

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 242: JESUS HELPS CATCH FISH
JOHN 21:1-14

Later, Jesus appeared again to his disciples by Lake Galilee. This is how it happened: Some of the disciples were together--Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus, which means the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the two sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said, "I am going out to fish." The other disciples said, "We will go with you." So all of them went out and got into the boat. They fished that night but caught nothing. Early the next morning Jesus stood on the shore. But the disciples did not know it was Jesus. Then he said to them, "Children, do you have any food?" They answered, "No." He said, "Throw your net into the water on the right side of your boat. You will find some fish there." So they did this. They caught so many fish that they could not pull the net back into the boat. The follower Jesus loved very much said to Peter, "That man is the Lord!" When Peter heard him say it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself. (He had taken his clothes off to work.) Then he jumped into the water. The other disciples went to shore in the boat. They pulled the net full of fish. They were not very far from shore, only about 100 yards. When they stepped out of the boat and got to the shore, they saw a fire of hot coals. There were fish on the fire and some bread was there too. Then Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish that you caught." Simon Peter got into the boat and pulled the net to the shore. It was full of big fish--153 of them! But even with that many fish, the net did not tear. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the disciples would ask him, "Who are you?" They knew he was the Lord. Jesus walked over to get the bread and gave it to them. He also gave them the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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“And he said to them, ‘Throw the net into the water on the right side of the boat and you will find some fish there.’ So they did this and they caught so many fish that they were not able to pull the net back into the boat.” **JOHN 21:6**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples...." **JOHN 20:30**

Review Questions

True or False

1. Simon Peter told the disciples, 'I am going fishing.' They told him, 'We will go with you too.'
2. They went out into the boat and that night they didn't catch any fish.
3. When it was morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, and the disciples immediately knew it was Him.
4. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any wine?", and they answered Him, "No."
5. Then He said to them, "Throw your net into the water on the right side of the boat, and you will find some fish there." So they threw the net, and they caught so many fish they couldn't pull the net into the boat.

Questions

1. What did the follower that Jesus loved very much say to Peter after they caught all those fish?
2. What did they see as soon as they got to the shore?
3. What did Jesus tell them to do?
4. What did Simon Peter do with the net full of fish?
5. Did the disciples know it was Jesus now?
6. How many times had Jesus appeared to the disciples now?

Lesson 242 Craft/Activity

So-o-o-o-o-o-o Many Fish

Have your class color then cut out as many fish shapes from the templates as they can in an allotted time (give them 15-20 minutes) When they are done, have them count up as many as they've cut. (for the smaller children, they don't have to cut the outline of the fish if you have a large class, just cut the square boxes out – if you have a smaller class, you can help them cut their fish out) Compare the number with the number of fish in today's story. (you shouldn't have near the 153 fish!)

Let the children take home a few fish each to be used as book marks to remind them of today's lesson. Older children may want to write on some of the fish: [We can do all things through Christ](#).

All Things Through Christ

Turn your classroom table upside down or make an outline on the floor with masking tape for a boat. Pretend that it is in the Sea of Galilee. Have your children crowd onto the boat and cast a net, you can use a sheet or a large towel, on one side of the "boat." Have them cast the net on the other side and add all of the fish that they made in the "So Many Fish" activity. Retell the story as the children act it out.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord completely and to always include the Lord in everything they do. If there is any child who has not responded to the gospel, give them the opportunity to do so.

