

## Virtual Sprouts Leader Guide

### January 2021 Week 4

**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

#### What You Need:

- Before virtual Small Group begins, be sure you have a dish towel and your Bible next to the computer.

#### OVERVIEW

(I color coded everyone's role for the call. Admin- Red Emcee- green Teacher 1- Blue Teacher 2- Orange)

(Bring kids in from waiting room)

#### WORSHIP:

**Emcee What You Say:** Good Morning friends! Hello (*child's names*)! My name is (share your name) and I'm so excited to see you today! I'd like everyone to stand up so we can sing and dance together. Let's worship!

(*Play worship song*)

#### VIDEO:

**Emcee What You Say:** "It was wonderful to worship together friends. It's time for another amazing story from the Bible about our good friend. What is our good friend's name? The one who wants to be your friend forever. (*kids answer*) Yes, Jesus! We've been learning all about our good friend, Jesus, and the amazing things He did when He was here on Earth. Before we hear today's story, I want to play another game of pretend. Do you want to play with me? Yay! I love to play pretend with you. Everyone is going to need a dish towel like this one. (*Hold up your dish towel.*) I'm going to count to ten, and I want you to go find a dish towel and bring it back to the computer. Ready, set, go!"

*Count SLOWLY to ten to ensure that everyone has time to make it back to the screen.*

"Yay! You all found a dish towel. I'm going to call on you one at a time to share and tell us what color your dish towel is. What color is yours, [child's name]."

*Encourage everyone to share their item.*

"Now it's time to play pretend. We're going to pretend these dish towels are nets. Fishermen take their nets and throw them into the ocean to catch fish like this. (*Demonstrate holding the towel by one end, tossing it out, and then pulling it back in.*) Can you do that with me? One more time. Now, let's throw out our net and pretend to catch a lot of fish. (*This time pretend it's hard to pull the net in.*) Oh my! Look at all the fish we caught! Let's try to count them. One, two, three.. (*Get faster and faster and then taper off.*) There are so many fish here I can't even count them all. Let's see if we can catch more fish. We'll

throw our nets one more time. Oh my! So many fish. Pull them in everyone. Pull them in! Great job fishermen! You can put your nets down now.

"Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) about some fishermen and their nets. I wonder if they'll catch any fish. Let's watch!"

*(Play the full Wonder video)*

#### ACTIVITY:

**Teacher 1 What You Say:** "What an awesome story. Jesus can do anything! Jesus is amazing! Did Jesus help the fishermen catch a few fish or a lot of fish? Yes, they caught a lot of fish.

"I have a fun idea! Let's pretend to be fish. Everyone, stand up!"

*Encourage the children to swim like fish all around the area.*

"Use your arms as fins, and let's all be fish. (*Demonstrate*) Swim around! When I tell you to jump in the net, come back to the computer. Jump in the net. Tell me: **Who is amazing? [Bottom Line] Jesus is amazing!** Swim little fish, swim! Jump in the net. **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!** (*Repeat a few times.*)

"Great job, friends. You can sit down now. I love hearing stories about all of the amazing miracles Jesus can do. Jesus helped the fishermen catch so many fish that their boat began to sink! Jesus can do that because **Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!**

#### MEMORY VERSE:

**Teacher 2 What You Say:** Jesus IS amazing. Our memory verse this month has the word amazing in it. Does anyone think they can say the memory verse from Luke 2:47? (*have kids share*) Let's say it altogether: "Everyone who heard him was amazed! Luke 2:47" Great job friends!

#### PRAYER:

**Teacher 2 What You Say:** "Let's pray, and then it's time to say good-bye.

"Dear God, Jesus really is amazing! He did so many amazing things while He was on Earth, so we know that He is Your Son. And the thought that Jesus is alive today and wants to be our friend forever is the best news ever! Thank You, God! In Jesus' name, amen."

#### CLOSE OUT

**Emcee What you Say:** Thank you friends for joining us today! Jesus is so amazing and he loves you very much! Keep your eyes open and see if this week you can find something amazing that God made. I can't wait to see you next week! Bye everyone!