



# 365

## KIDS CLUB

### 6-WEEK WATER SERIES



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# **LESSON FIVE**

## **MIRACLE OF JESUS PART 1**

### **GO FISH**

## **LESSON IMAGES**

LESSON GRAPHICS BY [FREEBIBLEIMAGES.ORG](http://FREEBIBLEIMAGES.ORG)

## **LESSON SUPPLIES**

### **ITEMS FOR BIBLE STORY CHARACTERS**

- Costumes.
- Fishing Poles/Fishing Nets.





# LESSON INTRO

## MIRACLE OF JESUS, GO FISH!

**SAY:** Over the past few lessons, we've been exploring stories from the Bible that involve water, and today's story is no exception. It's a miracle of Jesus that revolves around water.

**ASK:** Can anyone tell me why we've been focusing on Bible stories that involve water?

**SAY:** That's right!

We are learning how we can GO & SHARE the good news by partnering with our Church of God World Missions department. We have taken on the DIME CHALLENGE in order to raise funds to provide a well or filtration system for those who don't have access to safe, clean water.

Although we have access to clean water for drinking and bathing, 4.2 billion people in the world DO NOT have access to safe water.

As a result, 6,000 children lose their lives daily due to sickness and diseases caused by the unclean water.

This DIME Challenge gives us the wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the world around us by shining the light for Jesus.

As we'll discover in today's Bible Story, Jesus CAN provide all that we need, we need only to TRUST Him! We can use this mission opportunity to encourage others to do the same - to put their Trust in Jesus, knowing He will provide even when it seems impossible.



# GO FISH!

## LUKE 5:4-11

**ACT:** Choose a few kids to act out the story while you read. You'll need a few fishermen (one being Simon Peter) and Jesus. The rest of the kids will be the "crowd".

Be creative with your props like fishing poles, nets, fish, a small boat, costume robes, or have extra fun with it and assign cool hats for the kids to wear that represent their story role.

**SAY:** Today's water story from the Bible is found in Luke chapter 5. It begins like any other typical day for Jesus...

(Have the kids stand at the front of the room ready to begin acting out what you read aloud.)


**SAY:** One day as Jesus was stood by the lake, a crowd gathered around Him to listen to the Word of God. He noticed two boats at the water's edge, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then, He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

**ASK:** How would you have responded in that moment?

Imagine fishing all night and catching nothing, and then a man shows up on the scene and tells you to go out a little deeper and try again. I'm not sure I would have just agreed to do so immediately. What about you?





# **“BUT BECAUSE YOU SAY SO, I WILL...”**

**SAY:** Here’s what I love about the scripture and Simon Peter’s response. His response is this,  
(Direct the kids to continue to acting out the next part of the story.)

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. **But because You say so, I will let down the nets.**”

In that moment, Simon Peter could have easily said, “No thanks. I’m tired.” However, his response was of trust. “Because you said so, I will...”

I believe this should be our response to any opportunity Jesus gives us. Because You say so, I will, Lord.  
We TRUST Him and know His way is best.

Throughout our lives, God will direct us to make choices, and I pray you always respond to His voice with “I will, Lord”.

Just one example of obedience and trust is through our Dime Challenge. God is asking us to Go and Share His wonderful news of Hope and Love, and we can simply respond by saying, “I will”.

But here’s the most amazing part, when we are obedient, God works miracles. The impossible happens.

## **TRUST COMES THROUGH OBEDIENCE**

# WRAP IT UP

**SAY:** The miracle unfolds after Simon Peter says, “I will,” and goes out deeper to cast his nets once again. (Direct the kids to act out the last part of the story here.)

And when they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on, you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed Him.

**ASK:** Can you imagine boats FULL of fish, so much so the boats were sinking? (Allow responses.)  
(Dismiss the kids who helped act out the story.)

**SAY:** With trust and through his obedience, Simon Peter experienced a miracle that changed his life forever! He didn’t know the outcome, but he knew Jesus could be trusted.

**ASK:** Do you Trust Him today?

**SAY:** God will do what seems impossible through our obedience. He only asks that we trust Him enough to go deeper.

## TRUST HIM AND GO DEEP



# PRAYER



**PRAY:** This is a perfect time to pray for the group. Offer prayer for individuals who may feel like God is calling them to trust Him more and go deeper in their relationship with Him.

## HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

**SAY:** Similar to our Bible story today, God can use our obedience of “I will” to this DIME CHALLENGE and work miracles in the lives of these people who so desperately need a touch from the LIVING WATER, Jesus Christ! You may think it’s just about providing them with a well or filtration system so that they can have clean water, but it’s much more than that. God can work miracles in their lives, and yours, by simply saying “Yes” to going deeper through this mission.

You should have a 16 oz plastic bottle for you and your family to fill up with dimes over these several weeks. If you have not received a bottle yet, please let me know. Every bottle filled is about \$100! What an incredible opportunity we've been given to GO & MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the world around us!

**ASK:** Who has accepted this challenge and has already begun filling their bottle with dimes?

**SAY:** We have only one more week left in our Water Series. Make sure you reach out to grandparents, aunts, uncles, and any family members or friends about giving some of their own dimes to donate to your bottle challenge. Share with them the statistics we are learning and how through their giving of dimes, they too can make a difference by helping us sponsor a well or filtration system for those without access to clean water.















