



LESSON 4 JESUS IS GOD

INTRODUCTION

Today we continue our series of lessons leading up to Easter. Christmas and Easter are the two main festivals in Australia. To understand the importance of these festivals you need to know more about Jesus. Through these lessons you will learn why these festivals are so important and some important vocabulary associated with these special events. Today's story is about a life changing catch of fish.

Hot Topics

1. Have you ever been fishing? Who taught you to fish? What did you catch? Is it easy to catch fish in your country?
2. Why are fishing nets illegal in some countries? Is that a good or bad thing?
3. What qualities of character do you need to be a good fisherman/woman?
4. What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen in nature?

Today's Lesson...

Choose 3 people to read the story: Narrator, Jesus and Simon (you may want to break the group up into threes so everyone has a speaking part).

Vocabulary

Lake Galilee: a lake in the land of Israel

Master: a respectful name for a teacher of God's word.

Partner: someone who shares an activity with another.

Sin: Wrongdoing.

Sinful: guilty of many wrongdoings.

Amazed: greatly surprised.

Reluctant: not eager to do something.

A Life Changing Catch of Fish

Luke 5:1-11 (CEV)

Narrator: One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Galilee teaching the people. Many people were pushing their way up to him to listen to God's message. He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats that belonged to Simon and asked him to row it out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd. (Pause)

When Jesus had finished speaking, he told Simon:

Jesus: Row the boat out into the deep water, and let your nets down to catch some fish.

Narrator: Simon answered:

Simon: Master, we have worked all night long and haven't caught a thing. But if you tell me to, I will let the nets down.

Narrator: They let the nets down and caught such a large number of fish that their nets were about to break. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. When Simon saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus.

Simon: Go away from me Lord! I am a sinful man!

Narrator: He and the others with him were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught.

Jesus: (to Simon): Don't be afraid: from now on you will be catching people.

Narrator: They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.

Discussion

1. What was surprising in this story?
2. How did Peter's life change after this event?
3. Can you think of one event that has changed your life or influenced you?