



FOLLOW JESUS

Text Truth: Love Jesus and follow Him.

Bible Story: John 21:1-19

Bible Verse: Matthew 4:19

Christ in Context: The Book of John reveals Jesus' identity as God in flesh and describes the eternal, all-knowing, ever-present, and all-powerful nature of Christ.

Bible Skills:

- Hear Bible words and phrases. Say some Bible words and repeat short phrases (3-5 words)
- Hear that the Bible tell about Jesus.

Bible Story Nuggets

- Jesus saw His friends fishing
- Jesus cooked breakfast for His friends
- The friends were happy to see Jesus

Breakfast By the Sea

John 21: 1-19

Jesus walked by the sea. He saw His helpers getting in their boat and sailing out on the water.

The helpers finished all night. In the morning, Jesus stood by the water and called out to the men, "Did you catch any fish?"

"No," Jesus' helpers answered.

"Throw your net over the other side of the boat," Jesus said. "You will catch fish."

The helpers did what Jesus said. They caught so many fish they could not even get them all on the boat!

"Come, eat breakfast," Jesus called to the men.

The men hurried to the land. They saw a campfire with bread and fish. Jesus ate fish and bread with His helpers.

Now the men knew this was their friend Jesus!

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Activity: Go Fishing

Have your child "Go fishing." Use a plastic fishing rod with a magnet (or makeshift pole if it works better) and have one child at a time lower the rod into a wading pool type container with tiny prizes (sticker, tattoo, candy, toy, eraser...). Ask review questions about the story and allow students to fish out a prize to take with them.

Craft Idea

Craft: Fishing for faithful...have students decorate and write on a paper fish to describe how they can tell others of Jesus. Attach the fish with a string to a straw or popsicle stick "fishing rod."

Prayer

Close with prayer and reminder of God's work in our lives. Ask God for opportunities to share His love with others and take care of them.

