

**Kids/Family Devotional for Week of 3/22/20**  
A Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11)

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Jesus is amazing! Today we'll learn about a time Jesus helped some men catch an amazing number of fish.

**Before starting the lesson ask kids what they think the word amazing means and if they can share some examples of amazing things they have seen or heard about. I have included a link here that shows a short video of a man skydiving from space! This video shows the whole amazing experience that would help illustrate the point:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9oKEJ1pXPw&feature=emb\\_rel\\_err](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9oKEJ1pXPw&feature=emb_rel_err)

Say: God made our bodies to do amazing things like what you just saw. Sometimes when we try to do things that seem impossible, we might feel like giving up. We're going to see that Jesus is amazing, and he can help us when we feel like giving up. Share and discuss as a family about a time that you felt like giving up?

Transition to Bible Story: Give each child group a dish or bath towel.

Say: Pretend your towel is a fishing net. Pretend to lower it into the water. Have kids do this and then look to see if there is anything in their nets. Tell kids to keep doing this over and over until kids begin to feel annoyed with the experience.

Ask: • How did you feel about doing the same thing over and over without any results?

Say: Well, that wasn't very amazing at all. None of you caught anything in your nets! I guess today wasn't our day. Fold your nets up and put them aside. Allow time for kids to do this.

Say: Some fishermen in the Bible had a similar fishing trip. They had a whole *night* of fishing, and they didn't catch anything. So they gave up. They were cleaning up when Jesus came along.

Read Luke 5:1-4. Say: Jesus told them to lower their nets again. So get your nets back out and fish again. Allow time for kids to unfold their nets and try fishing again one time.

Ask: • What happened differently this time?

- How do you feel about having to unfold your net and try again for nothing?

Say: What you just experienced might be what the fishermen *expected* to happen. But that's not what happened because Jesus is amazing. Read Luke 5:5-7.

Say: Jesus is amazing! He didn't help them catch just a few fish. He helped them catch so *many* fish that they needed help pulling in the net!

Say: I can't make your nets become full of fish out of nowhere because I'm not Jesus. But I'm sure we've all seen ways Jesus is amazing.

Say: Jesus does amazing things in our lives every day. Just the fact that we are breathing and our hearts are beating is amazing! Things like that are easy to just get used to, but Jesus is always doing amazing things! Let's see how one of the fishermen reacted when he saw how Jesus is amazing.

Read Luke 5:8-9.

Ask: • What was Peter's reaction to catching all of the fish?

Say: This week, let's look for the amazing things Jesus does in our lives. We'll see God Sightings all around us when we keep in mind that Jesus is amazing! Then we can tell Jesus how amazed we are, just as Peter did.

As a closing activity you can have kids use the pdf document (from the email attachment) to write a God sighting of something they saw from the past week. The kids can color these and they can be posted on the fridge to remind them throughout the week of the amazing things that God does in our lives.

**Closing Prayer:** Lead kids in a prayer thanking God for the amazing things he does in our lives and for the God sightings that kids shared. Kids can also share their examples in prayer if they choose.