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Fishing fun

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The big catch

Have you ever gone fishing? It can be fun to reel in your first big catch.

A girl named Alyssa Hayes had quite an adventure last year while fishing with her grandpa in North Carolina. It started when Alyssa asked Grandpa to hold her fishing rod while she went to the restroom. When Alyssa returned, her grandfather was wrestling with a monster fish — on her pink Barbie rod. After a long struggle, he finally got the fish to shore. It was a 21-pound catfish — a new state record!

Alyssa and her grandpa (shown in this picture) posed together for a photo that was printed in newspapers and magazines across the country. People thought it was funny that a man caught a record fish on such a little rod.

You don't have to be big or important to do huge things for God. When Jesus called simple fishermen to follow Him, He promised to make them fishers of men. That meant they would tell people about Jesus. Those who accepted the disciples' message would become part of God's family.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19, NIV).

Instead of casting their nets for fish, the disciples looked for people who needed to know

about Jesus. God wants you to be a "fisher of men" too. You can start by telling someone about the love of Jesus. You can also help support missionaries who are taking that message around the world.

Read the stories in this magazine about how Convoy of Hope is fishing for people.



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JUST FOR laughs

What do you call a fish that never shares?

A sel-fish.

Which type of fish lives the longest?

The catfish. It has nine lives.

What's the best kind of net for catching a steelhead trout?

A mag-net.



Try this!

Create an edible fish bowl for a fun summer snack to share with friends. Ask an adult to help you mix up a batch of blue gelatin according to the package directions. When it's partially set, drop in some gummy fish. Leave it in the refrigerator until it's finished setting. Then go fishing with a spoon!



Did you know?

Sharks have to eat their veggies too. Though these tough guys of the sea are known as meat eaters, they are really omnivores. That means they eat both meat and plants. If a shark can't find a good meat meal, it will gulp down some sea plants instead.

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