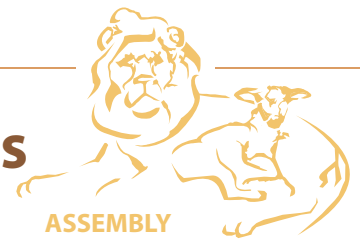


# THE CALLING OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 5:1-11



*The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

## LESSON IDEAS

### LET OUT THE NETS

**Supplies:**

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Act out the miraculous catch of fish with the children. Have half the children act as the fishes and the other half act as the net. The children should make the net by holding hands.

All the fish should stay to one side of the room. Have the net sweep back and forth in the empty half of the classroom catching nothing. Then have an adult acting as Jesus tell the disciples to cast the net closer to shore (where the children who are the fish are standing). Have the net sweep around the children and bring them into a big bunch.

Afterwards, talk about how God is in control of all things including the small fishes of the lake.

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### BOYS AGAINST GIRLS TRIVIA

Use the following trivia questions in a contest. Alternate asking questions of the boys and girls. If a team guesses the correct answer, give them a point. If they get it wrong give their opponent a try. If their opponent guesses correctly, they get one point. Total up the score in the end.

- Where was Jesus standing? (By the lake)
- What was the lake's name? (Gennesaret)
- How many boats were by the lake? (Two)
- What were the fishermen doing? (Washing their nets)
- Why did Jesus get into one of the boats and ask the fishermen to put their boats out further in the water? (So he could teach from the boat to the people on the shore)
- After Jesus finished teaching, what did He tell Simon Peter to do? (Put out into deeper water and let his net down for a catch)
- How many boats did they fill with the catch? (Two)
- Why did Peter want Jesus to leave him? (Because Peter realized that Jesus was God and he himself was a sinful man)
- What did Jesus say the fisherman would be catching next? (Men)
- What did the men leave to follow Jesus? (Everything)

## WHERE IS the Gospel?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

The Bible says that Jesus came to seek and save the lost, see Luke 19:10. In this story we see the calling of the first disciples. They were to be more than Jesus' companions; they were to join Him in the mission to "catch men." This catching of men would only be possible through the grace of God available through the cross and the resurrection.

