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God had a plan to save us, and so He sent Jesus to earth. But God allowed 12 regular men to be a part of His plan too! The 12 men were Jesus' disciples, and Jesus chose each one of them Himself. The first disciples were fishermen, and Jesus used their boat one day to teach a big crowd on the shore. When He was finished, Jesus told the men to go fishing. Even though the fishermen had been fishing all night without catching anything, they tried again anyway. They caught so many fish their boat couldn't even hold all of them! Jesus asked the men to follow Him so they could one day tell others about Him.

The following passages have been provided for you to model to the children in your small group how to look for truth in Scripture. Some verses may be engaging for your children while others may simply aid in your preparation to lead this time of discussion.

Questions:

1. Read Luke 5:1. **What was Jesus doing by the Sea of Galilee?** (He was teaching a crowd of people.)
2. Read verses 2–3. **What happened next?** (Jesus saw two boats and got into one to teach the people.)
3. Read verse 4. **What did Jesus tell Simon to do?** (He told Simon to go into deep water to catch some fish.)
4. Read verse 6. **What happened when Simon obeyed Jesus?** (They caught a lot of fish!)
5. Read verses 8–10. **What did Jesus tell Simon he would fish for from then on?** (He would fish for people.)
6. **What part do you think you can play in The Big God Story?**