

LESSON 18

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Luke 5:1-11

There were four fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James and John, who went fishing in the sea of Galilee. One night they had been out working hard, but had not caught any fish. While they were busy cleaning their fishing nets, Jesus came towards them. Soon a crowd gathered to listen to Jesus, so he stepped into Peter's boat, and Peter pushed the boat out a little way so that he could talk to the people. The people loved to listen to Jesus as he told them about God.

When Jesus had finished talking to the people he told Peter to take the boat out into deeper water and let down his net to catch some fish. Peter told Jesus that even though they had worked hard all night and caught nothing, they would do as he said.

Peter put his net over the side of the boat and suddenly there were so many fish caught in the net that when he and Andrew tried to pull it in, the net began to break. They called James and John to help them and soon the boats were so full of fish that they almost sank. Then Peter, Andrew, James and John left their boats and went with Jesus.

ACTIVITY

Make lots of small fish from foil or coloured paper and paste them in the net outline. Cover them with a net cut from a fruit bag. Use pop-sticks, toothpicks and wool for the mast and ropes. Finish the collage by giving the fishermen faces and hair.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a stuffed fish. Cover the fish with confetti. Make coloured scales to stick out from the body. Put the fish in a fruit bag net.

Make a boat from a carton and act out the story.

Make a fish mobile. Cut a triangle from a 10cm square of coloured paper. Take a patty pan and cut into quarters. Use as fins and tail for the fish. Paste on a circle of another colour for the eye.

Encourage the children to go fishing if possible, or else watch some fishermen at work.

Make a fishing rod using a small length of cane (or drinking straw). Attach a length of cotton or string. Tie a piece of bread onto the end for bait.

