

JESUS HELPED HIS DISCIPLES



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the kids to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Tell kids who had toast for breakfast to move to group time. Call other foods: bacon, cereal, orange juice, milk. Continue until all are gathered.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

JESUS HELPED HIS DISCIPLES—BASED ON JOHN 21:1-19

- Tell kids to listen and discover how Jesus helped His friends.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- After Jesus came back to life, Simon Peter, Thomas, and some other disciples went fishing in the Sea of Galilee. They fished all night but did not catch anything. A man on the shore said, “Did you catch any fish?” “No,” they said. The man told them to toss their nets on the right side of the boat. They did and they could not pull the net into the boat because it was so full of fish. One disciple recognized the man as Jesus. Peter jumped into the water to swim to the shore. The other men brought the boat to shore, dragging the net full of fish with them.
- They saw a campfire with fish cooking. Jesus said, “Come and eat breakfast.” He gave them fish and bread to eat.
- Jesus asked Simon Peter three times if he loved Him. Each time Simon Peter said, “Yes, I love you.” Jesus told Simon Peter, “Follow me.”

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- What did the disciples do all night?
- What did Jesus tell them to do with their net?
- After Jesus was recognized, what did Peter do?
- How did Jesus help His friends?
- Think: What happened in this story to help us know that Jesus is God’s Son?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Tell the kids that Jesus loved and helped His friends.

ROOM
YOUR TEACHING PARTNERS
DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Salvation: God sent Jesus to help people because He loves them.

LIFE POINT

Jesus loved and helped His friends.

UNIT VERSE

God loved us and sent His Son. 1 John 4:10

WEEKLY VERSE

Jesus said, “I love you.” John 15:9

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “London Bridge”:

*The disciples fished all night,
Fished all night, fished all night,
The disciples fished all night. They caught nothing.*

*“Toss the net out on the right,
On the right, on the right,
Toss the net out on the right,” Jesus told them.*

*Now the net was full of fish,
Full of fish, full of fish,
Now the net was full of fish. Jesus helped them.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open the Bible to John 15:9 and point to the verse. Read the verse, and lead kids to say the verse with you. Demonstrate how to pretend to toss a large fishing net into the water. Practice the motion. Say the verse while pretending to toss a fishing net.

PRAY

Thank God for Jesus and His love. Offer an opportunity for all volunteers to pray and thank God for Jesus.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: Jesus loved and helped His friends.

- 1. Build on a boat shape.** Make a large boat shape on the floor with masking tape or painter’s tape. Provide wooden blocks, plastic blocks, or small boxes to build a boat. As kids stack blocks and arrange them on the tape lines, open a Bible to John 21, and talk about the Bible story. Comment: “Jesus’ friends were in the boat all night fishing. Jesus helped them catch fish.” Ask the kids to recall what else Jesus did to help His friends. Say the Life Point with the kids.
- 2. Count cereal.** Provide a die, bowl of cereal pieces, child tweezers or small tongs, and napkins. Post the “Allergy Alert” informing parents that kids will have cereal. Lead a child to roll the die. She can count cereal pieces for the number she rolled, using the tweezers or tongs to pick cereal from the bowl and place

it on her napkin. After a few rounds, lead kids to count the total number of cereal pieces they have. Comment that some people have cereal for breakfast. Talk about the Bible story, noting that Jesus and the disciples ate fish and bread for breakfast. Allow kids to enjoy their cereal as you talk about the Bible story.

- 3. Play a verse game.** Write the words of the Weekly Verse on plastic cups, one word on the side of each cup. Tape each cup on its side on a table or floor with the word side up. Guide a child to stand or sit a few feet away and try to roll table tennis balls into the cups. After kids have played for a few minutes, challenge them to roll balls into the word cups in verse order. Remind the kids that Jesus loved and helped His friends.
- 4. Draw fish.** Provide paper and markers. Suggest kids draw pictures of fish or of people fishing. Talk about the Bible story. Remind kindergartners that Jesus showed love for the disciples by helping them catch fish and by cooking them breakfast. Encourage kids to talk about other parts of the Bible story.

CLEAN UP

Go to each area of the room and tell the kids to begin to clean up. Tell the kids what they should do to put away materials. Gather together after cleanup time is complete.

SAY THE WEEKLY VERSE WITH SIGNS

Sit with the kids. Teach them to sign the words of the Bible verse: Jesus—*touch left palm with the right middle finger, then right palm with left middle finger; said—touch right index finger to chin and move it forward/outward; I—point right index finger to your chest; love—hold both arms against chest, crossed with one arm on top of the other; you—point right index finger outward.* Lead kids to practice these signs slowly. Then repeat the verse using the signs.

DISMISS

Greet parents. After a child gathers his belongings and Kids Activity Page, suggest the child show his parents the signs for the verse.