

# UNIT 1 – JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY

## Lesson 3 Multiplication



**Text:** Luke 5:1-11



**Bible Truth:** We need to listen to and obey the word of God.



**Central Truth:** Things don't always happen the way we expect them to.



**Memory Verse:** Matthew 4:19 "And he said unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

**OR** Matthew 4:19b "... follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

### GETTING STARTED



1. Put an 'X' on the board and ask the students what it means when talking about mathematics. After the students have answered, write some multiplication problems for the children to solve. E.g.  $3 \times 3 =$ ,  $2 \times 5 =$ ,  $8 \times 9 =$ ,  $25 \times 4 =$  **OR**
2. Compare addition and subtraction. E.g.  $2 + 3 = 5$  but  $2 \times 3 = 6$ ,  $3 + 4 = 7$  but  $3 \times 4 = 12$ . This can be done using figures and/or shapes. It can also be done using counters.

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$$\bigcirc \bigcirc \quad \bigcirc \bigcirc \quad \bigcirc \bigcirc = \text{OR}$$

3. Start your story with how one person taught someone how to do something, and then how the two of them went to teach two other people and then how the four of them went on to teach four other people. This continued until thirty-two people now knew that thing. The students will help with the calculations. You end the story with and it all started with just one person. You can mention that it can happen negatively just as with rumours.

### THE WORD

Jesus preached in the synagogue and then left. However a lot of people still wanted to hear more so they followed him. At the shore of the lake of Gennesaret he decided to continue teaching. However, many people could not see or hear Jesus speaking so he entered Simon Peter's boat and continue with his teaching. When he was through, he told Simon to move out into the water and try to catch fish. Now normally, fishermen did not fish in the day time, they fish at night. However, Simon Peter believed in the authority of Jesus, even though he was not a fisherman, and he put the net in the water. He got the reward of his trust. We too need to trust God. At times God will tell us to do things that don't seem to make sense at the time. However, if we obey him, we will sometimes see the reason why he told us to do that thing. Remember how Jesus told the servants to put water into the water jugs and serve it to the person in charge of the feast? The servants obey him, and they saw a miracle.

Another lesson we can learn is that Peter willing allowed Jesus to use his boat for the work of the ministry. As we saw in the story, God rewards those who diligently serve him. The amount of fish that Peter caught was so much that he had to have help in getting the fish back to shore. God loves giving us things in abundance. He also wants us to be like him. We have been blessed to be a blessing.

Something that God wants us to do is to be fishers of men. We need to go out and lead people to Jesus. If I preach to someone and the person gets born again, then there are two people who are born again. If the two of us preach and lead someone to Christ, then we have four people who are born again. If the four of us go out, preach and lead one person each to Christ, then we have eight people who are born again. You might think that you can't lead seven people to Christ, but through multiplying yourself, you can. Let God use you to preach the good news to people. The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Let us be among those who will labour for God.

Using the internet we can share the love of God. We can testify of God's goodness and faithfulness, mercy and loving kindness. We can use WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, etc. We can even have a blog.

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### MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 4:19 "And he said unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

### SONG – FISHERS OF MEN

I will make you fishers of men  
Fishers of men x2  
I will make you fishers of men  
If you follow me.

If you follow me. X2  
I will make you fishers of men  
If you follow me.

### AT OUR LEVEL

- Share one or two examples of things God told you to do that did not make sense at first, but later on made sense.
- Share an example of a time where you shared the word of God with someone and the person was blessed by it.
- Share an example of a time when you were given something, and you knew that it was not meant to be consumed by you alone. You were to share it with someone (or more than one person) or give all of it to someone (or more than one person).

### CONFESSION

I am blessed to be a blessing. I live in abundance and I give out of my abundance. My life is a witness of God's goodness. I tell people about God's goodness. I sing about God's goodness. I share the love of God with people around me. I am a fisher of men. God uses me to draw people - men, women, boys, girls, into his kingdom. I lack no good thing. I trust God. I obey God. I am blessed.

### REVISION

1. The memory verse for today's lesson is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did Jesus have to borrow one of the boats at the edge of the lake?
3. Whose boat did Jesus use?
4. What happened to the owner of the boat after Jesus finished using it?
5. What does God expect from you?

### ACTIVITY – WORKSHEETS

Do the worksheets.

### IN CLOSING

Summarize the lesson and pray.