



WEEK 4 - January 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: Jesus' miracles are amazing.
Catching Fish • *Luke 5:1-10*

Memory Verse: "Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47, NIV

Key Question: Who is amazing?

Bottom Line: Jesus is amazing.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make it Fun

Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story

-Creating Fish

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.

-Large group time

Make it Stick

Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.

-Swim
-In the net
-Dot fish

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Creating Fish

Made to Explore: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

What You Need: Play-Doh® and fish cookie cutters

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Give each child some Play-Doh.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to make fish with the Play-Doh and cookie cutters.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Yay! It's Play-Doh time!"

During the Activity: "We're going to make fish out of Play-Doh today! Use the cutters (*hold up*) and press them into the dough. (*Demonstrate.*) Look, a fish!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! We'll hear a Bible story about fish today! I bet something AMAZING happens! I am so excited!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by swimming like a fish as you walk to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (*snack*)

What You Need: This month's worship song, "He Is Amazing."

LEADER: "Welcome, friends. I'm SO glad you're here today. It's time to worship because [*Bottom Line*] **Jesus is amazing. Who is amazing?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "**Jesus is amazing.**"

LEADER: "Yes! There is only One who loves you and me like Jesus! Let's sing this out to Him.

Lead children in singing "He Is Amazing," this month's worship song.

"Yay! Great job, friends. Remember, Jesus loves you and me! [*Basic Truth*] **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Swim

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to swim like fish all around the room. Say the memory verse with the children.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's be fish just like the ones in our Bible story today!"

During the Activity: "Use your arms as fins, and let's all be fish. Swim around! (*Do activity.*) You are amazing fish! Jesus did something amazing in our Bible story today. He filled the nets FULL of fish! WOW! Let's say our memory verse about how AMAZING Jesus is!" (*Finish activity.*)

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**"

2. In the Net

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Foam/paper fish (three per child) and a hula hoop or floor tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the hula hoop in the middle of the activity area. If using floor tape, tape a circle in the middle of the activity area. This will be your net. Spread all of the fish around the circle in the activity area.

During the Activity: Challenge the children to pick up the fish and place them in the net.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line with the children.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "There are fish everywhere!" (*Point.*)

During the Activity: "There is a net. (*Point.*) Let's catch the fish and put them all in the net!" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: “Way to go! You are great fishermen. Jesus made an empty net FULL of fish. He is amazing. Let’s say that together! **[Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!**”

3. Dot Fish

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Fish Parent Note” Activity Page, cardstock, organza gift bags, foam/paper fish (from previous activity), dot markers, marker, and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Fish Parent Note” on cardstock and cut apart, one per child. Put the dot markers and fish on the table.

During the Activity: Encourage children to use the dot markers to color the fish on “Fish Parent Note.” Give children a bag and have them add fish to the bag. Write child’s name on their Parent Note.

After the Activity: Review the story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today, we heard another amazing story about Jesus. This story was about catching fish.”

During the Activity: “Do you see all the fish on your paper? *(Pause.)* Put a dot on each of the fish. *(Pause.)* Now, take a bag and fill it with the fish like the nets in our story. *(Pause.)* Super! You can take these home and retell the story.”

After the Activity: “In our story, a fisherman named Peter had been out fishing all night and didn’t catch anything. When he got back to shore, Jesus asked to get on his boat to finish teaching the crowd about God. When Jesus finished teaching, He wanted to go fishing. Peter cast his nets, and they caught so many fish that their nets started breaking! They even had to get another boat. They had two boats full of fish. Everyone was amazed. No one but the out-of-this-world amazing Jesus could do that! **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing.**”

