

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

JESUS LEADS

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 (NLT)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: JESUS LEADS

READ - Luke 5:1-3

What do you find Jesus doing at the beginning of Luke 5? He is teaching! He would teach them about who He was and how they could obey and honor God. He also shared how through Him all people are offered peace, joy, and forgiveness of their sins. Jesus still leads through His teachings. You may not be able to physically follow Him like the early disciples did, but you can open the Bible, read His words, and learn how to follow Him. Will you follow?

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DAY 2: DO WHAT?!?!

READ - Luke 5:4-5

Jesus asked Simon, also called Peter, to do something that didn't make sense. Simon was tired. His nets were empty. So how did he respond? Did Simon complain? Did he throw his nets down and tell Jesus, "You do it!" and just walk off? No! He obeyed even when it didn't make sense. There will be times in your life when you may not feel like following Jesus' lead because you are tired, or feel like you know better. But Jesus wants us to always choose to follow His lead, even if it doesn't make sense to us. **Remember: Jesus Leads**

DAY 3: THE PROMISE

READ - Luke 5:6-7

Incredible! Can you imagine how Simon must have felt as they were trying to gather all the fish! Jesus provided for Simon because of his obedience. Following Jesus' lead isn't always easy. But when you understand Jesus' love, you will begin to trust Him and choose to obey Him more. As you give up what you want and follow Him, you will find that He will provide you with His peace, strength, courage, joy, hope, and more! **Remember: Jesus Leads**

DAY 4: SIMON'S RESPONSE

READ - Luke 5:8-11, Romans 10:9

Simon's response was more than just fear or amazement. He realized that he was sinful and felt guilty. The truth is, Simon WAS sinful. The truth is, we all are. But Jesus loved Simon Peter so much, and loves us so much, that He took the punishment for our sins so that we can receive forgiveness and choose to follow Him. Have you recognized Jesus as your Savior and asked Him for forgiveness for your sins? If not, talk with an adult you trust about making the choice to follow Jesus today. **Remember: Jesus Leads**

DAY 5: JOIN IN

READ - Luke 5:11, John 14:6

Simon, Andrew, James, and John immediately left everything they had known and followed Jesus. Jesus led, and they chose to follow. When you choose to follow Jesus' lead, you are obeying and honoring God. Your life is better because you have His presence, peace, and joy inside of you. Jesus is the way, He is the truth, He is the life. Simon and his friends left behind their jobs and more to follow Jesus. What are you willing to "leave behind" so that you can follow Jesus? **Remember: Jesus Leads**



SKIPPY REVIEW

Materials: water beads

Have you ever experienced the amazing feeling of moving your hands through a bowl of water beads? Many people find the feeling very pleasing. On this week's episode of Banana News, Sensei Skippy shared how following Jesus' lead feels very pleasing to our soul.

Jesus is the perfect leader. He lived His life on Earth showing others how to live in obedience to God. Jesus showed compassion, kindness, and love to others. He is an example of how to do the right thing, even when it's hard. When we choose to obey Him, it pleases Him! That's not always easy, but, in the end, following Jesus is satisfying to the soul and pleasing to God.

Place your water beads into a bowl of water and watch them grow. Then play with the beads running your hands through them. As you do, talk to God, ask Him to help you follow Him so you can experience His pleasure.



PRAYER FISH

Materials: paper fish, pen

The fisherman in today's story left everything to follow Jesus. Jesus led and they followed. Are you willing to follow Jesus?

If you have made the decision to follow Jesus, how would you go about "catching" someone for Jesus? What would you do? What would you say? Let's take some time and really think about someone who you could "catch" for Jesus?

As you think of someone, write their name on your fish to remind you that you also are to be a "fisher of men." Place your fish somewhere you will see it. Pray every day for the names on your fish, that they will come to know about and choose to follow Jesus.



VERSE FISHING

Materials: wooden dowel rod or stick, yarn, magnet, fish cut outs, paper clips, markers

One way we learn how to follow Jesus is by reading and memorizing scripture. Make a fishing verse game set and have fun while putting John 14:6 to memory.

Make the fishing rod:

1. Tie some yarn to your stick letting the yarn hang at least 18".
2. Attach the magnet to the end of the hanging yarn.

Create your fish:

1. Color and cut out the verse fish.
2. Attach a paperclip to each fish
3. Spread them out on the floor. You could even use a blue sheet or rug as the water.

Ways to play:

Speed Fishing: Start a stop watch and see how quickly you can catch your fish and then put them in the right order. Once the fish have been caught and sorted stop the time! How quick were you? Play again to see if you can do it faster or challenge a friend to beat your time.

Order Up: Try to catch the fish in correct verse order.

Flsh in the Sea: After cutting out and decorating your fish cover them, front and back, with contact paper. Then add the paper clips. Your fish are now water proof and you can practice fishing your verse in the tub!