

Week 31 Family Letter

Jesus Is Alive: Jesus Cooks Breakfast for the Disciples

(John 21:1-14)

Fishes, fishes, in the sea.

Help me count them: one, two, three. (*Hold up 3 fingers, 1 at a time.*)

Fishes, fishes, swim away.

Disciples have a sad, sad day. (*Make sad face.*)

Jesus, Jesus, on the shore.

Calls, "Did you catch some, three or four?" (*Hold up 3, then 4 fingers.*)

Jesus, Jesus, hears their cries.

"Cast out from the other side." (*Point thumb out to your side.*)

Fishes, fishes, in the lake.

Fill the net; it almost breaks! (*Pretend to hold heavy load in arms.*)

Jesus fried some on the flames.

His friends ate them when they came. (*Pretend to eat.*)

Bible Words

He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Dear Family,

Ask your child to try to remember what he or she ate for breakfast. Who fixed it? Let your child look at the picture and point to what the disciples ate for breakfast (fish), and then color it in. Who cooked breakfast for the disciples? (Jesus!) Jesus took care of the disciples. Jesus gives us a family to take care of us.

Jesus loves us so much. He knew the disciples were frustrated because they weren't catching any fish. He knows our frustrations too. Like a fisherman casting nets into the lake, we can throw our burdens at the foot of the cross. Jesus is all-powerful to save. "[Cast] all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

In the Bible, we see many examples of how Jesus cared for people. He was a servant who didn't complain about washing smelly feet or "slaving away in the kitchen." In fact, He loved people so much and was so unselfish that He died on the cross to save us. This Bible story proves that He rose from the dead; we see Him in flesh and bones, eating and talking with His friends again. If He is powerful enough to defeat death, giving us new life, then He is powerful, caring, and serving enough to help you in your every need. Read the story on page 415 of *The Story Bible* together.

