



Theme: Child-friendly presentation of Bible story

Title: Fishers of Men

Date delivered: May 5, 2019

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Synopsis: Being faithful is righteous only if one is faithful to that which is good. All good things come from God; therefore, it is right to be faithful to God. When personal desires get in the way of godly faithfulness, things can, and almost always do, go wrong; Wrong for the person; wrong for the situation; wrong for serving God, even if the person thinks that what they are doing is what God is leading them to do. If personal interests are most important, if pride and gaining power and prestige are at the heart of decisions, they are almost certainly not from God. This lesson was presented by a modern fisherman in appropriate fishing gear. The presentation was interspersed in the second scripture reading.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 21:1-12 (NLT)

MEMORY VERSE: “Then Jesus told him, ‘Follow Me’.” John 21:19b (NLT)

²¹ Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. ² Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

³ Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.” “We’ll come, too,” they all said.

So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

⁴At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was.

⁵He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied. ⁶Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

⁷Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. ⁸The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. ⁹When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

¹⁰“Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.

¹²“Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.