

Activity tie-in: Fishing

Objects: Toy fish, fishing pole, fishing gear, bag of random objects

Bible Verse: Matthew 4:19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

Lesson: God will provide us with the right gear, his Gospel, to be fishers of men.

INTRODUCTION IDEAS

- You could start by talking about a fishing experience you’ve had. Ask the students questions about their fishing experiences, too. Ask about what can make it so fun - or not so fun.
- You could have the students come up with a list of all the things a good fisherman might bring with him to catch fish.
- You could bring a bag full of some random objects mixed in with some fishing essentials, and tell the students you plan on going fishing. One by one, you could pull out an item from the bag and ask if you should bring it fishing or not.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS

- Expanding on the theme of fishing essentials, you could emphasize how important it is to have the right gear for fishing. You need to have the right tools, or you won’t catch any fish.
- Object lesson: In this activity, you could try to catch the toy fish without a fishing pole. Instead, use a couple random objects from your bag. When the objects clearly don’t work, use the fishing pole and catch the fish. (Attach a magnet to both the toy fishing pole and the fish’s mouth)
- Quote and apply the Bible verse: Matthew 4:19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSON

- After quoting the Bible verse, you could ask students to make the application:
 - “What happens when we don’t have the right gear for fishing?”
 - We won’t be able to catch anything, we’re wasting our time without it.
 - What kind of gear does God give us to be fishers of men?
 - God gives us his Gospel to bring people to faith.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Father, you once called your disciples to be fishers of men. Today you ask us to do the same. Thank you for giving us your Gospel to catch as many as we can for you. Bless our efforts, and help us to trust in the power of your Holy Word. Amen.