

The Rock, Sunday 26th April 2020

John 21 v 1-14 - Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

Warm up

Dance to, join in with the actions (if you can remember them) and sing our Rock song.

This video has the words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcAG4PbNXaA>

This video has the actions: <https://youtu.be/8dbOgbRxC1M>



Getting started

Line the children up along one wall. Ask them to cross the room in whatever way you say. You can make up other ways, but here are some to get you started:

- Walking
- Skipping
- Galloping
- Hopping
- Bunny hopping
- Dancing
- Rolling
- Crawling
- Sliding



The Point: Just for fun – tenuous link following instructions!

Story/ teaching time

Tell the children that you're going to tell a story and then have a quiz so they need to listen carefully. Tell this story:

One morning, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Sea of Galilee. This is how he did it: Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John, and two other disciples were together. Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?"

They answered, "No."

He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens."

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it that they weren't strong enough to pull it in.

Then John said to Peter, "It's Jesus!"

When Peter realized that it was Jesus, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dived into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip.

Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was Him.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.

Now, ask the following questions. Each question has a choice of two answers: point to one wall for one answer and the other wall for the other answer and have the children run to where they think is right.

1. Did Jesus appear to His disciples in Jerusalem or at the Sea of Galilee?
2. Were the disciples called Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James & John or Brian, Stephen, Joshua & Billy?
3. Were the disciples going fishing or hunting?
4. Did the disciples catch nothing or a squid and an old boot?
5. Did Jesus say to throw the net off the right or left side of the boat?
6. Did John think the person on the beach was Jesus or Pontius Pilate?
7. Did Peter put on his clothes or take them off before he jumped into the water?
8. Was Jesus cooking eggs & bacon or fish & bread?
9. Had the disciples caught 153 or 154 fish?

The Point: To tell this part of the story and make sure the children get the key points.



Craft ideas

1. Equipment

Flour, butter, sugar, mixing bowls, rolling pins, fish shaped cutters.



Let the children make fish-shaped biscuits. You can do this at whatever level is appropriate - either let them do everything, or make the dough ahead of time and just let them shape it, or make the biscuits ahead of time and simply let them decorate them.

Ingredients

125g/4oz [butter](#)

55g/2oz [caster sugar](#)

180g/6oz [plain flour](#)

Preparation method

Heat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5.

Beat the butter and the sugar together until smooth.

Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn on to a work surface and gently roll out until the paste is 1cm/½in thick.

Cut into fish shapes and place onto a baking tray. Sprinkle with icing sugar and chill in the fridge for 20 minutes.

Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to cool on a wire rack.

2. Equipment

Paper plates, black paper, fiery coloured tissue paper, silver paper, scissors, glue.

Cut 5 or 6 coal-sized circles out of black paper and stick them onto the plate. Tear strips of fiery tissue paper and stick them in between the coals. Cut a couple of fish out of silver paper and stick them on the top. Your very own beach BBQ!

3. Equipment

Paper and pens

In today's story, Jesus' friends caught lots of fish. How many fish can you draw?

The Point: Reminders of the story.



Song

This song is all about the miracles that Jesus did and it can be used throughout this series even though it doesn't make reference directly to today's story. You can have lots of fun with the actions to this song, which can be found using this

link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSSBvT23fTY>

The Point: To respond to the story with voices and bodies.



(Material taken from Energize by Urban Saints - <https://www.energize.uk.net/>)