



LEARN

Luke 5:1-11

God Story

Jesus Calls Disciples
Luke 5:1-11

Big Idea

Jesus invited others to learn from him.

Key Verse

"We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:69

Leader Tip:

Pray for the kids in your group before they arrive.

Life Story

1. Conversation Starter

Lead into today's lesson by talking about fishing and boating. Introduce the Big Idea.

2 MINUTES

2. Intro Activity

Play a game that gets the kids thinking about who taught them some of their basic skills.

5 MINUTES

God Story

Circle Time!

3. Weekly Video

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

12 MINUTES

My Story

4. Small Group Activity

Discuss what it means to "fish for people". Identify and pray for family members and friends the kids could tell about Jesus.

12 MINUTES*

5. Wrap-Up Activity

Race to put the Key Verse for this series in order

8 MINUTES

Our Story

5. Dismissal

Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

*Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities



Life Story

1. Conversation Starter

Supplies

- None

Leader Tip:

- This is meant to be a casual conversation as the kids arrive. Move on quickly to the Intro Activity so you have enough time for it before the teaching video.

Instructions:

- Welcome the kids as they arrive and gather the group together.
- Discuss:
 - Have you ever gone fishing? What did you catch?
 - Have you ever been on a boat? What kind of boat was it? Where did you go?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Let the group know that Jesus teaches from a boat in today's God Story. He also does something amazing to help a group of fishers, then asks them to follow him and "fish" for people.
- Introduce the Big Idea: **Jesus invited others to learn from him.**

2. Intro Activity

Supplies

- Foam hand

Leader Tip:

- To engage as many kids as possible, prompt the person in the middle to choose someone who hasn't answered yet.

Instructions:

- Gather everyone to stand in a circle in an open area.
- Ask one person to stand in the middle.
- Give that person the foam hand to wear.
- Direct them to spin around slowly as you ask about one of the following skills:
 - Who taught you how to tie your shoes?
 - Who taught you how to ride a bike?
 - Who taught you how to swim?
 - Who taught you how to do a somersault?
 - Who taught you how to fly a kite?
 - Who taught you how to write your name?
 - Who taught you how to zip a zipper?
- After you say a skill, prompt the person in the middle to stop spinning and point at someone in the circle.
- Ask the person who's pointed at to say who taught them that skill. (They can answer no one if they don't know how to do it yet!)
- Direct the person who answered the question to take a turn in the middle.
- Repeat and say a different skill each time.
- Add more basic skills if time allows.
- In the final round, ask: Who first taught you about Jesus?



God Story

3. Weekly Video

Supplies

- Video file

Instructions:

- Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Jesus Calls Disciples | Luke 5:1-11)
 - Key Verse segment
 - Life Story (Jon Esparaz shares his journey as a speed “cuber” and teaches viewers how to unscramble a Rubik’s Cube.)
- Discuss:
 - What was the Life Story about in today’s video?
 - What was the God Story about?
 - How do you think these two stories and today’s Big Idea (**Jesus invited others to learn from him**) connect?

Our Story

4. Small Group Activity

Supplies

- Bibles
- Sticky notes
- Pens
- Fishing Boat activity page

Leader Tip:

- Have your own Bible handy for this activity!

Instructions:

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Ensure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Show your Bible to the kids.
- Tell them about who first taught you about Jesus, who showed you how to read a Bible, and/or who taught you to pray.
- Guide the kids to look up Luke 5:10.
- Read aloud the verse.
- Discuss:
 - What did Jesus say to Simon?
 - What did Jesus mean?
- Explain that Jesus invited twelve guys to be his disciples. Many other women and men followed him, too. Anyone who follows Jesus is his disciple!
- Let the kids know that we can fish for people just like Jesus’ earliest disciples did. We can do this by inviting our friends and families to follow Jesus.
- Chat about why we invite people to church or tell them about Jesus. Ask the kids to consider the reasons we want others to know about Jesus. Try to get them to go beyond feeling like it’s something they’re supposed to do to being excited about it!



- k. Encourage everyone to pray and ask God to give them the name of someone they could tell about Jesus or invite to church.
- l. Give each person a sticky note and a pen.
- m. Direct them to print the name they thought of on the note.
- n. Hold up the activity page for everyone to see.
- o. Guide the kids to stick their notes on it.
- p. Pray together again and ask God to give the kids the courage to share about Jesus.
- q. Hang the activity page where parents will see it at pick-up time.

5. Wrap-Up Activity

Supplies

- Fish verse cards
- Timer (optional)

Leader Tip:

- To make the activity more challenging, race another small group or time your group and see if they can do it faster on their second attempt.

Instructions:

- a. Remain in your small group and sit together in a circle.
 - b. Place the cards face down on the floor in the middle of the circle.
 - c. Challenge the kids to flip over the cards and work together to put the words of John 6:69 in order.
 - d. When the Key Verse is complete, say it together.
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My Story

6. Dismissal

Supplies

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

Leader Tip:

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

Instructions:

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
 - b. Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
 - c. Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
 - d. Remind the kids to take their crafts.
 - e. Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.
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