

UNIT 21 | SESSION 3

PETER WORSHIPPED JESUS

LUKE 5

KEY PASSAGE:

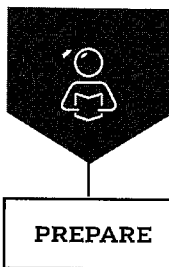
Hebrews 11:6

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How can we be saved? We are only saved through faith in Jesus.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Peter understood that he was a sinner and recognized that Jesus is God. He responded to Jesus' grace and kindness by following Him. When we understand that Jesus is God and that we are sinners, we can turn to Him for forgiveness and follow Him by faith.



PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION



PREPARE

PREPARE YOUR HEART TO TEACH; PLAN THE SESSION



WELCOME

GREET KIDS and OPEN THE SESSION



LEARN

TEACH KIDS THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL



LOVE

LEAD KIDS TO LOVE THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL



LIVE

LEAD KIDS TO LIVE OUT THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

LEADER Bible Study

The Gospels record dozens of descriptions of the works that Jesus did. We learn about how He served, saved, and showed His power in miraculous ways for the sake of revealing His divine authority to His disciples and others.

Yet even with all the astounding works of Jesus that are described through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the Gospels still don't contain the whole of all that Jesus did. In fact, John concludes his Gospel by declaring, "And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if every one of them were written down, I suppose not even the world itself could contain the books that would be written" (John 21:25).

However, in several moments throughout the Gospels, we find Jesus' works stacked on top of one another in such a way that we can see the magnitude of His miraculous works and powerful teachings. One of those chapters is Luke 5. In just 39 verses, we see how Jesus provided, healed, forgave, called, and taught. This account ought to stir our hearts toward a deeper love and worship of Jesus.

When reading a chapter like Luke 5, two types of questions may come to mind. First, when you think about Jesus, what do you believe about what He has done and how He

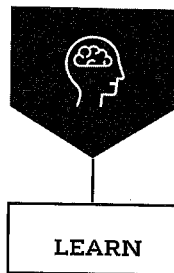
continues to work? Do you find yourself only convinced of what you have experienced Him doing in your own life? Do you limit yourself to believing only what you can imagine is possible? Or do you trust with confidence all that the Bible describes of Jesus' works?

Second, does reading about these works of Jesus cause your heart to swell with worship? Do you respond to reading these accounts or seeing Jesus' work with mild acknowledgment or with grand astonishment that leads your heart to love and worship Jesus more?

What is it that causes your heart to be drawn to God? What is it that causes you to worship? The discovery of the amazing works of Jesus ought to lead us to the answers for these questions. And if it does not, spend time praying and asking God to change your perspective, soften your heart, and draw you to Himself.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Peter: personal name meaning "rock." Jesus called Simon, a fisherman, to be His disciple and gave him the name Peter.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Luke 5. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Peter Worshiped Jesus.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

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☞ One day, Jesus stood by a lake as He taught about God’s Word. Crowds of people gathered together, pressing in to hear what Jesus was saying. Jesus looked out and saw two boats at the edge of the lake. The fishermen were out of the boats, washing their nets.

Jesus got into one of the boats and asked a fisherman named Simon Peter to push the boat a little out from the land. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When Jesus was finished speaking, He told Peter to move the boat to deeper water and let down his nets to catch fish.

Peter said, “Master, we’ve been fishing all night long and didn’t catch anything. But I will do what You said.”

So Peter and his partners—James and John—let down the nets. They caught so many fish that the nets began to tear. They called out to the fishermen in the other boat to come and help. Both boats were so full of fish that they began to sink. The fishermen were all amazed.

Peter fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!”

Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid. From now on, you will be catching people.” Then Peter, James, and John brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed Jesus.

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STORYTELLING TIPS

Act it out: Perform the movements and motions of the people in the story as you tell it, such as climbing into a boat, paddling a boat, letting down a net, and so on.

Use a visual aid: Display a stuffed animal fish, a net, or a boat replica to show the kids as you tell the story.