

Fishers of Men

Lesson learnt:

Matthew 4:19 19 Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Bobo the puppet is battling to understand what it means to be a "Fisher of Men" and maybe your children are too. Help them understand what the "Great Commission" of Christianity is as you tell the miracle of Peter and his fish found in Luke 5:1-11.

Items needed:

- Puppet (ours is named Bobo)

Instructions/ skit:

Bobo	(Bobo throws all kinds of things out of the stage while mumbling) Where could it be ...maybe under here, behind this ...
Leader	Bobo, is that you?
Bobo	Yes, but I can't chat now I'm VERY busy! (pop up) Hi kids - I'm VERY busy gotta go
Leader	But Bobo you're making a huge mess. What are you doing back there?
Bobo	I have to find it - I have to find it! I just HAVE to find it (pop up)
Leader	What do you have to find Bobo? What are you looking for?
Bobo	My fishing rod of course (sarcastic)
Leader	Oh of course ... your fishing rod ... <i>your fishing rod?</i> Bobo, you're a circus clown. Why do you need a fishing rod?
Bobo	I read my Bible last night
Leader	Well done Bobo!
Bobo	and in there it told me I HAVE to be a fisherman! So I can't talk now. I HAVE TO find my fishing rod! (go down)
Leader	Children, do you think Jesus says we all HAVE to be fishermen? Do you think Bobo has made a mistake? I think so. Let's ask him why he thinks Jesus wants him to be a fisherman. Bobo? Bobo? Can you come up here for just a minute? It won't take long.
Bobo	Well just for a minute... cos I really need to find that fishing rod so I can be a fishermen
Leader	Bobo, why do you think the Bible wants you to be a fisherman?
Bobo	It said so in Matthew 4:19 ..ughm(clear throat) Jesus said ... FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERMEN... & I want to follow Jesus so I have to be a fisherman
Leader	Oh Bobo, that's not what it says. Matthew 4:19 reads... Jesus said, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men
Bobo	What?? I'm not gonna catch people? Where are the sardines? (begins to leave)

Leader	Bobo Jesus didn't mean we must catch people with a fishing rod and a hook?
Bobo	HE didn't? Then what does He mean? I'm so confused.
Leader	Would you like me to tell you a story from the Bible to help explain it to you?
Bobo	Yes please
Leader	One day Jesus was walking by this big beautiful lake when He came across 2 empty boats. One of these boats belonged to a fisherman named Simon. Simon had been fishing all night but had caught nothing!
Bobo	Not even one!
Leader	Not even one!
Bobo	What kind of fisherman is he?
Leader	Let's continue with the story ... Simon let Jesus push his boat out into the water so Jesus could teach to the huge crowd that was following Him. When Jesus was finished speaking, He told Simon to go out to where it was deeper, let down his nets and catch some fish.
Bobo	Did he tell Him that they had been trying and hadn't even caught one fish!
Leader	He did ... he even said that they had been trying all night! But he agreed to do it anyway because he knew who Jesus was and that it is good to listen and follow Him.
Bobo	and did he catch something ... please tell me he caught at least a small guppy!
Leader	Well he and his friends threw his nets over and this time ... they caught so many fish that their nets even began to break! They had to call over to the boats around them to come fetch some before they started to sink.
Bobo	WOW there must have been gabillions of fish!
Leader	Because Simon was a fisherman, Jesus knew that He would understand what He said next, especially after the miracle He had just done.
Bobo	Let me guess – is this where Jesus asks him to follow Him and He will make them fishers of men?
Leader	You've got it Bobo.
Bobo	So let me get this right Jesus wants us to trust Him and do what He says
Leader	Yes
Bobo	so that we can learn from Him
Leader	Yes
Bobo	so that we can tell gabillions of people about Him and they can come to know Him and love Him like I do!
Leader	Sounds perfect!
	I can't wait!! Bye, children I'm off to be a fisherman for Jesus!

