



Main Point to Teach: The children will learn that when we follow Jesus He not only begins to work in our life but promises that He will complete His purpose for us.

Helping Passages: Matthew 4:18-22; Philippians 1:6

Quick Start:

Narrate the story in: Luke 5:1-11. Read all of Luke 5 for your own benefit.

(Just a reminder teach it at a the level of the children you are teaching)

Make sure to point out as you tell the story:

- **Story Introduction:** Jesus had begun His ministry on earth. He began to teach and preach of the work of salvation He had come to do and the truths of the kingdom of heaven which had arrived. Many would come to listen to the teachings of the new teacher. Many would understand and believe while others would reject His teachings and claims.
- **Lead role:** Jesus is the main character of this event. Jesus continued His ministry by teaching the people. He had gotten aquatinted with two sets of brothers who were fishermen. In this instance they were by the lake of Gennesaret (sea of Galilee) washing their nets from a long night of fishing. It was at this moment that Jesus solidified who He was when He commanded them to go cast their nets at an unusual hour for fishing. The customary and more successful time to fish was at night. But they listened to His instruction and were in awe of the result.
- **Supporting Cast:** Peter, Andrew, James, and John the fishermen. These men had heard Jesus teach and preach. They had accepted His message. After a long night of unsuccessful fishing Jesus gave them an irrational command. Jesus wanted them to cast their nets and although they did not think their attempt would succeed they obeyed. To their amazement it did not take but a single cast before the nets were full with more than they could hold. They all stoop in amazement of Jesus and what had occurred at His command.
- **Climax of the Story:** The boats brought in an extremely heavy load of fish. But the occurrence was not normal and it caused them all to react to Jesus. Peter fell before Jesus in fear for he knew that he was a sinner. Peter did not feel worthy to be in the presence of the Master. But then Jesus made an invitation and gave them a guarantee. He called them out to follow Him and He would make them fishers of men. Jesus did not only call them out to a purpose but promised them that He would complete it in them.
- **Conclusion:** The men responded to Jesus. They immediately left their nets and boats to follow Jesus. Jesus had began to write the story of their lives as His followers. Jesus would go on to keep His promise to them. These men became preachers of the good news of Jesus which went around the world.

Bring It Home: Many times we are intimidated with thinking that God has a plan in our lives. We trust Jesus to be our Savior, but to think that He could do something in our lives seems harder to imagine. We are like Peter we think that our sin is too great for Him to be able to be with us. We learn from this story that Jesus not only want to save us but He also want to finish what He has began in us. The invitation is open for us to follow after Jesus and He will make us become the boys and girls that will fulfill His great propose for our lives. Will you let Jesus complete His purpose? Will you follow?