

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Fishing net
Fishing pole

Bring out the fishing pole.

I bet someone can tell me what this is. And what it's used for.

Let kids answer.

That's right! This is a fishing pole. Have any of you ever been fishing?

Give the kids a few moments to share their stories.

To catch a fish, you tie a hook to the line here. You put some bait on the hook, a worm or maybe something shiny. Anything that will get the fishes attention and get them to bite your line. Once you get it on the hook, you just reel that fish in. Let me ask you a question: Is a fishing pole the only way to catch fish?

Have kids answer, then bring out the net.

What is this? It's a net, right? Nets are thrown into the water. Fish swim into the net and get caught. When the net is closed up and brought back in, the net could be filled with all kinds of fish. So, which one is better: the fishing pole or the fishing net?

Let kids give their opinion.

If you were fishing just for yourself, the pole might be better. You might just be fishing for that night's dinner. You don't need to catch a whole bunch of fish. But if you're trying to feed a whole family, or a whole bunch of families, you want to catch as many fish as possible. That's when the net is better. Jesus told Andrew and Simon that they would be fishers of men, telling people the good news about Jesus. Jesus wants the world to know about him. And it's our job as Jesus followers to tell the world. So we don't just tell this person over here, and this person over here, but not these people here. That would be like using a fishing pole.

We want to share Jesus with everyone. It's like we're throwing a net into the ocean, helping the most people to hear about Jesus and giving them the chance to know him. We follow Jesus everywhere he sends us and share him with everyone we meet.