

SOUL WINNING

Objects to have: A fishing pole, A net like a fisherman's net, some paper fish. A magnet and a paper clip. Put the magnet at the end of the fishing line. Place the paper clip on the mouth of the fish. A New Testament and two volunteers, a pen and a church tract.

Introduction of the lesson: {Take out the fishing pole. Now pretend that you are fishing.} What am I doing? I am fishing. Fishing is a good clean sport. When you catch a fish you can cook them and eat them. This is a fishing rod or a fishing pole. If you are going fishing you would need one of these. On this fishing pole there is fishing line. At the end of the fishing line there is a hook. That is the part that catches the fish. All the parts we just learned about are important to have to be a good fisherman. The fisherman casts his line out into the water and after a while he will catch a fish. {Cast your line someplace where the fish is at. Pull the line back after a few moments, and show them the fish you caught.} Act very excited. I caught a fish! I caught a fish!

It is real exciting when you catch a fish. When you use a fishing rod you can only catch one fish at a time. There is a way to catch more than one fish at a time. To do that you use a net, a fishing net. {Show your fishing net.} This is a fishing net. You throw this net into the water. It sinks deep into the water. After a while you pull it back up and you can catch a group of fish all at one time.

I like to fish. It is fun to fish. Has anyone here fished before? It is good to fish.

Did you know that Jesus wants you and me to be fishermen. Yes, that is right. We are to fish for men. {Have your two helpers come in. One should have their New Testament out telling the other one how to be saved. } Look at what is going on. Do you see what is happening. This person is fishing for men. It is called SOUL WINNING.

Jesus wants you and me to be soul winners. That means we go fishing in the world for the souls of boys, girls, men and women. We tell them how to go to heaven so they will never have to go to hell. It is called SOUL WINNING. What is it called? Right, SOUL WINNING. I want to be a soul winner for Jesus.

There are some things we need for soul winning as we need for fishing. We need a New Testament, some tracts, a pen and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We use the New Testament to give people the Word of God. We use a tract to invite them to church and to let them know where we are from. We use a pen to write down the names of people we win to Christ so we can pray for them. We ask the Holy Spirit to lead us to people who need to be saved and will listen to us as we give the Gospel.

What are the things we need to be soul winners for Jesus? A New Testament, a church tract, a pen and the Holy Spirit. Just as it is important to have all your fishing equipment it is important to have all your soul winning fishing gear.

On Sunday morning after Jesus had been dead for three days. Something started to happen in that tomb. Jesus started to move. Wait, he was dead. How could he move? I don't know maybe his big toe moved first. Maybe it was his finger that moved first. I don't know. All I know is Jesus was dead. Now, he was alive. He wiggled some and started to unwrap himself. Remember he was wrapped up in the sheet. I can see in my mind as he shakes his head and the napkin falls off his face. After a few moments Jesus was standing on his feet. He took those grave cloths and folded them up. He put them in a neat stack in that tomb. Then he walked over to the door of the tomb. At the door was that great big stone. It was sealed so no one could get in or out.

Out side the tomb was the soldiers. They did not know what had happened on the inside of the tomb. They stood guard. A shield in one hand, a spear in the other. I can almost hear them as they marched in front of the tomb. Left, left, left right, left. Left, left, left right, left. As they were marching Mary Magdalene and a few of the other ladies that loved Jesus came. "Halt, who goes there!" yelled one of the guards, as he drew back his spear. "It is just us women," called Mary back. When Jesus died we did not have time to properly take care of his body. He was buried very quickly. We have come today to do it right." "No you can't. See the tomb has been sealed no one can get in it. We are here to make sure that you or no one else gets in." said one of the soldiers. " Get back away from this tomb."

Then, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His face was like lightning, and his clothing was white as snow: For fear of him the guards did shake, and became as dead men. The angel said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. With that the angel was gone.

Oh, could this be true? Each of the women looked at each other. The soldiers ran away. Slowly the ladies approached the tomb. One at a time they walked in. There was no one in there. Jesus was gone. There in a neat stack set the sheet that Jesus was wrapped in. On the top laid the handkerchief, which had covered his face. Quickly Mary Magdalene ran and found Peter. Peter ran to the tomb to find that It was empty.

For many days Jesus walked on this earth after he rose from the dead. He talked with many of the disciples during this time. He preached at many services and told that he would come again. Jesus said I can not stay here with you I must go back to heaven. Before I go I want to give you a job to while I am gone. I will come back again but, I want you to do a job for me. Please tell other people how I died for their sin and how I can save them from hell. Many times Jesus told the disciples of this job.

Then forty days after Jesus rose from the dead all of his disciples were gathered together Jesus gave his final commands to his people. He said, John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days from now. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This was Jesus final message. After Jesus said these words something wonderful and unusual happened. He looked up to heaven and when he had spoken these things, while they were looking at Jesus, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. Jesus had been lifted up right into heaven. Since that day Jesus has been in heaven. One day he will come to take us to be in heaven with him. Until that day he has asked us to work for him telling others that he died, was buried and rose again so they could be saved from hell.

Will you tell other people about Jesus? Will you tell your mom and Dad? Will you tell your brothers and sisters about Jesus? Will you tell your friends and neighbors about Jesus? That is what we have been asked to do.

Lets learn a verse about soul winning. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15