

# ALLEY SG – Feb 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Story:** Netflix (calling of Peter) • *Luke 5:1-11*

**Bottom Line:** When I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.

**Memory Verse:** “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.” *Hebrews 11:1, NIV*

**Life App:** Faith—believing in what you can’t see because of what you can see.

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

*Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for providing for us. Pray the kids will have confidence that God will provide for all their needs, even in unexpected ways. Ask God to provide for specific needs of the kids you know about.*

## **Letters Of Love** *(Please do this activity first)*

**What You Need:** Letters of Love Stationary, writing prompt

### **What You Do:**

Pass out a piece of stationary and writing prompt to each child. Make sure to collect the prompts to be used by the next group

**What You Say:** We are going to be writing some letters to kids in Africa. These are kids who go to the same school as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who we sponsor with our offering. We just want to send them a letter to tell them we are thinking of them way across the world in the United States.

**If kids are willing, have them write two letters (we need LOTS☺)\***

## **Net Working** *(application activity / review the Bible story)*

**What You Need:** Bible, yarn

### **What You Do:**

Form teams of four or more kids and sit in a close circle (knee-to-knee). Give each team a ball of yarn or string. Read Luke 5:1-11 out loud slowly. Tell kids that whenever you say a word containing an “S,” they must toss the ball of yarn across the circle to another kid. Explain that they will weave a fishnet of yarn as they hear today’s Bible story retold. At the end of the story, test the nets to see if they are strong enough to hold the Bible that was used to read the story.

Lead the kids in a discussion of today’s lesson and help them think through ways they can apply it to their lives.

### **What You Say:**

“Nice nets! Some of them were strong enough to hold a Bible! I wonder how many fish they would hold. Even in Bible times, large fishing nets could hold a lot of weight. That day on the lake, when Jesus came along to help with the fishing, He filled Peter’s nets so full they nearly broke. Peter saw Jesus

provide in a miraculous way, and it was all he needed to walk away from the life he knew to follow Jesus. He might have been thinking, **[Impress]** ‘When I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.’ **[Apply]** Jesus showed up in a big way for Peter. He shows up for you, too, every day, in big ways and in small ways. For example, when you have enough to eat and a place to sleep and you feel safe, that’s evidence that God is taking care of you. One of the ways you can build your faith this week is by paying attention to the way God provides for you day to day.”

*Note: Be especially sensitive if you know one or more of the kids in your group don’t have all of their needs met each day. For these kids, remind them that God provides friends if they are lonely and a community of believers to help when their families are struggling financially.*

### **Take a Guess** (application activity)

**What You Need:** blank paper, masking tape, pens, Bible

#### **What You Do:**

Ask kids to form a line at one end of the room and give them each a piece of paper to wad up. Explain that the object of the game is for them to turn around and launch their paper wads over their shoulders and hit a mark. Let them predict where they think their paper wads will land and then mark the spots with a piece of tape containing their initials. Play several times, giving kids a chance to re-predict and adjust where they think their wads will land.

#### **What You Say:**

“When Peter threw the fishing nets into the water, he couldn’t predict what was going to happen. We can’t predict exactly where a flying wad of paper will land any more than we can guess what will happen in our lives. But like Peter, we can trust Jesus to do what He says He will do. Life is unpredictable in many ways, but the one thing we can always count on is Jesus. Sometimes it can be hard to trust God when we can’t see how something is going to work out. Things would be easier if we could see God with our physical eyes but, of course, we can’t. That’s why we have to have faith. Faith is believing in what you can see because of what you can’t see. **[Apply]** **What you CAN see this week is the way God works all around you. He provides food, clothes, friends, and family. Sometimes He even provides in unexpected ways like He did for Peter. When God provides for you in one thing, it helps you to trust Him for other things, too. In other words, when I see how God provides today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.**”

### **Pray**

Close by asking kids to thank God for specific ways He has provided for them recently. Encourage them to pray aloud by using today’s Bottom Line as a guide by taking turns filling in the blank and completing the following as a prayer: **[Impress]** **When I see how God provides\_\_\_\_\_ today, it helps me trust Him with tomorrow.**

#### **What You Say:**

***[Apply]*** “Use the first page of your Faith Journal this week to keep track of answers to prayer and ways you’ve spotted God at work. Put your journal in your Bible or someplace where you will see it every day. Remember to bring it with you next week and share how you’ve seen evidence of God in your life. I can’t wait to hear how God helps your faith grow stronger this week!”

Give each child a GodTime card and encourage them to do them this week