

This Week's Lesson

The Most Memorable Gift

Luke 5:1-11

Talk about memorable gifts you received in the past.

Do you still use those gifts?

Do you still remember those gifts if you aren't using them anymore?

As you remember those gifts, keep them in mind as you talk about our scripture for this week.

In this week's scripture, Peter, James, and John receive three memorable gifts.

The first memorable gift Peter, James, and John received was the honor of Jesus sitting in their boat while he taught the crowd.

The second memorable gift Peter, James, and John received was the large amount of fish that Jesus helped them catch. Peter was so amazed with Jesus that he bowed down to Jesus.

But Jesus wasn't done yet – there was still one more gift Jesus had to give.

That third gift was the most memorable one that Jesus gave to the three, it was when He invited Peter, James, and John to be his disciples and follow him.

Jesus inviting Peter, James, and John to be his disciples was the most memorable gift because that's Jesus' way of saying... I will show you God's love, teach you to be like me, and how to share what you learn from me with others.

This third gift would not have been very memorable for Peter, James, and John had they said, "No thank you." But they said yes, and immediately dropped their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

What's exciting about this memorable gift from Jesus is that we too can receive that gift. As Jesus invited Peter, James, and John to follow him and learn how to teach others, He also invited us to follow him and learn how to be like him.

The very best thing about this gift is that the more we learn from Jesus how to receive God's love, healing and forgiveness... the more love, healing and forgiveness we have to share with others.

When we accept Jesus' gift as Peter, James and John did, it is the most important gift we will ever receive.

Let's show our love and thanks in prayer.

Prayer

Dear God,

*Thank you for Jesus who shows us how to receive your gift of love,
healing, and forgiveness so that we can then share with others.*

Amen

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Jesus Boat & People Fish Craft Instructions

Materials:

- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Fishing line (or similar very thin string)
- Tape
- Crayons, markers or paint
- Plastic beads, cut straw pieces or other beads
- Card stock
- Boat template (see other sheet) or draw your own
- Printer paper for the fish – Different bright colors of paper or use white paper & color
- Jesus Fish template (see other sheet) or draw your own



Directions:

Start by printing out the boat template on card-stock paper or draw your own Jesus Boat.

Cut out the boat.

Next, print out the Jesus People Fish templates on different colors of bright printer paper (or use white paper and color them).

Note: For younger children, an adult may want to pre-cut the fish and let children select from a variety of different colors for the project or help color the fish.

Hole punch three holes where indicated at the bottom of the boat.

Color the boat and the letters in Jesus' name with crayons, markers or paint. (Optional)

If not already done so, cut out the fish and snip into the rectangle on the lines shown.

Line up the rectangle pieces and pierce the papers on the two dots (adults only) to create a small hole for threading the fishing line (or thin string).

Curl the rectangle so that the two cut lines can be joined to make the fish.

Knot one end of the fishing line (or thin string) and thread through the fish, adding a few beads or cut straw pieces between each fish.

Once the desired number of fish are added, bring the fishing line through one of the holes on the boat and attach to the back of the boat with tape.

Think of people who you'd like to share God's love, healing and forgiveness with and write their names on the fish. Add names and fish as you share with more people.

Lesson Luke 5:1-11 Jesus Boat Craft Template



