

January 14, 2018

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Catching Fish • *Luke 5:1-7*

Bottom Line: Jesus can do anything.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Show It

Craft Time

- Fish in a Net

Play Time

- Match The Fish

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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible and "Story Pictures" Activity Pages

What You Say:

"This is the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) It has God's true stories in it. God gave us the Bible because He loves us. We love the Bible. (*Give Bible a hug and lay it open in front of you.*)

"Today's Bible Truth is about Jesus. (*Show picture of Jesus.*) Jesus is special because Jesus is God's Son. [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus can do anything**, and I can't wait to tell you what He does in our Bible Truth today!

"One day, Jesus was in a boat with a fisherman named Peter. (*Show picture of Peter in a boat with empty net.*) Peter had been fishing with his friends, and he couldn't catch any fish. Jesus told Peter to throw his nets into the water and try one more time. (*Show picture of Jesus and Peter in boat.*) That's when Jesus did something Peter couldn't do. Jesus made Peter's net full of fish. There were SO MANY fish! (*Show picture of net with fish.*)

"Peter was amazed at all of the fish! He knew that Jesus was very special and could do things we can't. [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus can do anything**. And that's The Truth!

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Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: “Net” and “Lots of Fish” Activity Pages, glue sticks,

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children glue fish to the net.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today’s Bible Truth is about Jesus. Jesus is special because Jesus is God’s Son. **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything**, and today we heard about how He helped a man named Peter.

“One day, Jesus was in a boat with a fisherman named Peter. Peter had been fishing with his friends, and he couldn’t catch any fish. Jesus told Peter to throw his nets into the water and try one more time. That’s when Jesus did something Peter couldn’t do. Jesus made Peter’s net full of fish. There were SO MANY fish!

“Look at your paper. Do you see the net? It’s empty. We need to add some fish. Let’s glue these fish in the net. Every time you see these fish you can think about how many fish were in Peter’s net.

“Peter was amazed at all of the fish! He knew that Jesus was very special and could do things we can’t. **[Bottom Line] Jesus can do anything**. And that’s The Truth!

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Playtime

Match The Fish

What You Need: Blue felt mat, multiple colored felt fish pairs

What You Do: Gather a small group of toddler friends to sit next to the felt mat with you. Give them access to the felt fish and encourage them to place them on the felt mat in matching pairs. Take the fish off and do it again. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: "Friends, come and sit with me by this blue mat. It's like the ocean. What swims in the ocean? Fish! I have some fish here. Let's put them in the ocean. Look, there are two red fish. Let's put them together. Oh, and there are two yellow fish too. The Bible tells us that Jesus helped some fishermen catch lots and lots and lots of fish. Jesus can do anything!"