

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App



WEEK 1

BOTTOM LINE

LUKE 5:1-11
Peter is Chosen

**Our Hope is in
God because His
Plan is Best**

READ THIS

Simon Peter had his own plans, but he discovered God's plans were better! He was an ordinary guy who might not have thought he was special in any way. But Jesus loved him and had a special part for Peter to play by calling him to become one of Jesus' twelve disciples. 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 Simon Peter's encounter with Jesus!

MEMORIZE THIS

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

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?

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:1, Matthew 4:4, Luke 11:28

Discuss:

What were the people doing at the Sea of Galilee? (Lake of Gennesaret)? Since Jesus is no longer physically with us, how can we listen to Him? This week what is one thing you will do to make time to listen for His plans?

Remember this: Knowing God's plan begins with listening to Jesus



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Jesus Teaches, We Listen - Telephone

Play a game of telephone using Bible verses. After the game, explain to the kids 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. Suggested verses for game: 1 Chronicles 16:11, Colossians 3:2, Luke 6:31, Philippians 4:4, Philippians 4:13, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 56:3, Romans 12:12, Philippians 2:14, Psalm 136:1.



TABLE TALK

If you could go anywhere, where would you go and why?

How would you know where to go?

What are some ways God may guide us in His plan for our lives?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God for loving us enough to speak to us

Ask God to help you learn how to hear His voice better

Repent, or tell God you're sorry, for times you did not listen to Him

Thank God for giving us His Word to help us learn about His plan

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, small treat

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:2-7
Discuss:
What do you think Peter's plan was after a long night fishing?
Did what Jesus asked of Peter make any sense for Peter to do?
What would Peter have missed out on if he had told Jesus, "no"?
Remember this: We can follow God's plan even when it doesn't make sense to us.



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 have hope that God's plan is best!



TABLE TALK

If you could be "king" for the day what would you have people do?
What is one way you think God wants you to follow Him more?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:
Praise God for knowing our past and our future
Ask Him to help you trust His plan
Repent, or tell God you're sorry, for times you disobeyed Him
Thank God that He has a plan for you

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, masking tape

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:8, 1 John 1:9
Discuss:
What did Peter do and say when he saw all the fish?
Why do you think Peter did this?
Who is Jesus to you?
Remember this: We all sin, but our hope is in Jesus



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Romans 3:23 it says, "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." Place two pieces of masking tape far enough apart that it would be impossible for students to jump from one to the other. Allow students to take turns attempting to jump from one mark to the other. Use this time show that no matter what we do, we can't be good enough. Our sin keeps us from God's perfect standard. This is why we need Jesus! If you want to talk to God and tell Him sorry then take a moment and go find a quiet place in your house. Do like Peter and bow down. Tell God sorry for specific things you have done wrong and ask Him for His forgiveness.



TABLE TALK

Why is it hard to say "I'm sorry" sometimes?
Why is it so important to say "I'm sorry" to one another, and to ask for forgiveness?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:
Praise God for being perfect and holy
Ask God to show you places in your life you have sinned
Repent, or tell God you're sorry, for the sins that He brings to your mind
Thank God for His love and forgiveness

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, paper plate, tape, scissors, markers

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:10, Mark 16:15, Romans 10:13-14
Discuss:
What was the BIG purpose Jesus had for Peter?
What does Jesus mean by “Fishing for men”?
God wants to use His followers to tell others about Him so that they may choose to follow Him too? Who can you tell about Jesus and how?
Remember this: I can choose to follow Jesus and become a fisher for men.



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. On one side have your child write the name of a person they can pray for to know Jesus. Once they have the name on the plate they can create an eye above the fish’s mouth. Then use the pens, gems, and markers to draw colorful scales or other creative markings on the 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 TALK

What do you think the hardest thing about fishing might be?
What do you think the hardest thing about fishing for men might be?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:
Praise God for being a good Father
Ask God to help you think of, and pray for, people who do not know Him
Repent, or tell God you’re sorry, for a time when you did not show His love to someone
Thank God for inviting you into His plan

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, paper, markers

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 5:11, Mark 8:34
Discuss:
When Peter, James, and John decided to follow Jesus, what did they take with them?
What does it mean in Mark when it says you must “deny yourself” to follow Jesus?
Remember this: Jesus is worthy of being followed



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Challenge your child to draw a picture of their most favorite thing in the whole world. After everyone is finished drawing, have everyone share what they drew. Then say, “Close your eyes for a moment. In your head and your heart, between you and God, tell Him whether or not you would be willing to give that thing up to show that He is worthy. Don’t answer out loud.” (Allow a few moments of reflection) Continue, “Okay, now open your eyes. Remember, Jesus does not always ask us to give up those things that we really love and care about, but the important thing is for us to be willing to give those things up if He asks us to.”



TABLE TALK

Play a game of “Would you be willing to give up _____ for _____.” Ask questions like “Would you be willing to give up time outside for helping a neighbor rake leaves?” Talk about how sometimes making the choice to follow Jesus means giving up something we want for the benefit of others. What did Jesus give up for our benefit?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:
Praise God for being worthy
Ask God to help you be willing to follow His plan no matter what
Repent, or tell God you’re sorry, for times you have other things more important than Him
Thank God for allowing Jesus to give up His life for us