



Week 5: Breakfast on the Beach

Overview of the Lesson

Video: Be sure to check out the video above for a brief introduction to the study and some brief reflections on the passage.

Scripture: *Primary text:* John 21:1-19

Age Specific Breakdown:

- Preschool – Page 2
- Children – Pages 3-4
- Avenue 56 – Page 4
- Youth – Page 5
- College – Pages 6-7
- Activity Pages – 8-15

Family Activity/Prayer: Today we invite your family to recite out loud Dr. Barnette's weekly benediction. As you know, the end is always tailored to the message from the sermon. So, we've added a little piece at the end related to Jesus's resurrection.

Depart now in the fellowship of God the Father.

And as you go remember:

That by the goodness of God you were born into this world,
And by the grace of God you have been kept all the day long,
Even until this very hour.

And by the love of God fully revealed in the face of Jesus Christ,
You have been redeemed and you are being redeemed

And so go,

Proclaiming Christ's life altering grace. Amen.

Preschool

Breakfast on the Beach

Lesson: John 21: 1-19 -- Please read the scripture from the Bible or Bible Storybook. The attachments are at the very end of the Weekly Word. (See attachment #1 below - teaching picture/ Beach Breakfast), (See attachment #2 below - coloring page), (See attachment #3 below - teaching picture/ Jesus Forgives Peter)

Follow Up Questions: After Jesus' resurrection, He spent 40 days on earth appearing to His followers (Acts 1:30). His third recorded appearance was when He had a fish fry with His friends.

- What miracle did Jesus do before the fish fry?
- How many fish did His friends catch?
- How did Jesus once again show us how to serve others? What did Jesus cook for breakfast?
- How do we know that Jesus forgave Peter for 3 times saying he didn't know Him? (Jesus asked Peter to tell others about Him.)
- How do we know about Peter's ministry? (God told Peter what to say, and he wrote two books of the Bible.)
- Can you remember a time when someone forgave you? How did that feel?

Reinforcing activities:

- Make a lunch bag fish (See attachment #4 below) or a *colored fish (See attachment #5 below)
- On the coloring page/Jesus Forgives Peter (See attachment #6 below), color Peter's robe black, and then glue on top a white tissue symbolizing that Jesus washed away the wrong things Peter had done.
- Connect the Dots for the Fishermen (See attachment #7 below)

Family Activities:

Help your preschooler build a fire with sticks and orange, red or yellow paper. Gather the supplies of a skillet, *paper fish, and bread. Invite family members to the fish fry. As your preschooler serves each family member ask them to share something for which they are happy that Jesus forgave them. Then ask each person for an idea that they can do to tell others about Jesus.

Prayer: Have silent prayer time so that family members can ask for forgiveness. Then have each person pray for the person on their right and ask God to help them find ways to serve others and tell them about Jesus.

Further Study: Luke 24:13-35, Jesus appears to His friends on the road to Emmaus. John 20:19-31, Doubting Thomas believes.

Children

Breakfast on the Beach –John 21:1-19

Begin by asking each child to share their favorite good to eat for breakfast. Grab the attention of the group by “wondering” why no one said, “fish”. Tell the children that in today’s Bible story Jesus makes his friends, the disciples, breakfast on the beach. Ask them to listen and discover what Jesus made for breakfast. Have the children close their eyes and imagine being at the beach early in the morning. If you like, ask them what they might see and hear. Read John 21:1-19 from the Bible

Bible skills development:

Help your child find the book of John in a Bible. Remind them that John is in the New Testament and is one of the 4 Gospels (tells the story of Jesus life). If you have a beach ball or something similar, take turns throwing the ball to each other, repeating the 4 Gospels as you catch the ball. Some children will know more than just the 4 Gospels so if they do, continue the activity as far into the New Testament as they can go.

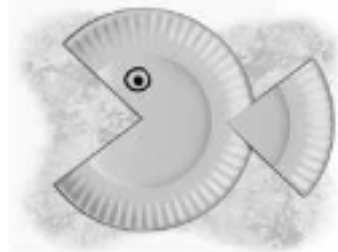
Bible story review:

Review questions: To make the review fun, give your child a paper plate and have a bag of goldfish crackers nearby. Each time they answer a question correctly they a treat. Enjoy a snack afterwards.

1. Why do you think the disciples didn’t recognize Jesus?
2. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
3. What helped the disciples figure out that it was Jesus?
4. What did Jesus serve for breakfast?
5. What question did Jesus ask Peter?
6. How many times did he ask him that same question?
7. What did Jesus tell Peter to do?

Remind children that, when Jesus was arrested, Peter denied even knowing Jesus three times. In this story, Jesus asks the question three times to remind Peter of that and then Jesus instructs Peter to return to ministry (feed my sheep) to show that Peter is forgiven. The lesson: the Lord forgives and makes things right again!

Paper plate fish: Gather the following items, if you have them, and let your child make a paper fish (one paper plate, scissors, glue, embellishments – googly eyes, tissue paper, sequins, etc.



While the children are working on the fish, say, “ When you look at these fish you can remember how Jesus showed the disciples that He forgave them for running away. What did Jesus teach the disciples at breakfast? (The Lord forgives and makes things right again.

Worksheets – print the attached worksheets and do together to review if desired (see attachment below)

Closing Prayer: Consider using a “repeat after me prayer”. Pause between every few words, allowing the children to echo what you have said. Dear Jesus,/Thank you/for your forgiveness/and for feeding us/and reminding us/of your love/even when we/have forgotten you./Amen.

Avenue 56

Read John 21:1-19 aloud with your child. Encourage them to read portions of the scripture aloud and help with words or phrases they might be confused on.

2 W and an H Questions:

Review with your Student **What** was in the story? Ask general questions for a recap of the scripture you just read. Some examples would be...

- What stands out when you read this story? Are there details you find interesting?
- Who were the men fishing?
- Why were these men fishing?
- What happened when Jesus yelled from the beach?
- What did Jesus say to Peter?
- What did Peter do to need “restoring”?
- What do you think it is about sharing meals with people that is so powerful?

Ask your students **Why** this story is important to the overall story of the Bible.

This story is important for several reasons, primarily reasons related to the character of who Jesus is. We see the resurrected Jesus performing a miracle for his friends. But he doesn’t just help them catch fish, he provides for them in abundance.

Second, in restoring Peter (after Peter’s denial) Jesus shows that he is merciful. Jesus could have held a grudge, but decides to show us a God who is forgiving. Finally, Jesus shows up how powerful sharing a meal together can be!

Finally ask your student **How** this story applies to their life today.

Just like Peter, there will be moments in life where we either need forgiveness or we need to show forgiveness to others. Encourage your student to pray for someone they need to forgive. Encourage them to share about God’s abundance as your family shares its next meal.

Youth

I love this scene in John 21. We take a yearly beach trip with Mary Evelyn's family where her dad, her brother, and I fish as much as we can squeeze in. Somehow, we manage to bring up our favorite verse, Peter's words in John 21:3, "I am going fishing!" (Hayden Marbut would agree!) Seriously, though, the disciples are doing what they know how to do—fish. It was their job before they met Jesus, and they've returned to what they know. Like many of my trips, they spent the night with no bites. Holding onto the hope that the next cast might do it. Then, a stranger from the shore gives them a suggestion and BOOM—the mother load! They know then it's Jesus.

When they get to the beach Jesus has breakfast already cooking. My favorite TV show of all-time is Parks and Rec. I think the character Ron Swanson says it best, "There has never been a sadness that can't be cured by breakfast food." I'm not sure the disciples are sad, but they are surely still trying to understand what this resurrected Jesus means. And, while on the beach, Jesus shares an intimate moment with Peter. Remember, Peter has denied Jesus just days earlier. Jesus asks Peter 3 times, the same number of times Peter denied him, "do you love me?" Peter answers YES! Jesus gives him a charge to care for his sheep. You see, Jesus is in the business of restoring people. Nothing can change that. We must only answer his question, "Do you love me?"

Introductory Questions:

1. I'm curious, do you have any good fishing stories? Or, do you have any family breakfast traditions (my dad would make pancakes on Saturdays!) or favorite breakfast spots?

Digging Deep: Take some time as a family to read Jesus's breakfast on the beach-John 21:1-19

Ask:

1. What stands out when you read this story? Are there details you find interesting?
2. After fishing all night with no luck, why do you think the disciples listened to the "stranger" yelling instructions from the beach?
3. What do you learn about the character of Jesus when you read this story? In his fishing miracle? His cooking breakfast? His restoration of Peter?
4. What do you think it is about sharing meals with people that is so powerful?
5. What do you think Peter was thinking during this exchange with Jesus? From what you know about the life of Peter, how does he respond to Jesus's call to "feed my sheep"?

Reflect: the Gospel account invites us to slow down and experience the text. Read the story and imagine yourself in the scene. Where are you? What do you see? Feel? Hear?

Close by going around and voicing things you are thankful for this week. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his restoring power. Who knows, maybe even do it over breakfast.

College

Week 5 Jesus Appears to the Disciples and to Peter

"The early disciples had little ritual but a mighty realization. They went out not remembering Christ, but experiencing him. He was not a mere fair and beautiful story to remember with gratitude- he was a living, redemptive, actual presence then and there." E. Stanley Jones

-This week, we'll be taking a look John 21:1-19, where Jesus appears to the disciples and provides a miraculous catch of fish and commissions Peter. You know the drill. Like the past 4 weeks...

1. Take note, write down, and reflect on anything that sticks out to you from the passages.
2. Our passage deals with Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances. John's gospel includes 4 appearances in chapters 20 and 21. Luke includes the Emmaus Road Travelers' encounter with Jesus. Acts records Jesus' ascension and tells us Jesus appeared to the apostles over a period of 40 days following his death (Acts 1:3). Think and reflect on these general ideas:
 - a) Why are Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances important? What do they show and teach us?
 - b) How does Jesus interact with the people in these appearances?
 - c) What are the different responses that each of the people have? Which response do you think you would have most likely had?

Questions:

1. Who all went out to fish? What, if anything, do we know about the stories of each person? (Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples- vv. 1-2) Why do you think this list of people is an important detail?
2. Why were the disciples unable to recognize Jesus on the shore?
3. Remember that Jesus walked on water (John 6:16-24). Why did Jesus give the disciples directions about where to fish rather than coming and doing it for them?
4. What does Peter jumping into the sea reveal about him denying Jesus? Where would you gauge him spiritually?
5. What does this meal on the beach remind you of? Anything similar or different?
6. Why does Jesus ask Peter 3 times if he loves him? How do Jesus' commands to feed and take care of lambs/sheep connect with loving him?
7. How is Jesus uniting Peter and the disciples to continue his mission on earth?

-As Christians, I think we get a unique viewpoint of who Jesus was and why he matters to us by reading the post-Resurrection accounts. If you think about it, wouldn't it make sense for the gospels to primarily include things Jesus did and said after he'd been resurrected? If we want people to have faith in Jesus, wouldn't it be better for them to see "Jesus in action" after he's already been resurrected?

All of the gospels only provide a snapshot of Jesus' life and ministry, including all of the things he did before he died on the cross and rose from the grave. John even says Jesus did so much more than he had recorded but that the things he did write were so that we would all believe (John 20:30-31). So in a way, it makes even more sense, I think, that we only have a handful of accounts of the apostles encountering Jesus after he had risen, especially if he was only physically on earth 40 more days following his resurrection (Acts 1:3). I think the gospel writers knew that, if you didn't believe in Jesus during his earthly ministry and in the resurrection, then a handful of post-Resurrection accounts may not make that big of a difference of coming to faith.

Instead, our faith is supposed to *grow* as we read how the apostles experience Jesus following the resurrection. Why? Because like so many other characters in the biblical story, we are supposed to see ourselves in them. I had a professor in seminary who said, "the biblical characters aren't models of morality for us but mirrors of identity." Like Thomas, we doubt. Like the Emmaus Road travelers, we miss Jesus working right in front of us. And like Peter, we sometimes fail to be the person Christ calls us to be. For each of these characters, there is hope. And there is hope for us too.

Last week, I mentioned how Peter forgot the things Jesus had said and done. In his time of desperate need, Peter's memory lapsed. He had forgotten to look back on the times he had experienced Jesus to make sense of what was going on in his life. In this passage, the good news is that Christ *remains with us*. And if he remains with us, our response is simply to follow. And as we keep following, we keep experiencing. Thomas doubted, yet he experienced Jesus once again. The disciples in the fishing boat were hopeless, but they too experienced Jesus. Peter was confused about his calling, but he experienced Jesus and simply had faith to follow. He would be the rock on which the church was built (Matthew 16:18).

So I ask you, are you experiencing Jesus? His living, redemptive, and active presence dwells among us through the Holy Spirit. The disciples experienced Jesus here through the ordinary (fishing, breakfast, and conversation). Where will you experience Jesus in the days to come?

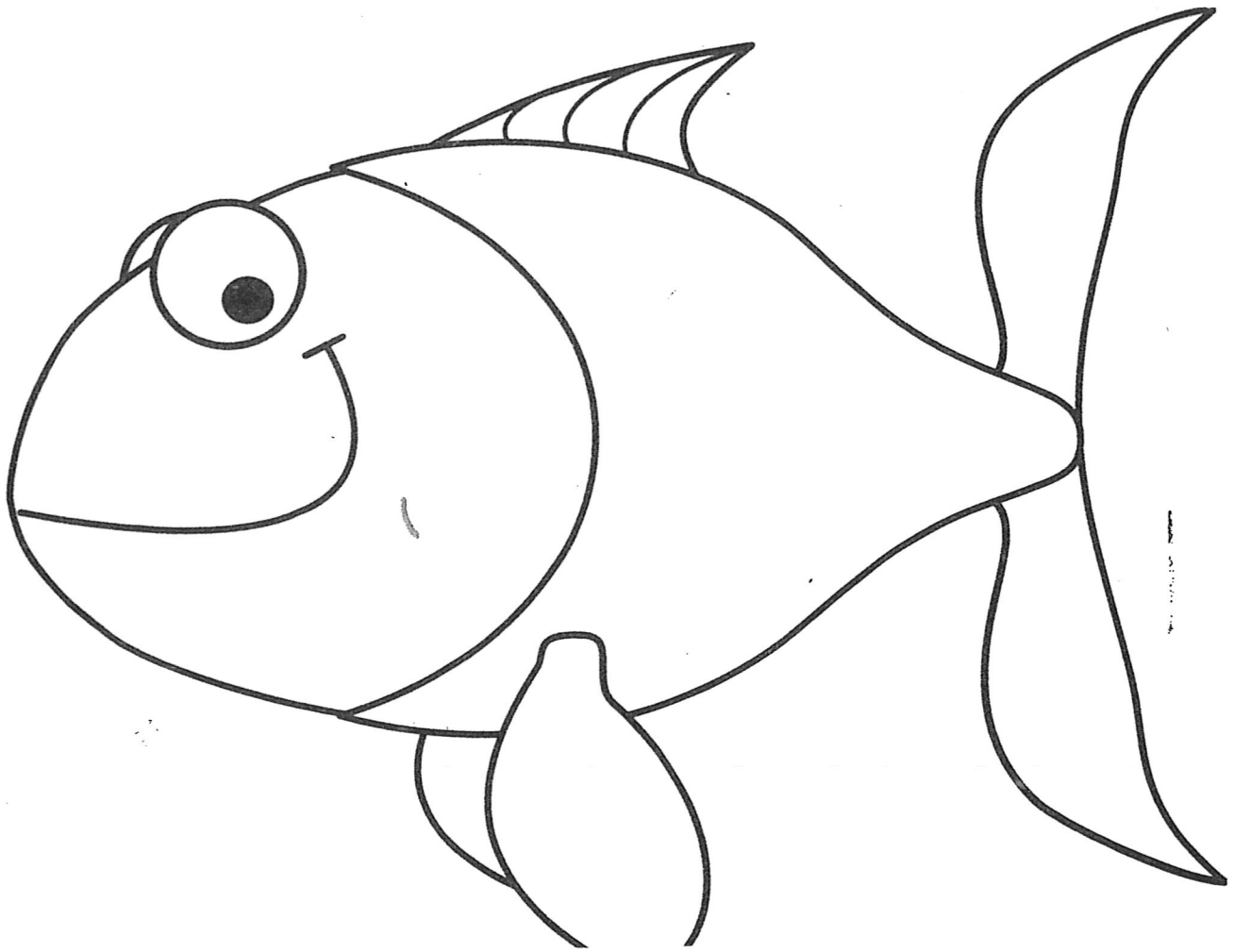


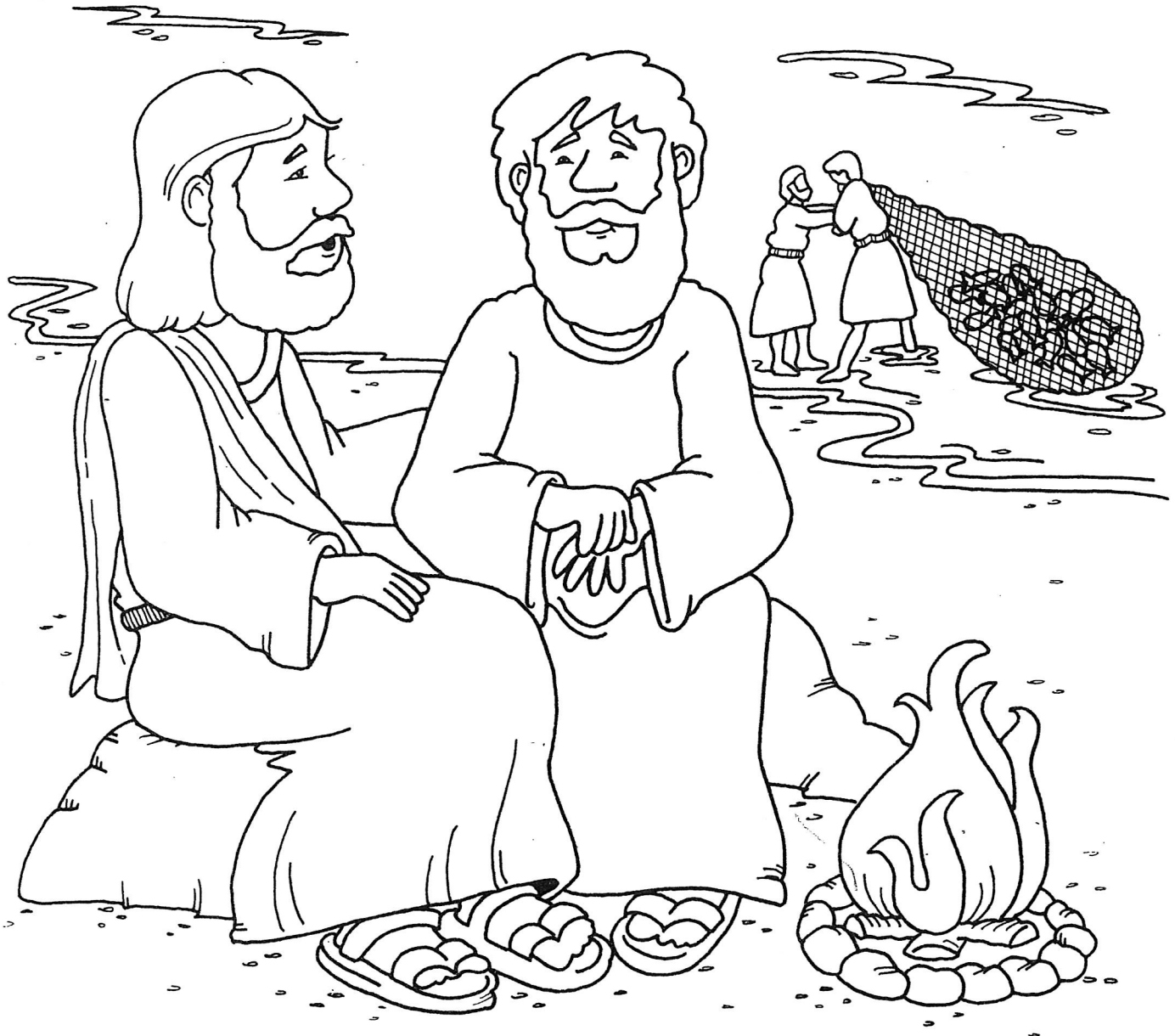


Jesus Helps Catch Fish
John 21









“Forgive others, and you will be forgiven”

(Luke 6:37b).

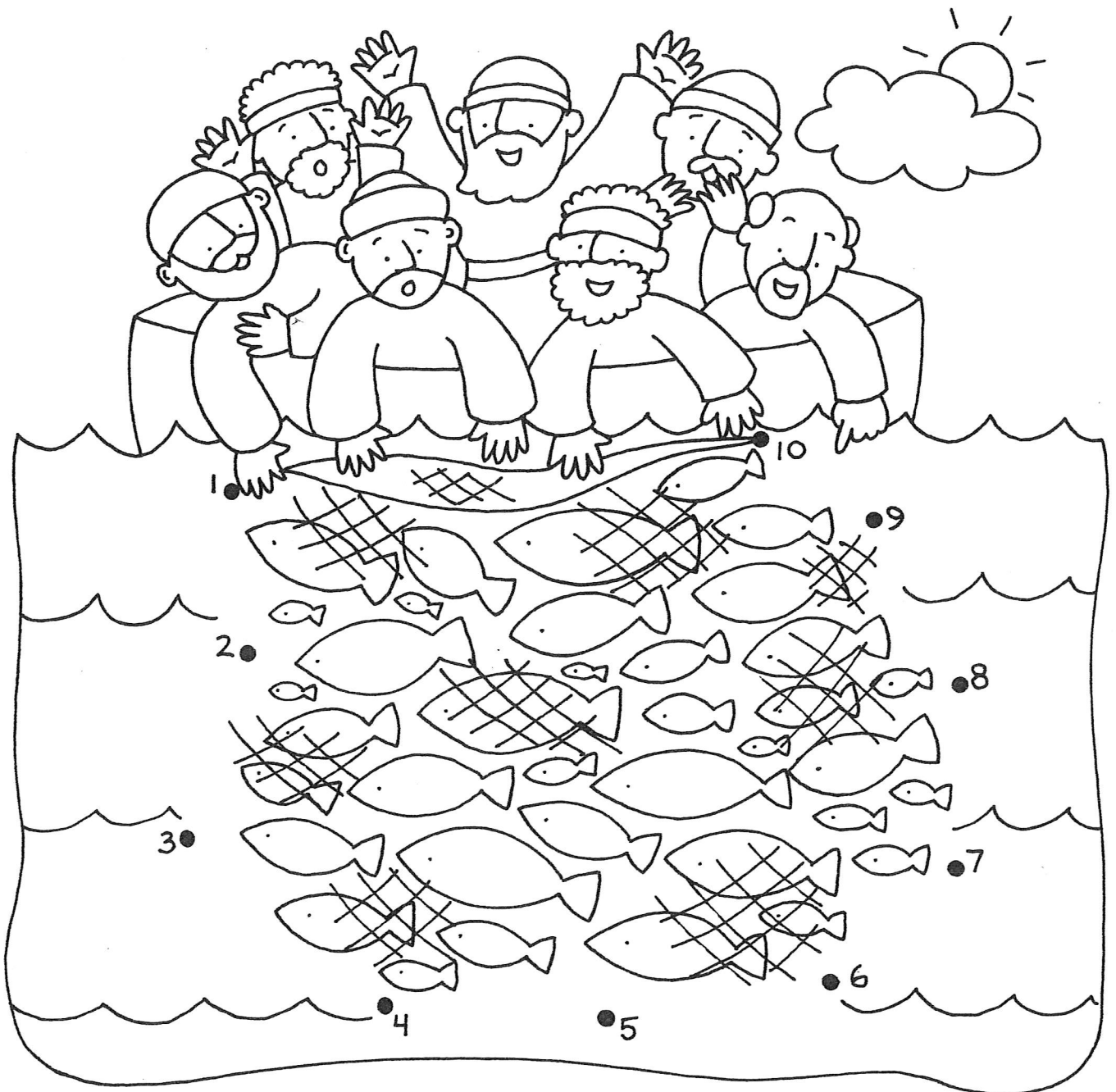
Name _____

Too Many Fish

John 21:1-14

After Jesus rose from the dead, He helped His disciples catch so many fish that they could not lift the net. Jesus always provides more than enough for any need that you have!

Connect the dots from 1 to 10. Color the picture.



Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. John 21:12 (NIV)

Based on John 21:1-14



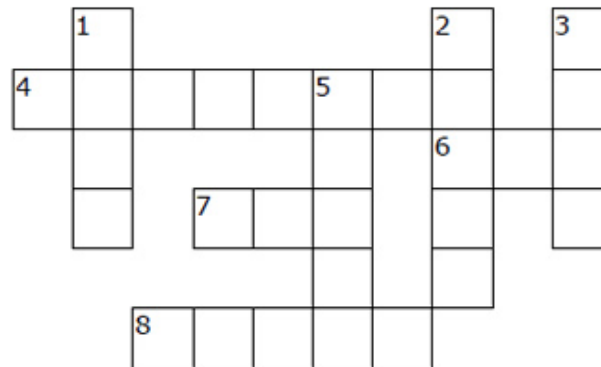
L V B R E A K F A S T E Z N Z
 R O T U F U L L Z X B U F M Y
 X Z H R N B R V G P A X V M R
 J D I S C I P L E S I R I T I
 J L N E T J M F B F I S H U T
 C C O W O X E C Y O P K F D M
 K K Z R V Z F S F M A H S X F
 X R Y M D H D P U L T T E A M
 K E B B Q I M C Y S R R C L R
 N S R S E A R P O U O F R I V
 Y F E E R E C P S H C E M L F
 K I A G T N J O S H T V J I C
 T R D A Q I T V A E N X Q M R
 C E W M D K Z R P L C C R W D
 Q G N E R D F F J S S R P C B

FIRE	BOAT	COALS	DISCIPLES	LORD
WATER	FISH	NET	PETER	SHORE
BREAKFAST	SEA	BREAD	FULL	JESUS

Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. John 21:12 (NIV)

Based on John 21:1-14



ACROSS

4. A follower of Jesus
6. A large body of salt water smaller than an ocean
7. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
8. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake

DOWN

1. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
2. The Son of God
3. A small vehicle for traveling on water
5. One of Jesus' disciples, a fisherman

JESUS	SEA	NET	BOAT
SHORE	FISH	PETER	DISCIPLE