



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 2

Filling the Nets

Lesson Aim: To see how Jesus' miracles were intended to help individuals and groups trust and follow Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: How big was the biggest fish you have ever seen?

GAME: Fill the Nets

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF WONDERS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 95:5-6.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS FILLS THE NETS WITH FISH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus' first miracle at the wedding to show He is God.

Today, we will hear about a miracle Jesus performed in the Sea of Galilee. Point to the Sea of Galilee in Israel. **This miracle took place on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, also known as the Sea of Galilee. One of the fishermen was named Simon Peter. Let's check out what happened in this miracle.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 5:1-11. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 5:11. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WE CAN TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS

Why did the people crowd around Jesus? (To hear Him teach about God's Word.) **Jesus sat down in Simon Peter's boat so that the crowd on shore could hear and see him better.**

Why did Simon Peter and the other fishermen think there would be no fish that day? (They fished all night and caught nothing.) **Why did Simon Peter put his net out one more time?** (Jesus told him to.) **Peter obeyed Jesus even though he didn't think there were any fish. Is there something the Bible says to do that doesn't seem to make sense to you? How can Simon Peter's example help you obey God?**

Why do you think Jesus chose a miracle about fish to convince fishermen to follow Him? When they saw the nets filled with fish, they knew this was a true miracle from God. Have you ever seen a miracle that was special for your family or friends? If so, how did it help you trust God?

What did Simon Peter do and say to Jesus when the nets were full? (He fell down and said, "Go away from me Lord. I am a sinful man.") **How did falling down before Jesus and admitting he was a sinner show Simon Peter believed Jesus was God?** (He treated Jesus like God by worshipping and admitting his sins to Jesus.)

What did Jesus say when Simon Peter did this? ("Do not be afraid. Follow Me.") **What did the fishermen do?** (They left everything and followed Jesus.) **If Jesus asked you to follow Him, could you leave everything and follow Him? How might seeing a miracle give you the courage to trust Jesus and follow Him as the fishermen did?**

What do you think Jesus meant when He said they would "catch men?" (They would be bringing people to Jesus.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Thousands of years before Jesus filled the nets with fish, He filled the sea with fish. That was a miracle, too. Jesus was with God in the beginning. One of the many reasons He created fish was for His use in the miracle that helped the fishermen trust and follow Him. Everything was created by Him and for Him. Listen as we read. Reveal Colossians 1:16-17. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Jesus created the fish and then used them so the fishermen would see the miracle and trust Jesus enough to follow Him.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Photograph of the Sea of Galilee
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Fishermen with their nets full of fish
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fish Food

GAME: Fish in the Net

CRAFT: Sandy Fish Plates

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Musical Chairs

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