

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

John 21:1-19

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 4:19

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Love Jesus and follow Him.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

Peter had sinned, but Jesus loved and forgave him. (YK)

Peter had sinned, but Jesus loved him, forgave him, and restored Peter's calling to share the gospel. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Romans 10:5-15

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 10:9

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Romans 10:14-15*

MONDAY: *Romans 10:16-21*

TUESDAY: *Romans 11:1-6*

WEDNESDAY: *Romans 11:7-10*

THURSDAY: *Romans 11:11-16*

FRIDAY: *Romans 11:17-24*

SATURDAY: *Romans 11:25-32*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study John and Romans together as a family:



- **Going fishing.** Following Jesus' resurrection, Peter and six other disciples did what they knew how to do; they went fishing. Peter and the others fished all night long and caught not one single fish. After the intense night, as the light on the shore was beginning to break, a man called out to the fishermen asking if they had been successful. When they replied "No," the man instructed them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. Once in the water, the nets were filled with 153 large fish. John immediately knew it was Jesus on the shore and announced this to the men in the boat. Peter jumped in the water and swam as fast as he could to shore.
- **Breakfast by the sea.** Jesus had started a fire and was cooking some fish and bread over the charcoal fire. Jesus invited the men, who were likely very hungry from their work, to dine with Him. Jesus and the men enjoyed breakfast together.
- **Restored by the Savior.** After breakfast, Jesus took Peter aside and asked him a very important question. Jesus asked Peter if Peter loved Jesus. Recalling Peter's previous denial of Jesus, the question was a valid one. Peter of course loved Jesus and told Him so. Jesus asked the question three times, signifying the restoration of Peter following his three-fold denial of Jesus. Peter loved Jesus and Jesus commissioned Peter to preach the gospel wherever he went.
- **Peace through Jesus.** That morning on the beach Jesus helped Peter know that even though Peter sinned, Jesus still loved him. Peter likely left that beach with peace in Jesus. Paul told the Romans the exact same thing. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, people can have peace with God. When we place faith and trust in the sacrifice of Jesus, God justifies us and through that justification we can experience a newfound peace with God.

BREAKFAST BY THE SEA

Text Truth: Love Jesus and follow Him.

Bible Verse: Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.

Matthew 4:19

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Jesus said, "Follow Me." Matthew 4:19



JOHN 21:1-19

Peter and seven other disciples were together. Peter said, "I'm going fishing."

"We're coming with you," the friends said. So the men got into their boat and sailed out into the water.

The men fished all night, but they did not catch any fish.

In the morning, the men looked at the shore. They saw a man. The man shouted to the fishermen, "You don't have any fish, do you?"

"No," replied the men.

Then the man on the shore told the disciples to throw their net on the right side of the boat. "You'll find some fish," the man said.

So that is what the disciples did. They caught so many fish they could not even get them on the boat!

Then John knew the man on the shore was Jesus, their friend! When Peter heard this, he jumped out of the fishing boat and swam to shore to see Jesus!

"Bring some of the fish you caught," Jesus told the men.

"Come, eat breakfast," Jesus said.

The men saw a campfire with bread and fish cooking. Jesus had cooked breakfast for the men.

After breakfast, Jesus talked to Peter. "Do you love Me?" Jesus asked.

Peter said yes. Then Jesus said, "Follow Me."