



## MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Catching Fish

**MATTHEW 4:18; LUKE 5:1-7**

### BIBLE WORDS

"And the power of the Lord was with Jesus."

**LUKE 5:17, NIV**

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus can do anything.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

## STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Preschool Bible, "Game It" Activity Page, colored cardstock, butcher paper, washable markers, and scissors

**WHAT YOU DO:** Copy "Game It" on colored cardstock and cut, three cutouts per child. Cut a large piece of butcher paper, and draw a simple net. Lay the butcher paper on the floor in your story area.

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with Jesus! Jesus was teaching by the water in front of a big crowd when more and more people came to hear Him.

"Jesus saw some fishermen named Peter and Andrew on their boat, and Jesus asked to get it in it! Jesus continued teaching the crowd from the boat, and when Jesus was done teaching, He looked at Peter and said: 'Let's go fishing!' Peter told Jesus that he and Andrew had been fishing all night, but they hadn't caught anything. See, our net is empty! (*Hold up the empty net.*) Jesus told Peter to throw his fishing net out into the water, (*put the "net" down in front of the children*) and Jesus did something only He has the power to do. Jesus filled the net with fish! Wow!

"I have some fish for you—see if you can toss one into the net. (*Give each child a fish and wait for them to toss them.*) Whoa! Good job! Try to toss another. (*Give each child another fish and wait for them to toss them.*) The net is getting full, but we have one more fish to toss in. (*Give each child the last fish and wait for them to toss them.*) Wow! We had fun tossing these fish in, but only Jesus filled nets with so many fish they almost broke! **Jesus can do anything!**"