

CRAFT

Amazing Catch

SUPPLIES: Peter and the net coloring page, fish stickers, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out the coloring page and crayons.**

- *“Wow! What an amazing Bible story! Jesus is so amazing! Let’s take a look at this picture. Do you remember the name of the man who Jesus helped? Peter. This is Peter over on the right. Can you point to Peter?”*
- *In our Bible story today, Peter had been fishing all night, but his fishing nets were still empty. Can you point to his empty fishing net?*
- *Let’s color Peter and the water and the fishing net.*

⇒ **Continue telling the story. Then pass out fish stickers and have children fill the net with stickers.**

- *“Great coloring everybody. This is Jesus standing next to Peter. Can you point to Jesus? Jesus told Peter to try again. Peter said he had been fishing all night, but since Jesus told him to try again, he would. And that’s when Jesus did something that only he can do. He **FILLED** Peter’s nets with fish. It was amazing. It was a miracle!”*
- *Let’s put these fish stickers in Peter’s net. Lots and lots of fish! Jesus did something amazing and Peter caught so many fish that they filled two boats, and the boats began to sink! Peter had to ask his friends in another boat to help him!”*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *“Jesus’ miracles are so amazing. **JESUS** is so amazing! Only Jesus could make Peter catch all of those fish. It was a miracle!”*
- ***Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Fish in the net

SUPPLIES: Fish Sensory Bag, Printed sheet with net

TIP: *Orland and New Lenox* – I recommend doing this immediately following the craft while you are still at the table!

Homer – This would be great to do at the non-craft station!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children gather around the table.**

- *“In our true Bible story we heard about one of Jesus’ miracles! Jesus’ friend Peter was a fisherman. He was out fishing and he couldn’t catch a single fish!*
- *Then Jesus came and he told him to cast his net. Peter told Jesus that he hadn’t caught any fish, but he trusted Jesus and cast his net in the water. Jesus performed a miracle and there were so many fish in the net that it began to sink the boat! WOW! Only Jesus could do that! It was a true miracle!”*

⇒ **Hold up the sensory bag.**

- *“Look at this! We made these cool bags to represent the water and the fish. Here is my net page. We are going to place the net under the bag and then we are going to try to move all of the fish into the net.*
- *You can each take a turn. Doesn’t it feel cool?”*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Great job catching all of those fish! Can you imagine how amazed Peter must have been when his net was FULL of fish! Jesus’ miracles are so amazing!*
- **Who is amazing?**
- **Jesus is amazing!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Fish in the Net Parachute

SUPPLIES: Fish, Parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children around the parachute and have each one pick up a handle to hold on to.**
 - *“We heard an awesome true Bible story today about how Jesus helped his friend, Peter, catch fish. Peter had been fishing all night and couldn’t catch any fish! But when Jesus came, he made a miracle happen! Peter caught so many fish that they filled two boats and the boats began to sink. Wow! Only Jesus could do that!”*

- ⇒ **Toss the fish onto the parachute and encourage children to lift and lower the parachute.**
 - *“Let’s have some fun with the parachute! We are going to toss some fish on and see if we can lift and lower the parachute.*
 - *When I ask you who is amazing, I want you to shout the answer!*
 - *Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!*
 - *Let’s pop the fish out!*

- ⇒ **Have children gather the fish and put them in the parachute.**
 - *“Now it’s time to fill our parachute with fish! Let’s pretend it’s a net and fill it up! Get all the fish and put them in!*
 - *Wow can you believe it? And just imagine how many fish were in the net when Jesus did a miracle! There were so many that the boat was sinking! Only Jesus could do that!*
 - *Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!*
 - *Let’s play parachute again!”*

- ⇒ **Repeat the activity as children are still interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“WOW! Jesus’s miracles are amazing!*
 - *Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Hot Potato Telephone

SUPPLIES: Toy telephone, cd player with worship cd

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in a circle in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! We are going to play a fun game to help us remember it.”*

- ⇒ **Have children pass the telephone around the circle while the music plays. When the music stops have them speak the memory verse in to the phone.**
 - “Jesus is so amazing! And everyone who heard him was amazed. That’s what our memory verse says! We are going to pretend to call someone on the phone and tell them our memory verse! Like this (hold phone up to your ear) – *“Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47*
 - So now we are going to pass the phone around the circle while the music plays. When the music stops, whoever is holding the phone gets to make the call and tell the memory verse. We will all help you say it together!

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - We can tell everyone about Jesus’ miracles. Jesus is so amazing!
 - *“Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

JANUARY WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ Read from the Bible.

- *The Beginner's Bible: A Fisherman's Net, p. 351*

REVIEW *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

Who is amazing?

Jesus is amazing!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47**

CONNECT IT

⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of friends who we can tell 'Jesus is amazing!' When I say your name, tell me the name of one of your friends and I will write it down."

- *Write each child's answer on the white board or paper.*

PRAY

⇒ "Look at all of these names! Let's pray that God will help us go tell all of them that Jesus is amazing!

- "Dear God, we want everyone to know that Jesus is amazing and His miracles are amazing, too! Help *(name each child)* go tell *(read the list the children made)* that Jesus is amazing. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."