

juniors

# FISHING FOR GOD



GET INTO  
THE BIBLE



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION  
NEEDED

## AIM

Using a simple game, learn about how Jesus found his first disciples and how he made them 'Fishers of Men'. What does it mean to be a 'fisher of men'?

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Bible
- Blue Tablecloth / Sheet / Towel
- Bean Bags
- 8 Cut Out Shapes of Fish

THE BOYS'  
BRIGADE  
> the adventure begins here



# GET INTO THE BIBLE: FISHING FOR GOD

## THEME: MY BIBLE ADVENTURE




### LEADER PREPARATION

For this activity you will need 8 fish shapes cut out of coloured card or paper. These shapes need to be slightly bigger than a bean bag.

Before the activity, lay out the blue tablecloth (lake) at one end of the room with the fish shapes spread out on top. A few metres away place a cone with a pile of bean bags next to it.



### GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Start the activity by reading  **Luke 5: 1 – 11**. Explain that this is the story of Jesus recruiting his first disciples. Tell the group that after reading the story, they will be tested on their knowledge, so they need to listen carefully.
- 2 Now split the group into two teams and stand them either side of the cone, facing the fish. One at a time each team will take it in turns to throw a bean bag to land it on top of a fish. When they land on a fish, read out one of the following questions. If the team get the question correct, they score a point. If they get it wrong, then the other team can answer to try to take the point.
- 3 Continue the game until all the fish have been hit and all the questions have been asked.

#### Questions

- How many boats did Jesus see at the water's edge? **Two**
- Whose boat did Jesus get into? **Simon's**
- After Jesus finished teaching, what did he tell Simon to do? **Put down his fishing nets**
- Simon told Jesus he had already been fishing all night. How many fish had he caught? **None**
- When they put down their nets, they caught so many fish that something happened to their nets. What was it? **The nets nearly broke**
- When Simon Peter saw the full nets of fish he fell down to his knees and said what? **Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful Man!**
- Jesus told the fisherman not to be afraid. From now on they will fish for \_\_\_\_\_? **People**
- What do you think it means to 'Fish for people'? **It means to spread the news of God and to collect followers.**

Finish the activity by discussing a little more about what it means to be 'fishers of men' and how we are called to help tell other people about Jesus so they too can get to know him. This could be with our words, our thoughts or our actions.



### IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Create your own fishing rods from garden canes, string and a hook. Place a ring on the fish cards and then complete the activity using the fishing rods instead.



### KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Make sure only one bean bag is thrown at a time and the area is clear before a child throws.