

UNIT 2:

**Stories by
the Sea**

LESSON 9:

Jesus and Peter Catch a Boat Load of Fish

Bible Summary

Luke 5:1-11

In today's lesson, the children will learn the true story of Jesus helping His disciples catch an enormous amount of fish. The disciples had been fishing for a long time and hadn't caught any fish. Jesus came along and told them to drop their nets in the deep water. At first, Simon was confused and explained to Jesus they had been out a long time and hadn't caught any fish. But they chose to obey Jesus. After the disciples dropped their nets in the water, the nets became so heavy with fish that the boat began to sink.

Bible Verse

"... Be careful to obey..."

Deuteronomy 6:3
(NLT)

Key Concept

Jesus wants us
to obey.

KEY CONCEPT MOTIONS:

Every time you say the key concept during the lesson, use these motions: **Jesus [point up]** wants us to obey **[thumbs up]**.

Objectives

KNOW WHAT:

Children will hear the story of when the disciples fished all night and caught no fish. Jesus then provided a large number of fish for the disciples.

SO WHAT:

Children will learn that Jesus knows everything, and He wants us to obey.

NOW WHAT:

Children will participate in an activity that helps them identify different ways they can obey Jesus.

Spiritual Formation

Obedience

People Needed

Teacher, Helper

Supplies

(Labeled visuals below can be found in the Lesson 9 Visual folder on the Winter Quarter CDs.)

- CD player
- Music for singing
- Beach clothes for the Teacher and Helper (shorts, Hawaiian shirts, sandals) (optional)
- Large beach bag
 - *The Beginner's Bible*
 - Variety of beach gear (sunscreen, water toys, flippers, etc.)
- Beach chair
- Beach towel
- Large cooler/ice chest
- Toy fishing rod with paper clip on the end of the line
- 3 Application pictures (*Lesson 9 LG 3—Lesson 9 LG 5*)
- 6 Obey game cards (*Lesson 9 SG 6—Lesson 9 SG 11*)
- Crayons
- For each child:
 - 1 Obey game sheet (*Lesson 9 SG 12*)
 - 6 Cheerios®
 - Key Concept sticker (*Lesson 9 SG 13*)
 - Two-sided take-home coloring sheet (*Lesson 9 SG 14, Lesson 9 SG 15*)
 - Snack

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Activity Stations

(20 MINUTES)

Choose which activity stations you will use from the list included in the Activity Stations folder.

Creative Bible Teaching



(15 MINUTES)

[Play upbeat music as children transition to the teaching area. Encourage kids to clap their hands along with you. Clap in a variety of styles like overhead, on your knees, on your belly, etc.]

TEACHER:

Hello, friends! My name is _____, and I'm so glad you're here today! I'm glad you could join me because we're going to have a lot of fun in the sun here at the beach. I can tell we are going to have a good time. I think we should stand up and sing "Having a Good Time."



MUSIC

Song suggestion: "Having a Good Time."

[Invite kids to sit on the count of three.]

TEACHER:

Great singing! Today we are going to hear a Bible story about some friends of Jesus. Their names were Simon and Andrew. The story tells how Jesus helped them catch a lot of fish! I just need to get my Bible out so we can get started. *[Reach in bag, pull out Bible without looking at it, and tuck it under one arm.]* Now, where did I put it? *[Dig back in bag and start pulling things out and scattering them around, making a mess.]* I'm sure it's in here. But I can't seem to find it.

[Helper walks up, shaking his or her head in disbelief.]

TEACHER:

Friends, do you see where my Bible is? I can't find it. *[Kids yell where it is. Pretend to not understand.]*

[Helper pats Teacher on the arm and points to the Bible.]

TEACHER:

Oh! How'd that get there? Thanks, _____ *[Helper's name]*. Hey, would you like to help me tell the story?

HELPER:

I sure would.



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TEACHER:

Today our Bible story tells us that Jesus knows everything. And Jesus wants us to obey. Wiggle your fingers if you think it is hard to obey or to do what your parents want you to do. [*Kids wiggle fingers.*] You are right. It is hard to do. But you have to try really hard. Maybe hearing this story will help you. Let's click on our listening ears. Click! Click! [*Tug on each earlobe.*] Now let's put on our special eyes. Shookum! Shookum! [*Hold hands to eyes, one at a time, shaping glasses.*]

[*Open Bible.*] One night, Andrew and Simon wanted to catch some fish. So they got into their boat and they rowed out to the middle of the water. Row your boat, just like Jesus' friends.

[*Helper pretends to row and encourages the class to row.*]

TEACHER:

They rowed and rowed to the deep, deep water. When they got to the deep water, Andrew and Simon stopped rowing. They threw their nets into the water and waited to catch some fish. Can you throw your nets into the water like Simon and Andrew?

[*Teacher and Helper pretend to cast nets.*]

TEACHER:

Down, down, down. [*Wait a few moments. Teacher and Helper whistle.*] Pull the nets up. Up! Up! Up!

[*Helper pretends to pull nets up.*]

TEACHER:

There weren't any fish. Not one! Andrew and Simon really wanted to catch some fish, so they tried throwing their nets in again. They threw their nets into the water and waited. Throw your nets into the water like Simon and Andrew.

[*Teacher and Helper pretend to cast nets.*]

TEACHER:

Down, down, down. [*Wait a few moments. Teacher and Helper whistle.*] What do you think happened? [*Allow kids to respond.*] Let's see. Pull the nets up. Up! Up! Up!

[*Teacher and Helper pull nets up.*]

TEACHER:

There were still no fish! They kept doing this all night long.

[*Teacher and Helper pretend to throw nets in and pull them right back out three more times.*]

TEACHER:

Andrew and Simon didn't catch any fish. They were getting tired. They wanted to stop fishing and go back home. So they started to row back home.

[*Helper pretends to row.*]

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TEACHER:

They rowed back home. Row your boat. [*Pretend to row.*] Row, row, row . . . and stop. When they got home, they got out of their boat.

[*Helper pretends to get out of boat.*]

TEACHER:

Then they looked, and they saw Jesus standing on the beach. Jesus told them to go back to the water and try fishing again. They told Jesus they had been trying all night and they hadn't caught even one fish! But you know what else they said? They said, "Jesus, if you say to try again, we will obey you." Simon and Andrew knew Jesus knows everything, so they rowed back out to the deeper water. Row your boat into the deep water.

[*Teacher and Helper pretend to row.*]

TEACHER:

Row, row, row, row . . . and stop. Andrew and Simon tried throwing in their nets again. They threw their nets into the water and waited. Throw your nets into the water like Simon and Andrew.

[*Teacher and Helper pretend to cast nets.*]

TEACHER:

Down, down, down. [*Wait a few moments. Teacher and Helper whistle.*] What do you think happened this time? [*Allow kids to respond.*] Let's see. Pull the nets up. Up! Up! Up!

[*Teacher and Helper pretend to pull in nets, slowly this time. They struggle as if pulling in something very heavy.*]

TEACHER:

Their nets got very heavy. They were filled with fish. Tons of fish! Simon and Andrew obeyed Jesus, and they caught lots of fish. Jesus knows everything, and He knew if Andrew and Simon threw their nets in the deep water, they would catch fish. **Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*]**, because Jesus knows everything. Thanks _____ [*Helper*]. You did a super job! Let's all stand up and sing.



MUSIC

Song suggestion: "Jesus is the Best, Oh Yes!"

[*Invite kids to sit on the count of three.*]

[*Helper returns to teaching area and sits in beach chair behind ice chest, ready to attach the application pictures to the fishing pole.*]

TEACHER:

Today we learned that **Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*]**. Speaking of obeying, I have a game we can play.

[*Pick up fishing pole. During the game, cast the line so it lands behind the ice chest by the Helper. The Helper will paper clip the application pictures on, one at a time.*]

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Lesson 9 LG 3

TEACHER:

Let's go fishing for our game! We'll catch a picture. If the kid in the picture is not obeying, say, "No way!" [*Crisscross hands back and forth in front of you.*] If the kid in the picture is obeying, say, "Okay!" [*Thumbs up.*] Pretend to fish with me. Get your fishing poles out. [*Throw line behind chest. Whistle while you wait for a moment.*] Yeah, we caught something! What is this? [*Show lamp picture.*] That's right. This girl broke her mom's lamp. Uh, oh. She's going to lie and tell her mom she didn't break it. What do you say? Did the kid obey? [*Crisscross hands back and forth as kids respond.*]

EVERYONE:

No way! No way!

TEACHER:

Now she decides that she will tell her mom the truth, that she broke the lamp. Now what do you say? Did the kid obey? [*Thumbs up as kids respond.*]

EVERYONE:

Okay!



Lesson 9 LG 4

TEACHER:

Jesus knows everything. He wants us to obey our moms and dads. **Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*].** Okay, let's try again. [*Throw line over the chest. Wait a moment, then pull the picture out.*] What is this? [*Show dinner table picture.*] That's right. They're getting ready to eat dinner. This kid's dad asked him to set the table. But he's not going to do it. What do you say? Did the kid obey? [*Crisscross hands back and forth as kids respond.*]

EVERYONE:

No way! No way!

TEACHER:

Now, he will obey and help his dad set the table. Now what do you say? Did the kid obey? [*Thumbs up as kids respond.*]

EVERYONE:

Okay!

TEACHER:

Jesus knows everything. He wants us to obey our moms and dads. **Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*].** Let's keep fishing. [*Toss line again and pull out picture of a child playing with toys. Display.*] What is this? [*Kids respond.*] That's right, the girl is playing with toys. Her mom tells her to put the toys away, but she doesn't listen and keeps playing. What do you say? Did the kid obey? [*Crisscross hands back and forth as kids respond.*]

EVERYONE:

No way! No way!

TEACHER:

Now she will listen and put her toys away. Now, what do you say? Did the kid obey? [*Thumbs up as kids respond.*]

EVERYONE:

Okay!



Lesson 9 LG 5

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TEACHER:

Jesus knows everything, and Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*]. Friends, you did a great job! When we obey our parents, we obey Jesus. Let's say our special words again: Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*]. Let's stand up and sing!



MUSIC

Song suggestion: "I Can Obey"

[Invite kids to sit on the count of three.]

Life Application Activity

(10 MINUTES)

TEACHER:

Today we learned a true Bible story about Jesus and His friends. Jesus' friends fished all night. Did they catch any fish before Jesus came? [No.] When Jesus came to the boat, what did He tell His friends to do? [*Throw their nets into the water.*] Did they catch any fish this time? [Yes!] Did Jesus' friends obey Him? [Yes.] Who knows everything? [Jesus.] Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*], because Jesus knows everything. Let's play a game to remember that we can obey Jesus.

[Teacher and Helper pass out one game sheet and six Cheerios® to each child.]

TEACHER:

We are going to put one Cheerio® on each picture. Can you count with me? [Model placing one Cheerio® on each square.] One, two, three, four, five, six.

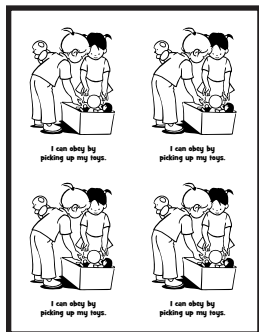
[Display the six game cards matching the squares on the kids' game sheet.]

We are going to play a game. I will choose one person to pick a card. Then I will read the words on the picture. If you have that picture on your game card, you can eat the Cheerio® sitting on the picture.

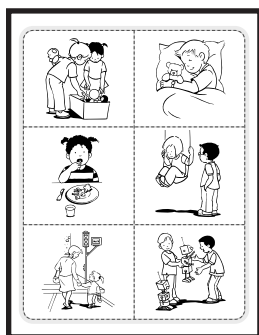
[Turn the cards face down and have a child select a card. Show the picture and read the words. Help the kids find the matching picture on their game sheets. Allow them to eat the Cheerio® on the picture. Then say the Key Concept. Repeat these steps until all six cards have been chosen.]

TEACHER:

Today we learned that Jesus knows everything, and He wants us to obey. He told His friends to go back and throw their nets in the water. What happened when His friends obeyed? [*They caught fish.*] Let's say our special words. Jesus [*point up*] wants us to obey [*thumbs up*]. Let's pray to Jesus and tell Him "thank You" for the Bible story. [Lead the children in the following finger play.]



Lesson 9 SG 6
(first of six)



Lesson 9 SG 12

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Lesson 9 SG 13



Lesson 9 SG 14

Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]
Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]
Give a little clap. [*Clap hands.*]
Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]
Open them. [*Open hands.*] Close them. [*Close hands.*]
Fold them in your lap. [*Fold hands in lap.*]

[*Invite the children to repeat after you as you pray.*]

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for the Bible story.
We are glad You know everything.
Please help us obey You.
Thank You for our snack.
In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

Snack and Coloring Activity

(15 MINUTES)

This is the time for you and the children to build community. A great way to let the kids know you care about them as individuals is to ask them questions about themselves.

GIVE each child a snack to eat.

GIVE each child a Key Concept sticker to put on their shirt while they are eating their snack.

GIVE each child a coloring sheet to color while they are waiting to be picked up.

ASK each child a question or two:

- What is one thing that was hard for you to obey when you were little?
- What is one thing that was hard for you to obey last week?
- How can you obey at home this week?