

FISH

Brainstorm everything you know about fish in general as well as some distinctive qualities about various types.

Also brainstorm everything you know about fishing.

Read a selection of verses that highlight fish or fishing. Below are some key verses to get you started.

Genesis 1:20-23, 26:28

Exodus 7:16-21

Ezekiel 47:1-10

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Matthew 13:47-48, 17:24-27

*Mark 6:31-44 & Mark 8:1-10

*Luke 5:1-11 & John 21:1-14

Can you think of any fictional stories that include fish or fishing in the storyline?

What thoughts and feelings come up when you think about the activity?

Explore this Hebrew word & picture:

Dag (H1709)

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Jesus performed similar miracles twice.

*Take a closer look at each pair of stories and ponder the similarities and differences.

Take some time to reflect on all you've learned.

How do fish illustrate god's living story?

Have you made any new discoveries?

ENGAGE IN WONDER

How do fish illustrate God's living story? Reflect on all you're learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- How does fishing change when you're trying to catch different types of fish?
- Why do you think Jesus chose fisherman as his first disciples?
- Why are fish often swimming together?
- Why do you think Jesus made fish and birds as contrasts to one another?
- Do you think God was purposeful in His design to have fish swim in darkness? The sea often represents death or burial in the Bible. How does that connect to God's illustration of fish?
- Why do you think God multiplied both bread and fish (on two different occasions) to the crowds of thousands? What was he trying to illustrate in that symbolic act?
- What can we learn about "fishing for men" from the process of fishing in the sea?