



Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App

WEEK 1

SPECIAL WORDS

LUKE 5:1-11
Peter is Chosen

GOD'S PLAN (POINT UP)
IS ALWAYS BEST (THUMBS UP)

READ THIS

God's plans are always best! He created each one of us special for His plan! If we put our hope in Him, then we can trust God's plan for our lives, no matter what happens! Let's go deeper and learn more from when Simon Peter first met Jesus!

MEMORIZE THIS

"May the God of hope (*point up*) fill you with all joy (*give a big smile*) and peace (*hug yourself*) in believing, (*point to your mind*) so that by the power of the Holy Spirit (*make strong arms*) you may abound in hope." (*thumbs up*)

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

IN ACTION

Plans seem to change all the time. But God's plan for us is to follow Him. What is one way you can follow God better this week?

GO DEEPER

MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:1
Many people were following Jesus to listen to Him. Jesus wants us to listen to Him too. We learn about God's plan when we listen to Him. How can we listen to Jesus? Reading the Bible, praying, and listening to adults who follow Jesus! Look up, sing and do motions with the song: "Read your Bible, Pray everyday."

CREATIVE CONNECTION

Indoor Option: You and your child can take turns hiding somewhere in the house. Once hidden, softly call the other person's name. If the seeker is listening it will help them find who is hiding. When we listen to Jesus we find Him!
Outdoor Option: Go outside with your child and have them listen. When they hear a sound, see if they can tell you what made that sound. Just like you listened for sounds outside, we want to listen to Jesus!

TABLE TIDBITS

Say a word or make up a simple sentence and whisper it into your child's ear, who must whisper it to the next family member, who continues passing the message around the table. The last person to hear the message says it out loud. After the game, explain to your child that the original source is always the best one to listen to and learn from which is why it is so important to read God's word. Remember: We learn about God's plan when we listen to Jesus.

CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Jesus loves you so much and He has a plan for you!" As you tuck them into bed sing "Jesus loves you", then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: Dear Jesus, Thank you for your word, Help me to listen to you, Amen.

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, small treat

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:2-7
That seemed really silly for Jesus to tell Peter to go back out and fish! Peter had already been fishing all night long and had caught nothing! Sometimes God's plan may not make sense but we can obey Him because His plan is always best!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Hide a small treat for your child somewhere in the house before you begin this activity. Once the object is hidden, tell your child you have a great plan for them, but they have to be willing to follow your directions. Lead them on a silly hunt where they must do anything you say. Make the game long enough that they start to get tired. As they do remind them, "I know this isn't easy, but you can have hope that my plan is good, just keep following me." Eventually, guide them to the location of the hidden treat. Use this game to talk about sometimes we may not know where God is leading us but we can follow God's plan because it is always best!



TABLE TIDBITS

Take turns being "king" or "queen" of the table. Everyone must copy everything the king or queen is doing. If they take a bite of potatoes, everyone takes a bite of potatoes. If they wipe their mouth, everyone wipes their mouth. Etc. After playing, remind your family that God is the King of our hearts and we should follow Him!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Jesus loves you so much and He has a plan for you!" As you tuck them into bed sing "Jesus loves you" Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: Dear Jesus, Thank you for your directions, Help me to obey you, Amen.

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App, play dough, small hard object

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:6-8
Wow! Can you imagine pulling up so many fish that your boat started to sink! That is a lot of fish. Let's pretend we are pulling a big load of fish into a boat. Pause and act it out with your child Whew! That was a lot of work. When Peter saw what Jesus did Peter knew Jesus was someone very special. Right away he wanted to tell Jesus sorry for the things he had not done right. Today we are going to talk about saying, "I'm sorry" when we mess up.



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Before giving your child some play-dough hide a few plastic caps or other small hard objects in the lump of dough. Give the dough to your child and see if they can find the objects. Explain that sometimes when we do wrong things we can't see them on the outside, but we can feel them inside—just like the caps are inside the dough. Remind your child that Jesus wants us to be sorry when we do wrong. When we say sorry to Jesus He removes those yucky things from our hearts and we feel better inside.



TABLE TIDBITS

Tell your child you want to ask some questions about when you need to say you're sorry. If they think they should say sorry, make a sad face. If you wouldn't need to say sorry, give a big smile:
Would you say sorry if your mom bought you an ice cream cone?
Would you say sorry if you dropped it on your moms lap?
Etc..



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Jesus loves you so much and He has a plan for you!" As you tuck them into bed sing "Jesus loves you" Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for when I do wrong, Thank You for Your forgiveness, Amen.

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, paper plate, tape, scissors, crayons, two baggies, goldfish

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:10
That sounded a little funny didn't it. Jesus told Peter to fish for men! Do you think Jesus meant for us to get a fishing pole and try to catch people on it? No way! But what Jesus does want us to do is tell others about Him. Part of Jesus' plan for us is to tell others about Him!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Invite the children to make fish out of a paper plate. To do this, first cut out a triangle, about ¼ of the plate. This will create the fish's mouth. Then, use tape to attach the point of the triangle to the other side of the plate creating the fish's tail. Have your child think of the name of a person they can pray for to know Jesus and write that on the fish for them. Then they can decorate their fish. Place these fish in your home as a reminder that Jesus wants you to be a fisher of men by telling others about Him.



TABLE TIDBITS

Get two baggies and label one "lost" with a sad face and one "found" with a happy face. Put some goldfish crackers in the lost baggie. Have your child try to scoop them out with a spoon and put them in the found baggie as fast as he can. When people are lost that means they don't know Jesus! God wants us to people who are lost about Jesus so they can be found!



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MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:11
Peter was willing to give up things that he liked to follow Jesus! Jesus wants us to be willing to follow Him! Sometimes it may be easy, sometimes it may be hard, but it makes Jesus happy when we trust and follow Him!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Play a game of follow the leader! Walk around your house or outside and have them follow you wherever you go and do whatever it is you are doing. Have lots of fun with this! Jesus wants us to follow Him wherever He leads and He wants us to do whatever He tells us to do!



TABLE TIDBITS

Share one thing you love about each person sitting around your table. Make sure everyone gets a chance to share. When you love someone do you want to follow them? Yes! Jesus wants us to know we can love Him and follow Him!



CUDDLE CLOSE

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