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Series: Gifts From Jesus
Spring Year 1, Lesson 49

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Take Home Point: *JESUS IS ALIVE...*I will share the Good News!*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: John 21:1-17

We will help children know:

- Jesus appearing to the disciples and the miraculous catch of fish after his resurrection.
- Just as Jesus told Peter to share the Good News that he is alive, he tells us to share the Good News.
- The best news in the Bible is that Jesus died and rose for us.

We will help the children feel:




- Joy at the news that Jesus is alive.
- Eagerness to tell others that Jesus is alive.
- Valued because they have an important job of spreading Jesus' story.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Make a Fishy Picture.
- Snack: Fish in a Net.
- Game: Feed My Sheep.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: JESUS IS ALIVE...*I will share the Good News!*
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 4	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bubba puppet Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adult-sized Peter costume Optional: fake camp fire made with sticks and red Christmas tree lights
Small Group Application 	7 7 8 9	Activity 1: Craft: Fishy Picture Activity 2: Snack: Fish in a Net Activity 3: Game: Feed My Sheep Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ½ piece per child of blue construction paper or card stock six goldfish crackers per child 4" x5" piece of netting for each child Avery label reading: "Jesus is alive and appeared to the disciples while they were fishing." tape glue <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice Option one: Triscuit crackers squirt cheese goldfish crackers Option two: pretzels <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two bowls of marshmallows masking tape hand sanitizer 2 chairs
Large Group Wrap-up 	11 11	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: *Bubba puppet; small bowl; Presenter holds a Bible*

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Bubba. (Children call "Bubba".)

Bubba: (Bubba comes out with a small bowl) Hi everyone.

Presenter: Hi Bubba. Why do you have a bowl?

Bubba: I wanted to tell you about the very important job my mom gave to me.

Presenter: Oh, let me guess.

Bubba: Okay.

Presenter: Your job is to set the table when it is time for dinner.

Bubba: Wrong!

Presenter: Hmmm...I know. Your job is to put cereal in the bowl for breakfast.

Bubba: I already do that. Can I just tell you what my job is?

Presenter: Okay.

Bubba: My job is VERY important.

Presenter: Tell me what it is.

Bubba: My important job is to feed my puppy every day.

Presenter: Wow, Bubba. That is an important job. If your dog does not get fed, he can't live.

Bubba: I know.

Presenter: Bubba, your important job reminds me of our Bible event today.

Bubba: Somebody has to feed their dog?

Presenter: No. It reminds me that Jesus gave an important job to Peter and to us.

Bubba: I did not know that I have an important job to do for Jesus.

Presenter: In today's Bible event, the disciples are out fishing, but did not catch any fish. Then Jesus appears and tells them to fish on the other side of the boat.

Bubba: So their job was to go fishing?

Presenter: No. After they caught lots of fish, Jesus gave Peter his important job.

Bubba: I can't wait! Tell me what the job is.

Presenter: Jesus told Peter to feed his sheep.

Bubba: How can that be? Jesus doesn't have any sheep. That is silly!

Presenter: Jesus did not mean real sheep. He was calling people his sheep. Jesus wanted him to feed them with God's word. His job was to tell people that Jesus is alive. That is the job Jesus gave us too. Just like you have to feed your puppy to keep it alive, we need to feed everyone God's word. Then then can be alive in heaven forever.

Bubba: I see.

Presenter: Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Bubba: Yes.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Bubba: Okay.

Presenter: JESUS IS ALIVE...now you say, "I will share the Good News!"

Bubba: I will share the Good News!

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Bubba: Sure.

Presenter: OK everybody, JESUS IS ALIVE...

Bubba: (and everyone): I will share the Good News!

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Bubba.

Bubba: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Visit From Costumed Character

Supplies: Adult male dressed in Biblical clothes; Optional: fake fire made with sticks and red Christmas lights

The fake fire should be on the opposite side of the stage from Peter.

Presenter holds the Bible and says: **Let's put on our imagination hats and pretend that the disciple Peter is visiting us.** (Peter walks on stage.)

Peter:

After Jesus died and rose from the dead, he visited us. I knew Jesus was alive, but I was lonely after he left. I needed to tell Jesus that I was sorry. Remember when Jesus was arrested? I said I did not know him. They took Jesus away and nailed him to the cross where he died. I felt as if it was all my fault.

I couldn't just sit around waiting for Jesus to visit again. So I went fishing with some of the other disciples. We fished all night and didn't catch any fish, not even one!

The sun was rising so we decided to bring in the boat. We saw someone standing by a fire on the shore. He yelled out to us "Friends, did you catch anything?" We answered back "We haven't caught anything." The man on the shore told us to throw our nets on the other side of the boat to catch some fish. We threw out our nets and you will never guess what happened. We caught so many fish that we couldn't pull the nets back in! It was a miracle.

Then John recognized the man on the shore. It was Jesus! I was so excited that I jumped into the water. I swam to shore while my friends brought the boat in. (Peter walks over to the fake fire.) **We cooked some of the fish we caught and ate breakfast with Jesus.**

After breakfast, Jesus pulled me aside and three times asked me an important question. He said, "Peter, do you love me?" I answered "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Then Jesus gave me an important job. He told me to feed his sheep, his children. He wanted me to tell everyone that he is alive and if we believe him, he will forgive us. He forgave me for telling people I did not know him.

Jesus wants you to share the good news that Jesus is alive! (Peter walks off the stage.)

Presenter:

In the Bible event, Peter was lonely for Jesus. He also felt bad because, after Jesus was arrested, Peter lied and said he didn't know Jesus. When Peter and some of the disciples went fishing, Jesus helped them catch many fish. Most important, when Jesus gave Peter an important job, to feed his sheep, Jesus was showing Peter that he was forgiven. To feed Jesus' sheep, means to tell others the Good News that Jesus is alive and to share the Good News that our sins are forgiven. That is a job for you, to share the Good News: Jesus is alive!

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. ***JESUS IS ALIVE.../ will share the Good News!**

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
I will tell everyone,
Jesus is alive!
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *London Bridge*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

I will **SHARE** the **GO-od** **NEWS**.
GO-od **NEWS**. **GO-od** **NEWS**.
I will **SHARE** the **GO-od** **NEWS**.
HE is **A-live**!

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Fishy Picture

Supplies: $\frac{1}{2}$ piece per child of blue construction paper or card stock; six fish crackers per child; 4" x 5" piece of netting for each child; glue; tape; Avery printed label that reads: *Jesus is alive and appeared to the disciples while they were fishing.*

Today we are going to make a fishy picture. First, glue your fish close together on the paper. Next, put your netting over the fish. I will help you tape the top of it to the back of your paper. Next, put your label on your picture so that it is holding down the bottom edge of the net.

Review the Bible Event.

What happened after the disciples fished all night? (*Jesus appeared and helped them catch many fish.*)

Let's practice the take home point. ***JESUS IS ALIVE...I will share the Good News!**

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Song:

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Activity 2: Snack: Fish in a Net

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; Option one: Triscuit crackers, squirt cheese, goldfish crackers. Option two: pretzels

*****CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
I will tell everyone,
Jesus is alive!
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to put fish in a pretend net and then eat it.

Option One: Give each child two Triscuits and 4 goldfish.

See how this Triscuit cracker looks like a net? I am going to put two dots of cheese on your "net" and I want you to "glue" two goldfish on them. Now you can eat them.

Option two: Break up the pretzels into small pieces.

These pieces of pretzels are pretend fish. I will put some on your napkin and you can scoop them up with your pretend net (napkin). Now you can eat your "fish".

Review the Bible event.

What important job did Jesus give to Peter? *(To feed his sheep—tell others that Jesus is alive and they are forgiven.)*

Let's practice the take home point. *JESUS IS ALIVE...I will share the Good News!

Song:

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Activity 3: Game: Feed My Sheep

Supplies: Hand sanitizer; two bowls of marshmallows (enough for each child to have one); masking tape, two chairs

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Divide the children into two equal number teams and have them line up, one behind the other with both teams next to each other. Put a piece of tape on the floor in front of first child in line. Place a chair for each team 6 feet away from the tape. Have a child sit in each chair holding the bowl of marshmallows. Have the children use hand sanitizer before playing since they will be handling food for another child.

Today we are going to play a relay game called “Feed My Sheep”. The person at the front of each line will run to the shepherd in the chair. You will tap the shepherd's arm and the shepherd will say, “Feed my sheep” and give the runner a marshmallow. The runner takes the marshmallow, runs back to to the line and gives the marshmallow to the child first in line. Child in line eats marshmallow completely before starting the process over again. The team that feeds their team first, wins.

Review the Bible event.

What important job does Jesus give us? *(To tell others about him.)*

Let's practice the take home point. *JESUS IS ALIVE...I will share the Good News!

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Let's sing our song of the week. *(To the tune of London Bridge)*

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Prayer Time:

Who can you tell about Jesus? (*friends, neighbors, relatives, etc.*)

How can you tell others about Jesus? (*Invite them to church; tell them Bible stories; teach them Christian songs, etc.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: *Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.*

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It has fish in the net. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Kids say:

...I will share the Good News!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Albie says:

Could you teach me how to drive?



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like fish in a net. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Kids say:

...I will share the Good News!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Albie says:

I am waiting for the bus to arrive!

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called Feed My Sheep. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Kids say:

...I will share the Good News!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Albie says:

Don't ever poke a beehive!

Presenter says:

Albie, listen one last time.

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Kids response:

...I will share the Good News!

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS ALIVE...**

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

***JESUS IS ALIVE...I will share the Good News!**

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants you to tell everyone that Jesus is alive!