

Homeschool Bible – Series 1

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This Week's Bible Story

The Miraculous Catch of Fish – Luke 5:1-11
(from Episode 1, *Long Journey*)

Hi friend, Macky here...Join me as we continue our **Long Journey** Bible adventure, where we'll learn together about God's truth and his love for us!

This week, we are going to learn about the story of Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish and more.

Are you ready?

As We Begin

In this episode, we see that Rebecca and Leah have traveled a long way to come to Alexandria. The girls have to rely on other Friends of Jesus to keep them safe and to help them.

This week, as we learn about Jesus and miraculous catch of fish, we see that Peter had to make a decision to trust Jesus and do what didn't make sense to Peter at the time. Sometimes, we have to trust Jesus in a similar way, even when it doesn't seem to make sense. As you go through this week, keep your heart focused on Jesus and trusting him. And like Leah and Rebecca, you can trust other Friends of Jesus to be there to help you along the way.

Memory Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5 NLT)



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Activity 1: Bible Study

The story of the **Miraculous Catch of Fish** - and the calling of the first disciples (Luke 5:1-11)

The Jews in Israel had been praying hard for God to rescue them from the Romans. They were hoping for the Messiah who was promised in the Old Testament. They were hoping for a king with a powerful army who would get rid of the Romans once and for all. Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah that the Jews had been waiting for, but he didn't arrive in glory ready to battle the Romans. He came to rescue all mankind from a much bigger problem than the Romans — the problem of sin and being separated from God. Jesus didn't recruit a huge army of fine warriors; instead he chose some fishermen.

- Read Luke (Luke 5:1-11) in your Bible.
- Watch the Bible story of the Miraculous Catch of Fish – and the calling of the first disciples from *Long Journey* (Main Menu, click Scenes [starts at approximately 16:22]). (Or with your teacher's permission, watch all of Episode 1 again.)

Do you know anyone who likes to fish? There are two types of fisherman – those who fish for fun as a hobby, and those who do it for a living. Those who fish for their living are usually very good at it. Simon Peter (we probably know him better just by his second name, Peter) was this kind of fisherman; if anyone knew when the time wasn't right to catch fish, it would have been him. When Peter told Jesus that it wasn't the right time for catching fish, he knew for sure – all of his experience told him so. Yet, he chose not to rely on what he thought he knew, but to obey Jesus instead. So, he did as Jesus said and threw the nets out one more time – the result was a miracle.

Being a Friend of Jesus means that we obey him – even if it looks like obeying him will make no difference to a situation. There may be a miracle about to happen!

- Look closely at the fishermen in this episode. Ask yourself these questions:

1) What are they wearing?



2) Do they look rich?



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3) Are they particularly good looking?



They were just average guys. Yet Jesus called them to follow him. Jesus does just the same today. Jesus did not come to rescue “nice” people; he came for all – yes, even the Romans!

Peter knew that he may have been an average guy, but he also knew all the wrong things he had done, and he realized Jesus’s holiness. He wanted Jesus to leave because he was so aware of all the wrong he had done in his life. Jesus didn’t leave him, of course. Jesus does not allow wrong things we do to get in the way of coming near to us. He loves us that much.

When Peter met face to face with Jesus, he obeyed him, he said he was sorry for his sin, he worshipped him and then he saw a miracle (FISH!). Then what happened? Jesus gave him a mission. Jesus said, “I will make you a fisher of men”, which meant Peter would be sharing the gospel of Jesus with many people.

If you watch all 39 episodes of Friends and Heroes, you will see Peter’s exciting adventures as Jesus did, indeed, make him a “fisher of men.” It all happened because Peter listened to the first four words that Jesus said: “I will make you...” Peter didn’t try and make himself great or figure out the best way to conquer the world for God. He let God make him who he was meant to be. And, as you will see, he made many mistakes along the way!

Choose to be a person who lets Jesus shape your heart and life. Don’t try and do it for him.



Remember, there is nothing you can do to make Jesus love you more. There is also nothing you can do to make Jesus love you less.

- On the next page, write these words and decorate them how you like.

Jesus loves me!



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Write the words "Jesus loves me!" below and then decorate them.

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Activity 2: Applying What We've Learned

Trusting and Obeying Jesus

In the story of the Miraculous Catch of Fish, we see that Jesus called ordinary people just like us to be his friends and helpers. Peter and the others trusted that Jesus loved them and obeyed Jesus so he to make them into what he wanted them to be.

Are you willing to trust in the truth that Jesus loves you just as you are? Are you ready to trust him and to allow him to make you into what he wants you to be, just like Peter did?

Talk with your teacher about the things that make it hard to trust Jesus and believe he loves you just as you are. Take time to pray with your teacher about these things as well. Your prayer might be similar to the prayer below.

Dear Jesus,

I know that you love me just as I am and there's nothing I can do to make you love me more or less than you do. Help me to trust in your love and to allow you to make me into whatever you want me to be.

Amen

Extra, Extra! (Optional)

For extra fun this week, try this "Spot the Difference" puzzle: Go to www.friendsandheroes.tv, then click Games > Spot the Difference > Pontius helps Leah and Rebecca

