



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Hands-On Faith Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: FAITH BEGINS WHEN WE BELIEVE IN JESUS



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week ~~on the drive home~~:

Jesus called four fishermen to be his first disciples. They had no idea they had taken their first steps on an amazing life adventure. The life of faith begins when we make the decision to trust that what Jesus says is true. Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus Calls the First Disciples



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Do this week's experiment at home with the kids, and then ask them what this experiment has to do with what we learned about the disciples following Jesus.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What kind of people did Jesus choose to be his disciples?
- What does it mean to be "fishers of men?"
- What are some ways you can be "hands-on" about serving God?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. ~~It is being sure of what we do not see.~~"
Hebrews 11:1 ~~(NIV)~~ (NIV) ^{and certain}



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

God wants us to trust Jesus enough to follow him and do the work he commanded. Pray that you and your kids will have a heart for serving others so that God can use your family to lead others to Jesus.

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Items needed:

A piece of flat styrofoam (from a take out box) or non-corrugated cardboard
A toothpick
A large tray or tub with water
Dish soap

Instructions:

Cut the styrofoam or cardboard into a boat-like shape, with a triangular notch cut in the back. Make the boat about 2 inches long.

Using the toothpick, apply dish soap to the notch in back of the boat, covering all sides of the triangle.

Set the boat in the water, and watch the boat take off!

Note: to re-create the experiment with a new boat, you will need to dump the now soapy water and start again with fresh water.

To see a video of this experiment, you can visit this website:

<https://sciencebob.com/build-a-soap-powered-model-boat/>

What does it mean?

Just as the soap launches the boat on its journey, Jesus wants us to invite him into our hearts and take us on a journey that will last for eternity!