



Under Construction: God at Work

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LESSON - JESUS BUILDS me to FOLLOW HIM!

Welcome back to Under Construction: God at Work! This month, we are learning that God is building us for His Kingdom. Just like a builder works one step at a time to build something strong, God is helping us grow to become more like Jesus. Today, we're going to learn about a man named Peter. Can we say, Peter? (have them repeat Peter). Before Jesus asked Peter to follow Him, Jesus already knew him and loved him. Jesus had a special plan for Peter's life, and He has a special plan for us too!

SAY IT: Jesus knows me!

DO IT: Point to yourself and smile.

Jesus knew Peter's name, and He knew Peter would learn and grow as he followed Him. Jesus knows our names too! He loves us and made each one of us special.

SAY IT: Jesus calls me!

DO IT: Cup your hands around your mouth like you're calling someone.

One day, Peter was fishing with his brother, Andrew. They were doing their everyday job when Jesus walked by and said, "Follow Me." Peter had a choice. He could stay and keep fishing, or he could follow Jesus. Peter trusted Jesus, left his fishing nets, and followed Him.

SAY IT: I can follow Jesus!

DO IT: Move your feet like you are marching in place.

Every day Peter spent time with Jesus, he learned something new. Peter wasn't perfect, but Jesus helped him grow. We follow Jesus too when we pray, obey our parents, read God's Word, and come to church.

SAY IT: God has a plan for me!

DO IT: Put your hands over your heart.

Jesus had a special plan for Peter. He wanted Peter to help others know God's love. God has a special plan for us too! He can use us to be kind, share with others, pray for people, and tell everyone that Jesus loves them. Today we learned that Jesus knew Peter, called Peter, and had a special plan for Peter's life. Jesus knows us, calls us to follow Him, and has a special plan for us too. Every day, Jesus helps us grow to become more like Him.

SAY IT: I will follow Jesus!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for knowing us, loving us, and calling us to follow You. Help us listen to You, obey You, and become more like You every day. Thank You for having a special plan for our lives. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. What was the man's name in our Bible story? **(Peter)**
2. Did Jesus call Peter? **(Yes)**
3. Did Peter follow Jesus? **(Yes)**
4. Can we follow Jesus too? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. What job did Peter have before he followed Jesus? **He was a fisherman**
2. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? **Follow Me**
3. Did Peter follow Jesus? **Yes**
4. Does Jesus have a plan for us too? **Yes**



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ACTIVITY 1: FISH IN THE NET TOSS

Items Needed: Bucket, magnetic fishing rods (you should have them) paper fish, and paper clips.

Connection: Peter was a fisherman who caught fish. Jesus called Peter to fish for people by telling them about Him.

Step 1: Use Paper clips and put them on the fish

Step 2: Scatter the fish around the room

Step 3: Children will be fishermen and catch/collect the fish throughout the room

Step 4: Place the fish into the buckets.

Step 5: Celebrate by saying: Peter caught fish, but Jesus called Peter to help people know God

ACTIVITY 2: ROW, ROW, FOLLOW JESUS

Items Needed: None

Connection: Peter was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee before Jesus called him to follow Him.

Step 1: Have all the children sit on the floor and pretend they are in a fishing boat.

Step 2: The leader calls out different commands, and the children act them out:

- "Row fast!", "Row slow!", "Big waves!" (Lean side to side), "Calm water!" (Sit still), "Cast your net!" (Pretend to throw a net), "Pull in the net!" (Pull with both hands), "Look for fish!" (Shade your eyes and look around), "We caught a fish!" (Pretend to lift a big fish), "Wave to Andrew!" (Wave to a friend), "Jesus is here!" (Stand up), "Follow Jesus!" (Walk in place behind the leader), "Freeze!" (Stand still), "Row back to shore!" (Sit down and row again)

Step 3: End by saying, "Peter left his boat and followed Jesus. We can follow Jesus too!"

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

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

CRAFT 1: PETER BECAME A FISHER OF PEOPLE CRAFT

Items Needed: Fisher of Men craft kits, glue or glue dots

Connection: Peter was a fisherman when Jesus called him to follow Him. Jesus told Peter that He would help him become a fisher of people by sharing God's love with others.

Step 1: Give each child one craft kit.

Step 2: Have children place the large background piece in front of them.

Step 3: Help children glue the fisherman onto the background.

Step 4: Glue the craft sticks in place, attach the net, fish, and men.

CRAFT 2: I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF PEOPLE COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Jesus said, "Follow Me, I will make you fish for people."

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

I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF PEOPLE!

♡ Matthew 4:19 ♡



Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of people."

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