

# **HFL Curriculum**

## **Lesson Summaries**

**“Who am I” (Exodus 3:14)**

The lesson uses a fish identification game to help participants identify different species of fish. It's a great icebreaker activity that allows participants to become familiar with each other, too. A faith connection is made to identifying the unique characteristics of God.

**“Made to Swim” (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

The lesson explores the basic anatomy of fish. A faith connection is made to God as the creator of all things and how we can become a new creation when we accept Jesus Christ.

**“Family Reunion” (John 1:12)**

The lesson focuses on fish identification and how fish belong to families. A faith connection is made to how we can become a member of God's Family through Jesus Christ.

**“Play it Safe” (John 3:16)**

The lesson focuses on the potential hazards of fishing and how to play fishing safe. A faith connection is made to the hazards of life, sin, and death and how we can “play it safe” by accepting Christ as Lord and Savior.

**“Living Water” (John 7:38)**

The lesson explores different bodies of water and the importance of water to fish. A faith connection is made to our spiritual need for the “living water” Christ has to offer.

**“Home Sweet Home” (John 14:2)**

The lesson explores fish habitats (homes) and how to find the fish we're after. A faith connection is made to the Kingdom of God, the eternal home of all those who place their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

**“The Direct Line” (Mathew 6:9-13)**

The lesson introduces fishing line as our direct link to fish. A faith connection is made to prayer as our direct link to God through his son, Jesus Christ.

**“The Source of Strength” (Philippians 4:13)**

Knots connect us to fish and give our line strength. The lesson explores the importance of tying a good strong fishing knot. A faith connection is made to Christ as our source of strength and connection to God, the Father.

## Lesson Summaries Continued

**“Hitting the Mark” (Proverbs 3:6)**

The lesson explores different casting techniques and the importance of casting accurately. A faith connection is made to hitting the mark God has planned for us, which is only possible through faith in Jesus and help from the Holy Spirit.

**“Feed Me” (John 6:35)**

The lesson explores the different living critters fish like to eat. A faith connection is made to our spiritual hunger and how we fill that hunger through Christ Jesus.

**“The Tempter” (1 Peter 5:8)**

The lesson explores artificial lures and how we use them to “lure” fish. A faith connection is made to temptation and Satan and how we can be “lured” into sin.

**“Tackling the Opponent” ( 2 Thessalonians 3:3)**

The lesson explores how we can “tackle” our opponent, the fish, by using basic tackle (hooks, sinkers, swivels, and bobbers). A faith connection is made to how we can “tackle” our spiritual opponent, Satan, through Jesus Christ.

**“Sinkers & Sin” (Mathew 11:28, 30)**

The lesson explores the purpose of fishing sinkers, which is to take the bait or lure to the bottom and keep it there. The lesson introduces the most popular fishing sinkers and how to use them. A faith connection is made to sin and how sin weighs us down.

**“It’s the Law” (Galatians 3:24)**

The lesson explores different fishing laws and the importance of following them. A faith connection is made to God’s laws and the importance of obedience, which is only possible with Jesus.

**“The Gear” (Psalm 119: 105)**

Fishing rods and reels are the gear of choice in fishing. The lesson explores different types of rods and reels and how to choose the right one. A faith connection is made to the Bible as our gear for life.

**“The Life Preserver” (John 10:28)**

The lesson focuses on the purpose and importance of Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) and how to choose the best one. A faith connection is made to Jesus as our spiritual and eternal “life preserver”