

CHAPEL RESOURCE THREE

Teach this verse of the song *We Are Marching In The Light Of God* from *With One Voice* #650 as follows:

We will witness in the light of God, we will witness in the light of God.
We will witness in the light of God, we will witness in the light of, the light of God.
We will witness, witness, we will witness, witness,
We will witness in the light of, the light of God.
We will witness, witness, we will witness, witness,
We will witness in the light of God.

OTHER SONG POSSIBILITIES:

- Jesus Loves The Little Children
- This Little Gospel Light Of Mine
- Kids Of The Kingdom
- Jesu, Jesu

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he asked them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. -- Matthew 4:18-20

OBJECT LESSON:

What kinds of jobs do your moms and dads have? Make time for children to respond. How many of your moms and dads make their living by fishing? At the time when Jesus was living on the earth many people earned their living by fishing. They would go out every morning and fish all day. When they came back to shore, they would sell or trade their fish. The fish also provided food for their families. Have any of you ever gone fishing? What kinds of things would we need if we were to go fishing? Before the children have a chance to answer the mime should walk in carrying their fishing pole and tackle box.

Hello! The mime waves to all of the children. I'm sorry but we were just talking about Jesus and how some of his first disciples were fishermen. We were just talking about what we need to go fishing today when you came in. I left my equipment at home and couldn't show the children what it takes to go fishing. The mime points to himself and shakes his head trying to make the pastor see that he can show the kinds what you need to fish. Point out the fishing pole, the line, the hook and the bait. Ask the children if they know what each of these things is used for.

Today as disciples of Christ we can all fish for people instead of fish. HMMMMMMMM! I wonder what kind of bait we would use to catch people? Do you think this would catch a lot of people? Hold up a rubber worm so the children can see it.

By this time the mime is jumping up and down trying to get the pastor's attention. He reaches into the tackle box and pulls out a dollar bill and starts to attach it to the hook. Children do you think that we can catch people for Jesus with money? Hopefully they will answer no. Sorry but I don't think that catching people for Jesus with money is a good idea.

The mime looks sad and returns to look in his tackle box. Soon he tries to attach a candy bar to the hook. Candy? Children do you think that candy would help catch people for Jesus? Give them time to answer. The mime frowns. Maybe we better see what else you have in your box. The mime suddenly remembers something he has in his box and smiles. He pulls out a smiley face. This might be okay except then we would have to promise people that they would always be happy. Can we promise that?

So far the things that we have used wouldn't catch many people for Jesus. I think we better all think really hard about what we could use. Does anyone have any ideas? Give the children to give a few answers to the questions.

The mime starts jumping up and down pointing his finger toward his head like he has an idea. He reaches into the box and brings out a piece of brown paper folded up. He carefully unfolds it so the children can see what it is and attaches it to the hook. Who can tell me what this is? Would this be good to help fish for people for Jesus? Why? Because God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die for our sins. When we believe in Jesus we will one day live with him eternally.

So what do we need to tell people so that they will want to be caught and live for Jesus? That he was born to fulfill God's promise made to Adam and Eve and that he died to save us from our sins. If we tell them that they will want to get caught. The mime walks around smiling and looking very pleased with himself.

The mime returns to his box and looks around deep into the box and finally finds what he is looking for. That's a good idea we will give one cross to each of you so that you will remember to tell a friend or someone you meet about the love that Jesus has for them. See then you will be a people fisherman.

Pass out a small cross to each person who is in chapel.

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