care of us, just like You took care of Your disciples. Help us to trust You, even when things seem hard. Help us to always obey and believe that You want the best for us. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

Question 1: Did Jesus' disciples go fishing in the Sea of Galilee? **(Yes)**

Question 2: Did they catch a lot of fish the first time? **(No)**

Question 3: Did Jesus appear to them the next morning? **(Yes)**

Question 4: Did they believe Jesus and catch lots of fish the second time? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

Question 1: What was the name of the sea Jesus' disciples were fishing at? **(The Sea of Galilee)**

Question 2: When Jesus told his disciples to throw the net out again, did they catch any fish? **(Yes, so many)**

Question 3: Who was so happy that he jumped out of the boat and ran to see Jesus? **(Simon Peter)**

Question 4: What meal did they enjoy together with Jesus? **(Breakfast)**



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ACTIVITY 1: SEA OF GALILEE

Items Needed: Blue masking tape.

Connection: Jesus' friends were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Let's play a fun game together! This game will test our listening skills. Make sure you tune in your ears, and let's have some fun!

Step 1: Make two lines of blue tape on the floor. Divide the class into two groups and have them line up on either side of the blue lines. Instruct kids to put their toes on the line.

Step 2: The teacher will call out "sea" or "sand" to the class. Kids hop forward when they hear "sea" and backward when they hear "sand."

Step 3: Make sure everyone knows what to do. Practice with them before you start playing the game. What do you do when you hear "sea?" What do you do when you hear "sand?"

ACTIVITY 2: CATCH A FISH

Items Needed: Cut out fish with a paperclip attached and a fishing pole, or use your fishing pole game.

Connection: Jesus called out to His friends, asking if they had caught any fish. They told Him no, so Jesus told them to throw the net out again. There were so many fish in the net this time that they couldn't even pull it up! That's a lot of fish! Let's catch a fish today! Make sure you hold onto your fish! You'll need it for our craft.

Step 1: At each table, lay out all the different fish.

Step 2: One at a time, have each child catch a fish with the fishing pole.

Step 3: After each fish is caught, say, "Jesus is out of this world amazing."

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY

Items Needed: Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

FISHING WITH JESUS

Items Needed: Fish cut out, craft stick, string, glue sticks, googly eyes and worksheet.

Step 1: Assist children in gluing the fish out and coloring in the blue water on each worksheet.

Step 2: You will now tie a piece of string to the end of the craft stick to create a fishing rod

Step 3: Glue the fishing rod and the fish to the worksheet. Don't forget to add the googly eye!

COLORING SHEET: BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Today, we learned that the disciples showed their faith by obeying Jesus and catching so many fish.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

