

CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith

Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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Fishers of Men

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson.

Vocabulary: (Write the bold words on the board and discuss with students)

Apostles- the first 12 men Jesus called to follow him

Good News- the message that God loves us

Synagogue- Jewish place of worship

Faith- belief or trust that someone will help and care for you

Missionary- Someone who brings the Good News of Jesus to others

Disciples- one of the 12 followers of Jesus

Christianity- religion that follows Jesus' teachings

Capernaum- a town near Lake Galilee (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Lake Galilee- Israel's largest freshwater lake. Much of the ministry of Jesus happened on the shores of Lake Galilee (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Fishermen- people who catch fish for a living

Romans- people from Rome (show students this on a map or have one of the students find it on a map).

Taxes- payment to help run a country

Plan:

1. Read story "Fishers of Men" from your own story book. While reading the story do cut outs (Snip-And-Tell Bible Stories by Karyn Henley, page 74 & 75) as the story unfolds. Then ask questions from below.

1. What did Peter, Andrew, James, and John do for a living? (They were fishermen.)
2. They had fished all night, but had not caught anything. Jesus told them to put out their fishing nets again. Did they catch any fish? (Yes)
3. How did they feel when they saw how many fish they had caught? (They were frightened).
4. Jesus told them to not be what? (Afraid)
5. Jesus asked them to come with him and He will make them fishermen of what? Of people.

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6. What did they fishermen do? (They left their boats and went with Jesus on his journeys.)
7. What did Matthew do for a living? (He was a tax collector.)
8. Did the Jewish people like tax collectors? (No)
9. How many disciples did Jesus have? (Twelve)
10. Was John the Baptist one of Jesus' disciples? (No)

2. Introduce game: Jesus knew his disciples very well. They were his friends. How well do you know your friends?

Who is knocking at my door?

Need: one chair

Directions: The students sit in their own seats while the one who is "It" sits in a chair in front of the room, with his back toward the other students. Someone is chosen by the teacher to go up and knock on the back of the chair or floor. When "It" hears the knocking he asks, "Who is knocking at my door?" The knocker answers in a disguised voice "It is I." "It" has to guess who the knocker was. The knocker then becomes "It".

Or

Simon Says Meet the Apostles-

http://www.applesaucekids.com/Christ_Game_Folder/Pre_Apostles.html

3. Introduce craft: Who said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"? What does that mean?

Fishers of Men- http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible_themes_f_.html#fish%20crafts

Scroll down to: Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19

Gone Fishing- <http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/fishing.html>

Students make a fish then play 'Gone Fishing' from a bucket.

4. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

The Disciples word search-

http://www.catholicmom.com/printables/disciples_word_search.doc

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the Fisher of Men puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from August 19 - 23).

The Calling of the First Disciples (fish maze)- http://www.sermons4kids.com/fish_maze.htm

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The Fishermen (what's wrong)-

http://biblewise.com/images/kids_korner/fun_games/2006/october/the_fishermen.pdf

Fishing for People (multiple choice)-

http://www.sermons4kids.com/fishing_for_people_luke_choice.htm

5. Introduce snack: What did Peter and Andrew do for a living? They were fishermen.

Cup 'o Fish- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Cupofish.shtml>

Make edible fish in the Sea of Galilee in a plastic clear cup.

Sailboat Snack- <http://familycrafts.about.com/od/creativesnacks/r/sailboatsnack.htm>

What did Matthew do for a living? He was a tax collector.

Cheese Gelt Coins-

<http://homecooking.about.com/od/appetizerrecipes/r/blsnack4.htm>

Or

Get a round cracker and spread peanut butter on it. Cover with another cracker and you have edible money.

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