

Choices

Fishing for Choices

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Reading: Matthew 21: 23-32
 Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46
 Reading: Exodus 20: 1-20
 Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14
 Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9
 Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22
 Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46
 Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

You will need:

- ♦ a thin stick or piece of dowel, about 50cm long
- ♦ paper clips
- ♦ string or wool (about 60cm long)
- ♦ a magnetic strip (cut up a fridge magnet, the kind that businesses give out and you really don't want; or use the magnetic strip off a calendar or notice that politicians and councils give you to put on your fridge)
- ♦ scraps of cardboard (or use foam meat or vegetable trays for something different and recyclable)
- ♦ flat buttons (or googly eyes if you have them)
- ♦ a plastic container
- ♦ PVA craft glue, scissors, texas

Here's a fishing game to make and play that will help children think about the choices they might make if they want to live Jesus' way.

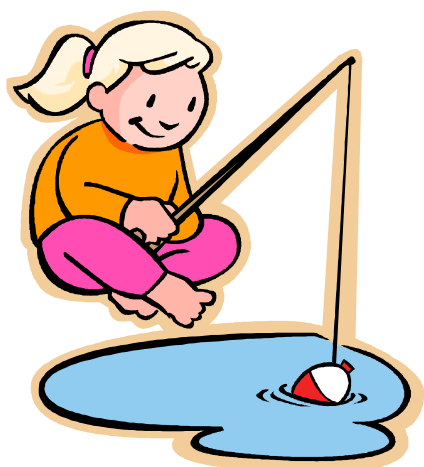


What to do:

- ♦ Cut out lots of fish from cardboard or the foam trays. It doesn't matter what size they are.
- ♦ Glue a button on each fish for an eye and slip on a paper clip for a mouth.
- ♦ Tie the wool or string to one end of the stick. Tie the magnetic strip to the other end of the string. This is your fishing rod.
- ♦ Make a label: "Rubbish" and glue it to the plastic container
- ♦ Write on each fish one of the words or phrases from the box: (If you are using foam fish you may need to write the words on a piece of paper and glue them to the fish.)

(You might be able to think of some more.)

- ♦ Spread all the fish out on a rug or mat on the floor.
- ♦ Use your fishing rod to catch fish.
- ♦ As you catch each fish, decide if the word on it represents something that Jesus would want to you do or be like, or if it is something Jesus would not like you to do or be like.
- ♦ The ones that Jesus would like you can keep; the ones that Jesus would not like you put in the "rubbish bin."
- ♦ You can make two fishing rods and play with a friend. See who catches the most 'good' fish.



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 peace-maker
 sing tease hit
 trustworthy greedy
 steal act mean
 pray self-control
 friendly angry
 tell lies share cheat
 say mean things
 honest selfish
 respect Mum and Dad
 respect others
 no put-downs



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