

**MIRACLES OF JESUS – THE MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISH**

**Teaching point:** We can trust God even though sometimes the situation looks impossible.

**Games: Musical knees:** Set out chairs (one fewer than the number of children) in a line, facing alternate directions. When the music starts, the children move around the chairs and when it stops, they sit down. One child will have to sit on another's lap. Continue the game in this way, removing one chair each time until the whole group has to sit on one chair and on each other's knees.

**Boat race:** A boat consists of 6-7 players in knees full bend position, each holding the shoulders of the child in front. Facing the players is the "cox" who stands and holds the hands of the front player. The boat moves forward by all the players springing together off both feet, the cox assisting by calling out the rhythm. Boats which break up must stop and reform before they can continue.

**Introduction:** Play Pictionary: Make a list of items based on today's story eg boat, fish, net etc. Divide the children into teams and give each paper and a pen. One player from each team runs to the leader and is given the first word which they then draw. The others in their team have to guess the item correctly without any verbal or written word clues. The player who guesses the word correctly then goes to get the next word to draw and so on.

**Story:** The miraculous catch of fish - Luke 5 verses 1-11

You can tell the story in your own words and get the children to mime it or show scene four of "The Miracle Maker".

**Application:** Sometimes, when we're in difficult situations, it's hard for us to trust God. How must Peter have felt when Jesus asked him to lower the nets after he hadn't caught anything during a whole night's fishing? But because he trusted Jesus, Peter was rewarded with a great catch. Have the children been in situations when they've found it hard to trust God? Maybe you can give a personal testimony about difficult times when you've had to trust Him.

**Memory verse:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; never rely on what you think you know." Proverbs 3 verse 5 Try learning this as a rap.

**Prayer:** Get the children to make bookmarks, thanking God that we can trust Him or asking God to give us faith so that we can believe in Him.

**Song:** "Faith as small as a mustard seed" track 8 Whoopah Wahey CD by Doug Horley

**Final Game:** Pick a favourite Kingsquad game from this year.

**Resources:** There are bookmarks and a fun sheet in the resources section.