



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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 Bonzai Brothers 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 located in Israel. **This miracle took place on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, which is 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. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WE CAN TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS

The people crowded around Jesus to hear Him teach. 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 had fished all night and caught nothing.) **Why did Simon Peter agree to put his net out one more time?** (Because Jesus told him to do it.) **Peter obeyed Jesus even though he didn't think there were any fish.**

Jesus chose to perform a miracle that would be special for fishermen. The fishermen were experts on fishing. They knew it would be impossible to fill their nets after they had caught no fish all night long. 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?

When Simon Peter saw the miracle, he must have realized Jesus was God. He fell down before Jesus as an act of worship. He admitted to Jesus that He was a sinner.

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

Fishermen bring fish into their nets. What do you think Jesus meant when He said they would "catch men?" (Instead of bringing fish into their nets, 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. Listen as we read about the day He created fish and other sea creatures. Reveal and read Genesis 1:21.

Jesus created the fish and then used fish to fill the fishing nets, 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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