



Funtastic Family Home Evenings
Easy to Prepare! Fun to Share!

FISHERS OF MEN

(Ages ~ 5 and older)

PURPOSE

To discover ways family members can do missionary work everyday

MATERIALS

- Scriptures
- A stick or craft stick
- String
- A small magnet
- 12 paper clips
- 12 fish cut-outs (clip art below)
- A picture of the [Savior calling the disciples](#)



SONG SUGGESTION

- [“I Want To Be a Missionary Now”](#) page 168 in the *Children’s Songbook*

LESSON IDEAS

1. Prior to the lesson:
 - a. Make a simple fishing pole using a stick or craft stick. Tie a string on the end and connect a small magnet to the end of the string
 - b. Cut out the fish (below) and attach a paper clip to each one
 - c. Write one of the following on the back of each fish:
 - Pray Always (2 Nephi 32:9)
 - Gain a Testimony of the Scriptures (Moroni 10:3-5)
 - Follow the Spirit (1 Nephi 4:6)
 - Memorize Scriptures, the Articles of Faith, Hymns or Words from the Prophet
 - Be a Good Example (Matthew 5:14-16)
 - Share a Book of Mormon, Church DVD, Book, Pamphlet or Pass Along Card with a friend
 - Live a Clean Life in Thought, Language and Deed (Alma 5:57)
 - Have a Desire to Serve the Lord (D&C 4:1-6)
 - Plant Seeds of Truth in Others (Alma 32:28)
 - Talk About Gospel and Share Your Testimony With Others (D&C 100:5-8)
 - Invite a Friend to Church or an Activity
 - Pray to Find Someone Who is Ready for the Gospel
2. Use the scriptures (Luke 5:1-11) or [chapter 18 of the New Testament Stories](#) booklet to tell the story of Jesus calling several of the disciples. Help family members understand what Jesus meant when He told them that He would teach them how to “catch men”.
 - a. You may want to show a picture of the [Savior calling the disciples](#) with older children.

3. Explain to your family that all of us can assist the Savior in “catching men”.
 - a. Tell them that on the back of each fish is an idea for being a missionary now.
 - b. Place the fish face up and allow the children to “catch” one by dangling the string with the magnet next to the paper clips on the fish.
 - c. Help them understand what is written on the back of each one.
4. Challenge each family member to select one of the ideas that he/she would like to apply this week. Testify that as we are prayerful and diligent we can become “fishers of men”.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Plan a family activity that non-member or less-active neighbors or friends can be invited to attend.
- Younger children may enjoy playing the online [Finding Dory game](#).
- As a family make one of the easy dessert snacks below:

Salty Fishing Snack

Items: Blue napkins, small cups, straight pretzels, gold fish crackers, peanut butter

- Open up napkin and place fish in the middle (the napkin is the ocean)
- Put peanut butter in the cup (this is the bait)
- Use pretzels for fishing rods. Dip rod in bait (peanut butter) and use the sticky peanut butter end to catch a fish.
- Eat rod, fish and bait!

Ocean in a Cup

Items: Clear plastic cups, Oreos, blue Jello or vanilla pudding, Swedish fish

- Fill the bottom of a clear plastic cup with crumbled Oreos or vanilla wafers
- Fill rest of the cup with blue Jell-O or vanilla pudding with blue food coloring
- Refrigerate
- When almost set add gummi fish to the Jell-O or pudding
- Additional idea: Swedish fish could adorn a cupcake with blue frosting

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