

*Biblical Drama based on Luke 5:1-11**Character Parts: Narrators 1-4, Young Man, Old Man, Jesus, Simon, James, John*

Drama Idea: Bring a large, blue sheet or blanket to serve as the lake. Two kids can stand and pull the fabric taut, shaking it to make continuous waves.

Narrator 1: After weeks of healing and preaching to the people, Jesus had become quite famous. So famous, in fact, that he attracted a crowd wherever he went.

Young Man: There he is! Excuse me, sir, but could you please step aside? I need to get to Jesus.

Old Man: What's that you say? You need to get a zebra? I tell you, in my day, we didn't need zebras; we rode donkeys everywhere, and they were good enough for us!

Young Man: Yes, but — I just want to hear Jesus preach.

Old Man: Jesus on the beach? Why didn't you say so? Where is he?

Young Man: Over there. But you might want to hurry so you can get to the front of the crowd. You know, so you can hear.

Old Man: What? So I can cheer? In my day, we didn't cheer while speakers were talking. We waited for them to finish! You young people today — so disruptive!

Narrator 2: As the crowd pressed in around Jesus, he began to feel a bit squished. So, seeing a boat near the lake, he climbed in.

Jesus: Hello there, sir! What's your name?

Simon: My name is Simon. This is my boat.

Jesus: Would you mind rowing me out onto the lake? Not too far. I just need some space so I can speak to this crowd. There are more people coming by the minute!

Simon: Sure. No problem. Let's go!

Narrator 3: Later on, when Jesus had finished preaching, he turned to Simon, and told him to cast out his fishing nets.

Jesus: Simon, why don't you let down your nets for a catch?

Simon: I would, if there were any fish down there. We worked all night and caught nothing. I think the fish have gone on strike!

Jesus: Trust me. Let down your nets.

Simon: Well, if you say so, I guess we can try one last time.

(They let the nets down again.)

James: Hey! Would you look at that? The nets are filling up with fish! Is this some secret fishing spot, or what?

Simon: I don't know what's happening!

John: Me neither. But I'm not complaining! I've never seen so many fish in my life!

James: Hey, guys! Come over here and fill your boats! We have more fish than we can handle!

Simon: God is surely with you, Jesus. You are too important to spend time with me; I am just a poor, sinful man. I'm no good for anything. You should leave me.

Jesus: Don't be afraid. I want you to come and follow me. From now on you will be catching people instead of fish!

Narrator 4: And that's just what they did. Simon, James and John brought their boats ashore. They left everything behind, and from that day on, they lived as disciples and followers of Jesus!