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Activity tie-in: Fishing

Object-Bait

Bible Verse: Matthew 4:19 And he (Jesus) said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Lesson- No matter what kind of fishing you need bait.

Introduction Ideas

- Talk about a time when you were fishing and you lost your bait and you did not notice right away and could not catch any fish.
- You could ask the kids about how they have tried to catch fish.

Lesson Suggestions

- Move from your introduction to quoting the Bible verse Matthew 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Object lesson: Compare the worms or bait you use to the Gospel in which we use as a tool for the Holy Spirit to work faith into the hearts of unbelievers.
- Just as fisherman use bait to attract fish the Holy Spirit uses the Gospel to drive faith into unbelievers hearts.
- Unlike fish the people do not get trapped. The people can reject the word. Just as a fish rejects the bait.
- Apply how you have done this in your life

Questions for Interactive Lesson

- When you quote Bible verse you could ask the kids to make the application:
 - How is bait like the Gospel message
 - Without it you cannot fish just like without the gospel the Holy Spirit cannot work faith into people's hearts.
 - In what ways can we personally use the Gospel as bait in our own lives?
 - Kids are likely to talk about how they could invite someone to church with them. Or maybe canvassing for an upcoming VBS.

Conclusion

Connect to them how no matter what they should always let the "bait" be on the hook in their everyday life.

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, please use us as your fishing pole equipped with the bait of your gospel. Let the actions that we portray in our lives always point the way to you. Let that powerful gospel message take root in the hearts that we come in contact with. Amen.