

Schedule:

Welcome, Introductions, Up Rules, & Prayer

Song: *Jump Song* (CEFPRESS)

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:11, Have the verse marked in a NIV Bible, read from the Bible first. Then hold up the visual for the audience.

Memory Verse Review Game: Silly voices (Have cards in a bag with different voices to say the Bible verse, draw a different ways and say the underlined words in the silly voice.)

Bible Lesson: John 21:1-14 (see lesson below) **Tip for on-line:** Ask children to pause video and go get their Bibles – pause for a second, pretending like they left and came back with their Bibles. Have children find the passage in the Bible, For on-line: hold Bible to camera so audience sees the Bible. You can use the script pages 2-3 to tell the lesson, the words in script below are from the NIV Bible except teaching notes in parenthesis.

Bible Lesson Review Game: See game and questions page 4.

Prayer: Pray for families, community needs, help with school work. Thank God that He has a perfect plan for our lives with a future and a hope. Ask God to help us follow His plan.

On-line Tip: Do a practice run to work out all the kinks. You can do it with your laptop camera but the words will be mirrored with this camera- it will NOT be mirrored when you go live.

Introduction Teacher:: What's your favorite breakfast? (let Ethan & Eli answer. How come no one said fish? Listen to today's lesson found in John 21:1-14.)

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus; his name means twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together (7 all together). ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you."

Teacher: What was Peter and the disciples doing? They had seen Jesus twice already but it's been almost a month since they saw him last. They knew He told them they would be fishers of men, they knew He was alive, they even had His Holy Spirit. Jesus told them to go to Galilee and he would meet them there... but they were going back to their old way of living... Fishers of fish and not fishers of men.

Question: Have you ever forgot God's way and went back to doing things your own selfish way? I know I have. Perhaps you know you should show lovingkindness to your brother or sister and instead you argue and fight.

Ask children: What can you do when you forget God's way? (let boys answer... remember God loves you, remember God's promises, ask God for His help...)

Let's find out what happens: So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Ask children: How do you think Peter and the disciples felt now? (allow boys to answer... discouraged worried, hopeless...)

Jesus had a surprise for them... the Bible says...

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵He called out to them, (*Read like you are calling out to the disciples*)

"Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

⁶He said, (*read like you are calling this out to the disciples*) "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, (*read with great excitement*) "It is the Lord!" (*Continue excitement as you read...next line.*)

As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Ask children: How do you think they felt when Jesus helped them catch fish and had breakfast waiting for them on the seashore? (let them comment... Loved? Cared for? Accepted? Sorry they doubted Him?)

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

Ask children: Guess how many fish they caught in that one cast of the net? (let boys take some guesses, if they already know, have them pretend like they don't know...)

¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of **large fish**, (*say with lots of excitement*) **153**, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Children: The disciples had gone back to their old ways but Jesus did not abandon them. He came to them and let them know He cared for them. Jesus loves and cares for you too. He has a special plan and purpose for your life just as He did for the disciples. Next week our Sunday school lesson will show us what special instructions He gave to Peter and to us!

Go Fish Game: (Cut fish from fun foam with points printed on one-side, I placed a paper clip on each one to represent the hook, I created a fishing pole with a small dow stick (a ruler can work too) and attached a string with a small magnet to catch the fish) Place the fish points side down on a board, show children the fish and board. Show children the fishing pole. (Show on-line audience the fish and points earned, after each turn. Make it fun by challenging each other throughout game.) Ask questions, to two separate teams (boy & girl, or divided evenly) Ask a question to the different teams and give choices of answers, let them know the correct answer, and then go fish, and see how many points earned.

1. How many disciples were present in today's lesson? A. 12 B. 7. C. 3
2. Where did today's lesson take place? A. Sea of Galilee B. Jordan River
C. Mississippi River
3. True or False Thomas wanted to go fishing but Peter told him he was a fisher of men, not fisher of fish.
4. What can we do when realize we failed to follow God's way for our life?
1. Ask God for His help 2. Remember His promises 3. All of the above
5. When things feel hopeless what can we do? 1. Trust God's Promises 2. Keep following God's way 3. All of the above
6. True or False, The disciples fished all night and caught 3 dozen fish.
False, they didn't catch any.
7. How many fish did they catch after Jesus appeared in the morning?
1. 900 2. 5 dozen 3. 153
8. True or False, God has a plan with a future and a hope for your life.