

4_14_24 Children's Church (CC) Lesson Plan for GROUP ASSEMBLY

- Children will be dismissed to the Chapel from worship **before the announcements.**
- Kids should return to worship for the last song. (After the sermon - an usher will come and get you or send a kid)
- **ALL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOU** (see list at end)
- Yes, there is prayer at the beginning and the end. Please take/make time for that.
- Please review the **"Teacher Prep for Bible Story"** materials so you can put your own stamp on this lesson.
- **BAG of CANDY** in bag by computer for whatever reason!!! ☺

What's today really about?

Jesus reaffirmed Peter's calling to tell people about Jesus and help them grow in their faith.

1. OPENING (SONG, ATTENDANCE, PRAYER, GAME)

1. **WELCOME and OPENING SONG - "LOVE"** (2:20sec) ... computer to TV - ALL sing and dance together (click on **SLIDE #2** in computer program)
2. After song: **ATTENDANCE and PRAYER:** Have kids sit (gather) on floor.
 - A. Take attendance (attendance sheet is lesson book) - try to get first and last names
 - B. Chat with kids while taking roll - **How are you? How's school going? Favorite food? Etc.**
 - C. **After attendance:** Ask kids if any of them have something or someone specific they would like to pray for... take note
 - D. **PRAY:** Take time to pray for those requests and whatever you'd like to add (obviously stressing the importance of prayer)
3. After prayer: **PLAY VIDEO interactive GAME/DANCE - "What Is That? Edited" - Interactive Motion Game ... Watch and move ... just fun**

(click on **SLIDE #3** in computer program)

2. REVIEW LAST SESSION

QUICK REVIEW of last week's "stuff": *Discuss last week:*

- Last time we learned that **When Jesus fulfilled prophecies, He showed the people that He was the Messiah.**
- (review questions - use as many or as few as you like)

A. Who remembers what and who we talked about last time? (Palm Sunday)

1. **Who heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem?** (a large crowd, John 12:12)
2. **Why had the people come to Jerusalem?** (to observe the Passover, John 12:1,12)
3. **What did the people take when they went out to meet Jesus?** (palm branches, John 12:13)
4. **What did the people shout as Jesus entered Jerusalem?** (Hosanna! John 12:13)
5. **What animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on?** (a young donkey, John 12:14)
6. **Which prophet promised that a King would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey?** (Zechariah, Zechariah 9:9)
7. **Who had many of the people seen Jesus raise from the dead?** (Lazarus, John 12:17)
8. **Did the religious leaders like that the people were following Jesus?** (No. John 12:19)
9. **What events took place during Holy week leading up to Easter?**
10. **What is the most important part of Easter? Why? What happened?**

THIS WEEK:

Ask: *What's your favorite breakfast? (answers)*

*"What do these items have in common?" (They are fishing supplies.) Take turns sharing about the purpose of each fishing item. *** Have you ever had fish for breakfast!****

Display the "Fish Mosaic."

Say: *"Our object today is a mosaic of fish." (mosaic means: a picture or pattern produced by arranging together small colored pieces of hard material, such as stone, tile, or glass.)*

Ask: *"What do you notice about today's object?" Allow kids time to share their observations.*

Say: *"Today's object was created around the 3rd-4th century AD."*

Ask: *"How was fishing in Bible times different from fishing today?" (Comments may include differences about boats, using a net instead of a pole, and so on.)*

BIBLE Verse on screen (slide #4)- Matthew 4:19... ¹⁹ *Jesus said, "Come follow me. I will make you fishermen for men."*

Let's see what Joel is up to today - **PLAY VIDEO** - "Explore the Bible on Location" - (SLIDE #5)

After Video: Questions

- Who helped Joel learn how to fish?
- Raise your hand if you like to go fishing.
- What did Jesus ask Peter three times?
- Did Jesus forgive Peter for denying Jesus?

GO TO BIBLE TIME

2. BIBLE TIME

READ BIBLE STORY: (if you have strong readers then they can read as well)

JESUS ATE BREAKFAST WITH THE DISCIPLES - John 21:1-19

Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John, and two more disciples decided to go fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. They went out and fished during the night, but they did not catch anything. In the morning, Jesus stood on the shore of the lake, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus called to the men, "You don't have any fish, do you?"

"No," the men answered.

"Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some," He told them. They did and they could not haul the net into the boat because it was so full of fish. The disciple, the one Jesus loved, told Peter, "It is the Lord!" Peter jumped from the boat to get to the shore.

When the disciples got to the shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish and bread.

"Bring some of the fish you caught," Jesus told them. The disciples pulled the net ashore. They had caught 153 fish. Jesus invited the men to have breakfast. This was the third time Jesus had appeared to the disciples after His resurrection.

After they had eaten, Jesus asked Peter, "Peter, do you love Me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord. You know I love You." Peter responded.

"Feed My lambs." Jesus told him. Jesus asked Peter, "Simon, do you love Me?"

Peter said, "Yes, Lord. You know I love You."

"Shepherd My sheep," Jesus said. For a third time, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love Me?"

Peter was deeply sad that Jesus asked him this for a third time. "Lord, You know everything, and You know that I love You." Peter responded.

"Feed My sheep." Jesus told him.

Jesus helped Peter understand that he was forgiven for denying Jesus. Jesus had a mission for Peter. Peter was to share the good news and help Jesus' followers continue to grow in their faith.

DISCUSSION and ENGAGE: (short dialog)

QUICK REVIEW: (Use as **MANY** or as **FEW** questions as you like)
... get it right ... get a prize or treat 😊 (use prize/treat bag)

- 1. How long did the disciples fish?** (all night, John 21:3-4)
- 2. Did they catch any fish that night?** (No. John 21:3-5)
- 3. Where did the man on the shore (Jesus) tell the men to cast their net?** (on the right side of the boat, John 21:6)
- 4. How many fish did the disciples catch when they obeyed Jesus' instructions?** (153, John 21:11)
- 5. Which disciple jumped from the boat to swim to shore?** (Peter, John 21:7)
- 6. What did Jesus invite the disciples to eat for breakfast?** (fish and bread, John 21:12-13)
- 7. How many times did Jesus ask Peter if Peter loved Him?** (three, John 21:15-17)
- 8. What did Jesus tell Peter to do?** (help Jesus' followers continue to grow in their faith [Feed His lambs; Shepherd His sheep; Feed His sheep.] John 21:15-17)
9. "What do you think the disciples must have thought when they hauled in the net full of large fish after they had not been able to catch anything?" (Allow for responses.)

Continue: Ask: ***"What do you think it was like to eat breakfast with Jesus?"***

Sooo.... "What's are take away for today?" ...

"TAKE AWAY FOR TODAY?"

Jesus reaffirmed Peter's calling to tell people about Jesus and help them grow in their faith.

4. WRAPPING IT UP

Fish Mosaic Craft

Glue the different colored tiles inside the fish outline to make a uniquely colored and mosaic fish.

Cut off the remaining paper when finished.

OR

some other activity that **you** would like to do - if it's nice...
go outside (sidewalk chalk in the big red cabinet)

OR

Fun Fact Info Sheet

7. **CLOSING PRAYER TIME:**

Start the prayer... invite anyone who wants to pray to do so - pray about what you want and maybe conclude with thanking God for making salvation available to people everywhere, and ask Him to help everyone repent and trust in Jesus.

8. **DISTRIBUTE "FUN FACT INFO PACK" to each child:** (located by computer) sheet for them to take home

END: Take kids back for last song at the end of worship

MATERIALS FOR LESSON

Provided Supplies for this lesson:

- Extra copy of lesson plan
 - Fun Fact Info Pack (to hand out and/or USE at end of class)
 - Media - songs, videos
 - Bibles
 - **Fish Mosaic Craft / supplies**
 - **Fishing tackle "stuff"**
 - Treats and Prizes
 - Pre-K Materials in smaller classroom
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NEED MORE STUFF TO DO?

1. EXTRA SONGS on computer called " or "**DANCE LIKE A PICKLE**" or "**Boogaloo**"
- (click on remaining **SLIDES** in computer program) All sing and dance
 2. Go through "stuff" on the **Fun Fact Info Pack** handout
 3. There are art supplies in cabinet. You can always do something fun with that stuff
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PRE-K KIDS NEED A BREAK?

For now, let the Pre-K kids start with the opening son and game... **if you need to separate them**, then send them and a one of your helpers (teens) into a smaller classroom where there are coloring and "story time" materials. Send them back in at the end for game or song or whatever.

Teacher Prep for **CURRENT** week: Bible Story (4/14/24):

This is simply to give you a little back story as to what we're discussing in today's lesson.

Jesus Ate Breakfast with the Disciples **John 21:1-19**

To leave no doubt in the minds of the disciples or others that He had truly been raised from the dead, Jesus physically appeared to people on several occasions. Paul wrote to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 15 that Jesus appeared to as many as 500 people on one occasion before He returned to heaven.

Peter, Thomas, and others had gone fishing since that's what these men had done before Jesus called them. The men spent all night in a boat and in the morning, they had not caught a single fish. Coming near the shore, they saw a man standing there who instructed them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. When the fishermen cast their nets, they caught so many fish they weren't able to bring the haul into the boat. John, who was on this fishing trip, recorded the catch as 153 large fish. Recognizing the miracle as the work of Jesus, Peter jumped into the sea and swam to Jesus.

Before Jesus' crucifixion, Peter had denied knowing Jesus three separate times. Following a hearty breakfast of fire-roasted fish, Jesus invited Peter aside for a private moment of teaching. Peter, perhaps, might have been apprehensive knowing that he had denied the Lord. Jesus had previously told Peter that he would be instrumental in the formation and success of the church. Now, Jesus seemed to be testing Peter's devotion to that mission.

Jesus asked Peter if he truly loved Jesus. In light of Peter's denial, it seemed logical that his fidelity could be questioned. Peter responded that Christ knew all and certainly knew of Peter's love for Jesus. Mirroring the threefold denial, Jesus asked Peter the same question two more times. Finally, Jesus charged Peter once again to follow Him.

Having restored Peter, Jesus commissioned Peter to carry out the task he had been called to do. Peter would be the rock on which the church was built. Peter would tell people about Jesus and help them grow in their faith.

Previous Week (3/24/23) Teacher Prep:

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PALM SUNDAY

The Triumphal Entry

John 12:12-19

In John 11, Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead in Bethany. This miracle was another sign of Jesus' divinity and angered the Jews once more. Jesus knew it was time to make the quick journey from Bethany, down the Mount of Olives, and into Jerusalem where He would sacrifice Himself for sin.

John's Gospel does not go into great detail about this event. We know from other passages that Jesus sent disciples to find a donkey's colt and bring it to Him. Jesus sat on the animal and rode it into Jerusalem. A large crowd had gathered in Jerusalem because the festival of Passover was about to happen. Jewish males were required to come to Jerusalem for this festival. It is possible that some of those who greeted Jesus might have been many whom Jesus had taught and healed along the way. John tells us that some of those in the crowd had been present when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

The crowd met Jesus with palm branches and shouted the word Hosanna! The palm branches signified welcoming home a hero. The word Hosanna means "save now," a direct plea for Jesus to institute the Messianic kingdom and throw off the shackles of the Roman empire.

John highlights several prophecies Jesus' entry into Jerusalem fulfilled. Much of the religious leaders' issue with Jesus was His fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus genuinely fulfilled prophecies, but the Pharisees believed Jesus was tricking people into thinking He had fulfilled those prophecies. When Jesus fulfilled prophecies, He showed the people that He was the Messiah. This deepened the Pharisees' anger and drove them to seek someone who would betray Jesus to them.

Jesus, the King of Israel, came to Jerusalem for a singular purpose. The crowd that met Him that day rejoiced at His arrival, but soon the crowd would be swayed by the massive outcry against Him.