



Parent Guide

Elementary: May 10

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus Forgives and Restores

John 21:1-19

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is our mission as believers?

ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need: [Elementary Video link](#)

FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

Have you ever found out that you hurt a friend by something you said or did? How did you feel?

It feels good when a friend forgives us. God never gives up on us. Even when we make mistakes, He never stops loving us.

ACTIVITY: TRUE OR FALSE?

What you need: [deck of playing cards \(or Go Fish cards if you have them\)](#)

Give each player five cards. Stack the rest of the deck face down on the table. Players will take turns asking each other for a specific card. For example, "Do you have any 3s?" If the player has the card(s), she must give them to the other player. If not, she should say "Go fish," and the player will draw a card from the deck. The next player takes a turn. If a player collects a pair of cards on her turn, she should lay them face up and replace them with cards from the deck. Then she may take another turn. Play continues until all hands are empty. The player with the most cards wins.

Say: some of Jesus' disciples were fisherman before Jesus called them to follow Him. Today's Bible story is about Jesus' plan for them to fish for people!

ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

More than once, Jesus appeared to His disciples and proved that He was alive. One day, Jesus met his disciples while they were fishing.

Peter and the other disciples got into a boat and spent all night on the water, but they did not catch any fish. The next morning, Jesus stood on the shore. He called out to his disciples, but they did not recognize Him. Jesus said, "Men, have you caught any fish?" "No," they answered.

"Put your net in the water on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some fish," Jesus said. The disciples did what Jesus said. So many fish were in their net, that they could not pull the net back into the boat!

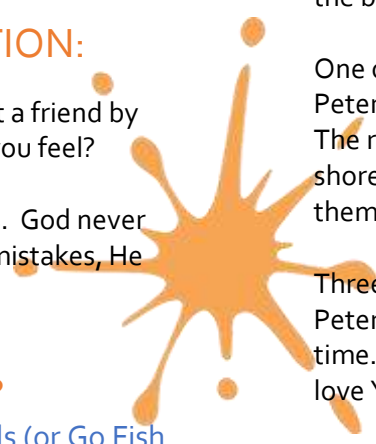
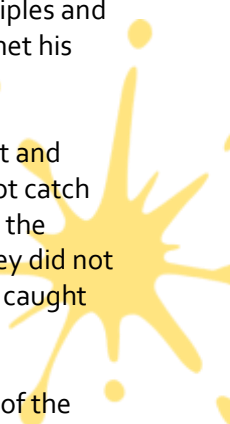
One of the disciples said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Peter jumped into the water and swam to shore. The rest of the disciples traveled in the boat back to shore. Jesus made a breakfast of bread and fish for them.

Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter was very sad that Jesus asked Him a third time. "Lord you know everything! You know that I love You!"

"Feed My sheep," Jesus said. Jesus told Peter that he would bring honor to God. Then Jesus said to him, "Follow Me!"

Pray:

God, thank you for your Word. You made a way for us to be forgiven of our sins by sending Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Thank you for loving us so much that You forgive us and give us a mission. In Jesus' name, amen.



What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

