STJ KIDS

Theme: Life of Jesus (JL05) Jesus: His disciples Aim: To explore the story of how Jesus called His disciples to follow Him and how we are also called to follow Jesus.



Game: Yes/No Game

Choose one person in your family and ask them a series of questions which they need to answer, without using the words 'yes' or 'no,' neither can they nod or shake their head. Use a timer, to see how long they can last without using the word yes or no. You can repeat the game with as many times as you like using a timer for each round, to check which family member most successfully avoids using the banned words yes/no.

Game: Flap the kipper

Draw a fish on a piece of paper and cut it out. Lay the fish on the floor and have a race seeing who can flap their paper fish to the end of the line using a newspaper/magazine. Race someone in your family and see who can flap the kipper the fastest. Use a timer if not playing against someone. See if you can beat your time.

Activity: Sink or float

Fill a large, clear, plastic container/bowl with water and use it to play sink or float. When the fisherman caught the large load of fish that their nets became so heavy that they began to sink. Choose whatever small items you have in your house, such as blocks, toy cars, crayons, the possibilities are endless. Predict together if you think the objects will sink or float in the water. Put the item in the water and find out what happens. Were you correct?

Story Video: Jesus and his disciples

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MylsK-hGq_U&list=PL339nC0IK1SXifPNdh_80Y1tm4oY9Yy5&index=3

Story: Jesus' disciples (Luke 5:1-11)

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Galilee. Many people were pressing all around him. They wanted to hear the word of God. Jesus saw two boats at the shore of the lake. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one which belonged to Simon.Jesus asked Simon to push off a little from the land. Then Jesus sat down in the boat and continued to teach the people on the shore. When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Take the boat into deep water. If you will put your nets in the water, you will catch some fish." Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night trying to catch fish, but we caught nothing. But you say to put the nets in the water; so I will." The fishermen did as Jesus told them. And they caught so many fish that the nets began to break. They called to their friends in the other boat to come and help them. The friends came, and both boats were filled so full that they were almost sinking. The fishermen were all amazed at the many fish they caught. When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he bowed down before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!" James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were amazed too. (James and John were Simon's partners.)Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will be fishermen for men." When the men brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Bible verse: Matthew 4:19

Draw some fish on a piece of paper and cut them out. Write each word of Matthew 4:19 (Jesus said "come follow me. I will make you fishermen for people.") on each fish shape and hide them around the house. Search around your home to find the fish shapes and put the verse in order.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for being the best leader. Thank you for choosing us and asking us to follow you. Give us courage to say yes to following you everyday. Amen.

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