

**LESSON 7**  
**"CONFIDENCE"**  
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**BIBLE CONNECTION**

Luke 5:1-11 (page 1110)

**CHARACTER WORD**

Confidence – Trust; a feeling of assurance or certainty

**TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

I can have confidence to follow Jesus.

**MEMORY LINK**

**Proverbs 3:5**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 666)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK**

**GET CONNECTED**

None

**MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY**

Option 1: Beach balls

Option 2: Index cards

**BIBLE CONNECTION**

None

**SURF TEAM LEADER**

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

**MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: None

Option 2: Beach ball, jump rope

# Jesus Calls Disciples

**WHAT'S THE POINT?**

Proverbs 3:5 teaches us to place our trust in God. It reminds us that real trust is "with all your heart." The key for boys and girls to trust in the Lord is for them to understand that Jesus is trustworthy.

Today's lesson focuses on having the confidence to place your trust in Him. In today's Bible Connection, Jesus performs a miracle by directing some fishermen to catch fish. When they trusted their own ability, they were disappointed; but when they obeyed Jesus, they were rewarded. Jesus called those fishermen to follow Him. Kids can know and believe with confidence that they should follow Jesus.

Simon Peter had confidence in Jesus to leave his profession and follow Him. As an adult leader, have you placed your confidence in the salvation of Jesus Christ? Has following Him led you to become a fisher of men (or boys and girls)? Pray that the kids in your club will grow in their understanding that confidence should always be about Jesus' ability, and not their own ability.

**GET CONNECTED**

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson.



*No supplies needed*

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is confidence. What does confidence mean?
- Doubt or fear is the opposite of confidence. Do you have fears or doubts?
- Tell me about a time that you were confident. Where did your confidence come from?
- What does it mean to have confidence in someone else? What does it mean to have confidence in Jesus?



Guide clubbers to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

**Worship Tip**

Make sure all the kids and leaders can see the words to the songs. Print the words in large letters on poster board or use a projection system. Before singing, take time to explain what the lyrics mean and define any words that might be unfamiliar. Kids will focus on God more when they understand what they are singing about and to Whom they are singing. Be sure that the songs aren't just fun to sing, but also lead kids to worship.

## MEMORY LINK



Teaching a Bible verse to clubbers; helping them memorize the verse.

No supplies needed

### Focus on the Bible

Lead the kids who brought their Bibles to hold them high in the air. Open your KBC Study Bible to the table of contents and ask the clubbers to do the same. Show the group that the Bible has two parts by pointing to the sections on the page - Old Testament, which promises a Savior, Jesus, will come, and the New Testament, which tells about how Jesus fulfilled the promise. Ask the kids if they can name a book in the Bible from the Old Testament. Allow for answers and thank the kids for having the confidence to answer. Explain that our memory link is found in Proverbs which is a book of wise sayings.

### Focus on today's Memory Link

Show the kids how to open the Bible in the middle to find Proverbs. Guide kids to find Proverbs 3:5 (page 666). Explain that today's memory link teaches us to trust God for everything. Ask a volunteer to read Proverbs 3:5 aloud as the rest of the group follows along. Thank the reader for having the confidence to read aloud and explain that in our Bible story today we will learn that we can have confidence to follow Jesus.

### Option 1 - STAND UP CERTAIN

Beach balls

Ask your surf team to sit in a circle. Place a copy of the verse in the middle of the circle. Ask one clubber to stand up confidently and say the first word of the memory link. That child will remain standing and pass the beach ball to the next clubber who will stand up with confidence, receive the ball, and say the next word. When the verse is completed, reverse the direction and play again. After the group has recited the verse several times, ask if they have the confidence to play the game with their eyes closed. Continue playing until time is called.

### Option 2 - REMEMBER THE DISAPPEARING WORDS

Index cards

Write a word or two of the memory link on each index card. Mix up the index cards and place them on the floor or table in front of your surf team. Guide kids to put the words of the verse in order then recite the verse together. Turn the cards face down and mix them up. Ask a volunteer to remove a card. Allow the kids to turn the cards over and put them in order. Ask them to recite the verse, remembering the words that disappeared. Continue playing until all cards are removed and the kids are able to recite the entire verse from memory.

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### Proverbs 3:5

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding."*

*(KBC Study Bible pg. 666)*

### Teaching Tip

Many children in our culture have difficulty with the issue of trust. Family, leaders and others may have disappointed them in the past. Today's memory link can be life-changing if kids understand that there is a Heavenly Father who is completely trustworthy.

### Teaching Tip

As you arrive in the school office to sign in for Beach Club, be sure and greet the secretaries and any administrators that might be there. Consider bringing a bouquet of flowers for the office or small gift cards. The office workers may be stressed from a difficult and busy school day. Be the encouragers and cheerful friends who visit each week.



**10-15  
MINUTES**

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*Why do you think Simon said that? It might have been because he was so amazed at what he had just seen; the miracle of catching all those fish! But he probably also felt like he didn't deserve to be around someone like Jesus. Do you ever feel that way? Like you are not good enough for Jesus? Well, let's see how Jesus responds to Simon Peter.*

Children enjoy having the opportunity to be involved in the Bible story. As the children are arriving, you may want to recruit a few volunteers to help during the lesson. It may be as simple as asking them to hold a sign that says “Lake of Gennesaret,” “Jesus,” “Simon Peter,” or “Confidence.” You can place them around the room and walk toward the signs as you mention each topic in the lesson.

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### Use the Bible

Ask a volunteer to read Luke 5:10 (page 1110): "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." It's almost like Jesus is gently telling Simon Peter, "Hey Simon, I love you. You are with Me now and you don't have to be afraid. I want you just the way you are." Simon and the others with him quit their jobs and left everything behind to follow Jesus. They had that much confidence in Jesus!

### Talk About It

The fishermen didn't say, "well, maybe after I play my video game, or maybe after the soccer tournament, or maybe after my sleepover with my best friend, then maybe I can follow You, Jesus!" No! They immediately left everything and followed Him.

To follow Jesus, they needed confidence! Not confidence in their abilities, but confidence in Jesus. We too can have the confidence to follow Him. What does the memory link say? Trust the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_. (all your heart)

### Gospel Connection

Just like these disciples were changed because they obeyed Jesus, Jesus can change you. He offers you salvation and forgiveness from sin. Jesus loves you and is ready to forgive you. He wants you to follow Him. If you want to receive forgiveness for your sins and be changed from the inside out, the Bible says that you must first ADMIT you are sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sins. You can BELIEVE and have confidence that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross paid the price for your sins. Finally, CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by confessing Him as your Savior and making Him Lord, or boss, of your life. This is doing what our memory link talked about when we "trust in the Lord" with all our heart.

Lead the group in a brief time of prayer. Invite children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated counseling area to meet with a leader one-on-one.

### Application/Transition

The men that Jesus called to follow Him were ordinary fishermen. He did not call the religious leaders or men who were wealthy and educated. Jesus can use ordinary people like me and you. He wants us to follow Him; not follow Him with confidence in our own abilities and talents, but confidence in His abilities. Do you have the confidence to follow Him today?

### Gospel Tip

"Why did you raise your hand?" or "Why did you want to talk with me?" are great initial questions. If a child answers your question with, "I don't know," briefly restate the instructions. For example, "Mr. Jack said to raise your hand if you prayed with him. What did you pray?" This will help you discern how to proceed. Sometimes a child just wants to ask about the treasure chest and isn't making a decision at all! We don't want to get in the way of the Holy Spirit's leadership, nor do we want to force a child into a decision too early.

Connecting with kids in small groups;  
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word.



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*Let's pray. Dear God, thank You for the promise that You will be the one that will give me strength to serve You. Help me to keep my confidence in You, and not in me. Amen.*

Call your kids and remind them to bring their new KBC Study Bibles to Beach Club or see how they did on an important test. This shows the kids that you are thinking about them throughout the week and not just during club. Be sure to let parents know who you are and why you are calling.

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## MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Game to review today's Bible Connection & Character Word.



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#### Option 1 - HOPPITY HOP!

No supplies needed

Instruct surf teams to line up single file. Ask surf team leaders to stand several feet away from their teams as the clubbers take turns hopping as directed toward their leader. (Ways to hop: On one foot, on both feet, like a frog, like a bunny, backward.) Once the child reaches their leader, the leader will ask a review question. If the answer is correct, the child may run back to their line and tag the next player who will repeat the process. If a child answers incorrectly, they must hop back to tag the next player. The team answering the most questions correctly wins.

#### Option 2 - BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Beach ball, jump ropes

Call for two kids or leaders to hold a jump rope shoulder high in the middle of the group. Divide the remaining kids into two teams. Teams will volley a beach ball back and forth over the jump rope. The first team to either allow the ball to hit the ground or hit the ball out of play causes the opposite team a chance to answer a review question and earn points. Award five points for each correct answer. Continue play until all questions have been answered. Calculate points and declare a winner.

#### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In what book of the Bible is today's memory link? (Proverbs)
2. Today's memory link tells us to trust in the Lord with all our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Heart)
3. Is Proverbs found in the Old Testament or New Testament? (Old Testament)
4. In what book of the Bible is today's story found? (Luke)
5. What is the character word today? (Confidence)
6. What was Simon Peter's job before he met Jesus? (A fisherman)
7. Why did Simon have confidence to follow Jesus? (He saw Jesus perform a miracle)
8. Why can you have confidence in Jesus?
9. After following Jesus, what were the disciples going to fish for instead of fish?  
(People)
10. What does it mean to follow Jesus? (trust Him and learn from Him)



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**Proverbs 3:5**

**KBC Study Bible page 666**