



Unit 2

GROUP TIME WITH

BONUS TEACHING IDEAS

SESSION 3

TALK ABOUT JESUS. Display the timeline with cards 1–6. Read the “Unit 2 Banner.” Ask kids to recall what they have learned about Jesus. Write responses on sticky notes and attach the notes to the banner.

SING. Play the song “Clap, Wiggle, and Sway.” Lead the kids to sing and do the actions of the song.

PRAY. Offer opportunities for volunteers to pray and thank God for Jesus.

REPEAT THE UNIT VERSE

AND SING. Read the verse poster. Form two teams. Lead Team 1 to say the first half of the verse and Team 2 to say the second half of the verse. Repeat a few times. Switch parts and say the verse a few more times. Say the entire verse in unison. Sing “God Loved Us.”

TELL THE BIBLE STORY. Point to the Life Point and read it: “Jesus loved and helped His friends.” Ask kids to listen for what Jesus did to help the disciples. Open the Bible to John 21 and tell the story.

Jesus Helped His Disciples

John 21:1-19

Some time after Jesus rose from the dead, Simon Peter, Thomas, and some of the other disciples went fishing in the Sea of Galilee. They fished all night but did not catch anything. In the morning, they saw a man on the beach. He called out to them, “Friends, have you caught any fish?” “No,” they said.

Jesus said, “Toss your net on the right side of the boat, and you will catch fish.” The disciples threw the net on the right side of the boat, and it filled up with more fish than they could lift into the boat.

Suddenly, one of the disciples realized that the man was Jesus.

Simon Peter was so excited that he tied his outer clothing around him, jumped out of the boat and swam to the shore to greet Jesus. The other disciples came in the boat to shore, dragging the net full of fish with them.

When they got to shore, they saw fish cooking on a fire. They saw bread, too.

“Bring some of the fish you caught,” Jesus said.

Peter helped pull the net onto the shore. They counted 153 fish in the net!

“Come eat breakfast,” Jesus said. 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.”

PLAY “FOLLOW THE LEADER.” Lead kids to follow you as you move, clap, balance on one leg, turn around, do arm circles, pretend to toss a net, and so forth. Remind kindergartners that Jesus told Peter to follow Him.

RECALL THE BIBLE STORY. Display the teaching picture. Invite kids to tell what they see in the picture and to recall events from the story. Add cards 7–9 to the timeline. Talk about each event as you add it.

SAY THE WEEKLY VERSE. Open the Bible to John 15:9 and read the verse. Repeat the verse a few times.

MAKE A CHRIST CONNECTION.

Say: “Jesus loved His friends and helped them. They loved Jesus, too, and told other people that Jesus is alive.”

LOOK UP THE UNIT VERSE.

Place a strip at 1 John 4:10 in a Bible. Give the Bible to a child. Help him open the Bible to the marked Bible verse. As he opens the Bible, lead the group to say the verse. The child can close the Bible and pass it to the next child. Repeat with each child opening the Bible while the others say the verse.

WRAP IT UP. Show “Jesus Helped His Disciples” video.