

Summer Sunday School – June 6, 2010

Halitosis Hockey

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine...
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine...
Don't let Satan pfft- it out! I'm gonna let it shine...
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it shine...

Three Jolly Fishermen

There were three jolly fishermen,
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Fisher, fisher, MEN, MEN, MEN.
Fisher, fisher, MEN, MEN, MEN.
There were three jolly fishermen.

The first one's name was Abraham,
The first one's name was Abraham,
Abra, Abra; ham ham, ham,

The second one's name was I-I-saac,
The second one's name was I-I-saac,
I-I, I-I- zak, zak, zak,

The third on'e name was Ja-a-cob,
The third on'e name was Ja-a-cob,
Ja-a, Ja-a; cub, cub, cub,

They all went down to Jericho,
They all went down to Jericho,
Jer-i, Jer-i; cho, cho, cho,

They should have gone to Amsterdam,
They should have gone to Amsterdam,
Amster, Amster, Shh! Shh! Shh!,

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Lesson

How many of you have ever gone fishing? What did you use as bait? Did you use nightcrawlers like these? Did you catch any fish? (Give each child a chance to tell about their fishing experience.) Fishing can be fun, can't it? It can also be kind of disgusting. You have to pull the worm apart and squish it onto the hook. Or do your parents do that part? Then if you catch a fish, you have to cut it open and take the guts out. Yuk. I don't like that part.

Our story today is about some men who were fishermen. They didn't just fish for fun. Fishing was their job. They fished just about every day and they were probably pretty good at it. They didn't use bait to catch their fish. They used a net and would scoop up lots of fish all at one time.

This one night, though, they weren't having much luck. All night long they sailed their boats from one side of the lake to the other trying to catch some fish. They threw their nets in the water and pulled them back out many times, but there just didn't seem to be any fish. They fished all night and all they got were some dirty nets.

As they were cleaning their nets the next morning Jesus came up to Simon Peter, who was one of the fishermen and told him to take his boat back out into the lake and throw out his net again.

Simon Peter and his friends were very tired and hungry but they did what Jesus said and went back out into lake again and threw out their nets just where Jesus told them to throw it. And when they pulled up their nets this time, they were so heavy with fish the nets started to rip. Simon Peter called to his friends in the other boat to come and help him. Soon they caught so many fish that their boats were beginning to sink. The fishermen were amazed. How did Jesus know where the fish were? They had looked all night long and couldn't find them. They thought that there had to be something very special about this man Jesus. They were really excited to meet him.

Then Jesus did something else really amazing. He told the fishermen that if they followed him, he would make them **fishers of men**. This sounded really exciting to the fishermen. They knew how to catch fish, but men? How could they not follow a man who seemed to know everything. The fishermen left their boats and everything they had and followed Jesus. They became Jesus' disciples and learned from Jesus how to become "fishers of men".

When we follow Jesus we also learn how to be "fishers of men".

What does it mean to be a "fisher of men?" Instead of catching fish we catch men. **We tell people about Jesus so that they too want to follow him too.**

What do you need to catch fish? (Let the children respond.) You need a net or a fishing pole. If you use a fishing pole, you have to have bait. What kind of bait can you use to catch fish? night crawlers, lures, bugs, caterpillars, etc.

But what kind of bait do you use to catch men? God's words.

Fishing can be fun, but it can be a little messy and smelly. But when we catch men for Jesus we don't have to clean them; Jesus takes care of that part.

Prayer

Dear God,

Please teach me how to become a fisher of children! Help me find a friend to bring to Sunday School next week and spend time having fun at Sunday School. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Craft

Using sidewalk chalk draw images from the story – fish, Jesus, Disciples, or images from how we can be fishers of men.

Using styrofoam stickers – make children incorporate that shape or image into their drawing.

Draw pictures on porch where coffee is served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright - Game

Mrs. WRIGHT went into labor. Mr. WRIGHT prepared to take Mrs. WRIGHT RIGHT to the hospital. He was in such a hurry that he put his RIGHT shoe on his LEFT foot. Obviously, he was not in his RIGHT frame of mind. Mrs. WRIGHT grabbed her sweater from the LEFT hand side of the closet and they quickly LEFT the house for the hospital. As Mr. WRIGHT approached the hospital, he noticed a detour sign. The LEFT turning lane was blocked so he turned RIGHT instead. Mr. WRIGHT drove RIGHT in front of the hospital entrance and helped Mrs. WRIGHT inside. As soon as they got inside the hospital he realized that he had LEFT the car running. He had to go RIGHT back outside to turn off the engine.

He LEFT the car parked in front of the hospital and headed RIGHT back for the reception desk. As he approached the desk, he realized that he had LEFT the keys in the ignition. Panicked, he went RIGHT back to the car, but noticed that the LEFT driver side door was locked. Luckily Mrs. WRIGHT hadn't locked the RIGHT side door.

Mr. WRIGHT ran RIGHT back into the hospital again. Mrs. WRIGHT had been taken to the [labor and delivery](#). The nurse instructed him to go down the blue hall and turn LEFT, RIGHT just passed the water fountain. By the time Mr. WRIGHT got to the room, Mrs. Wright was already pushing, so the Dr. asked Mr. WRIGHT to stand on the RIGHT side of Mrs. WRIGHT's bed and hold her RIGHT hand...

Mrs Wright looked RIGHT into Mr. WRIGHT's eyes and asked, Where is the video camera? Oh no, said Mr. WRIGHT, I LEFT it at home! Mrs. WRIGHT closed her eyes and said, RIGHT now, you are not my favorite person. It might be better if you just LEFT the room.

LEFT? Ask Mr. WRIGHT. That wouldn't be RIGHT at all. I'm staying here with you. RIGHT then, Mrs. WRIGHT screamed and squeezed Mr. WRIGHT's LEFT hand really tight. Mrs. WRIGHT had the baby!

Mr. WRIGHT passed out. The nurses ran RIGHT over to him and placed him in a chair. When he came to, he saw Mrs. WRIGHT holding twins. A baby boy was on her LEFT arm and a baby girl was on her RIGHT. Mrs. WRIGHT was smiling and Mr. WRIGHT was too. Not only had they been blessed to have one WRIGHT baby, now they had two.